



Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish

Gattton Laidley

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Mass Times

- Saturday 4 March**
6 pm Laidley
- Sunday 5 March**
7 am Glenore Gve
9 am Gattton
Please stay for
Morning Tea
- Tuesday 7 March**
4:30pm Rosary
5 pm Forest Hill
- Wednesday 8 March**
9 am Gattton
- Thursday 9 March**
9 am Laidley
- Friday 10 March**
9 am Gattton
- Saturday 11 March**
6 pm Gattton
- Sunday 12 March**
7 am Forest Hill
9 am Laidley

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

5:30pm each
Saturday before the
Vigil Mass,
or at other times by
appointment.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

March 5, 2023

Listen to Him

In today's Gospel account, God the Father affirms Jesus as his beloved son and asks the world to 'listen to him'. During the Lent, through meditation, reflection and prayer we listen to God's voice. In those moments God speaks to us in gentle whisper (1Kg.19:12).

Yes, God revealed himself in the person of Jesus and continues to speak to us all the time. So, 'listening' to God's voice is fundamental to Biblical spirituality. In fact, the word 'listen' appears 278 times in the Bible.

Today's Gospel invites us to make a journey to relearn how to listen. Our Christian spirituality is based on our day-to-day life experiences. The rhythm of our life is blended with air and water, earth and the sky. The nature is the greatest library. At the day break, I try to listen to the chirping of the birds and watch the rising of the Sun. It is so soothing and refreshing.

In his book "A Spirituality of Listening - Living What We Hear" Keith R. Anderson offers the following reflection. *"In our relationship with God, rather than settling for a one-sided relationship with God in which we speak but never hear back, we can learn to hear God as we go through our lives. The key is **paying attention to the moments that make up our days**. As we participate in the world around us, God speaks to us through creation, through the stories we tell, through our pain and as we follow God down unexpected pathways. Learning to listen doesn't happen in ten easy steps. Instead, it is a process of approaching the world with wonder and curiosity as we seek to make sense of what we hear."*

*"Most people don't listen with the intent to understand;
they listen with the intent to reply."*

Stephen R. Covey

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my
voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that
person, and they with me.*

(Revelation 3:20)

Fr. Emmanuel Ayankudry CMI

LENT – a time of prayer, fasting and repentance

FROM ASHES TO HOPE ... a perfect companion for your daily prayer during the Lenten period right until the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Each day is structured with a snippet of the daily gospel, a reflection, and a short prayer.

A small number of these beautiful little books are still available – only \$ 5

Why not join a small group for reflection and discussion?

Monday 9:45am Parish Office Laidley
Wednesday 9:30am Community Centre Gatton
Thursday 5:15pm Community Centre Gatton

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Step by step we make the journey with Jesus as he resolutely took the path for our salvation. The reflections at each station help us to stay focused on God's plan and pathway ... to follow Him everyday.

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent – all welcome.

9:30am Gatton † 4:00pm Laidley † 5:00pm Gatton



SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Please make a note in your diary, on your calendar or on your phone for the Second Rite of Reconciliation. In this season of Lent, we gather as a community and celebrate the liturgy, then we seek individual confession and absolution or receive a special blessing.

Laidley – 9am – 30th March
Gatton – 6pm – 31st March

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

This weekend before Mass is the **Rite of Reconciliation** for the catechumens and candidates. This is a time for these young people to look back at their actions and discern what their choices reveal about them as a disciple of Jesus. They prepare for the Rite of Reconciliation and learn how it can bring them back to right relationship with God. The only way we can understand who we are called to be is through our conscience – we all know that it is lifetime process to form our conscience ... for each us who have already received the grace and mercy of God through making our personal confession, we know what a blessing this sacrament is. Please continue to pray for Maddie, Tracey, Michael M, Shona, Michael O'D, Lillie, Sienna and Jorja.



KEY AUDIT

We will soon be conducting a key audit. Over the past couple of years our volunteer base has changed ... for some they have moved into care, others have new commitments that precludes them from volunteering, and others have moved away. We also have many new volunteers who require keys to the churches and venues. The key audit will help us to have people return their keys if they are no longer volunteering, and we can issue these to our new volunteers. Each key costs the parish nearly \$ 30 so it is a good cost saving if we can use the ones we already have. If you have a key, you will be contacted in the next few weeks. If you don't need it any more, you can return it to the Parish office at any time. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

SJ 2023 - Sacrament of Reconciliation for School age children

Please pray for Abbi, Lilly, Lionel and William as they learn more about the grace and mercy of our loving God. The next session will be on Thursday **9th March at 3:30pm at OLGC School and then 18th March at 4pm at St Patrick's Church Laidley.**

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend at Gatton we celebrate the baptism of **John Leno Solomon**. May John and his parents Nigel and Carmela be supported by our prayers and friendship in their Christian journey.

60th ANNIVERSARY ST MARY'S CHURCH GATTON

2023 marks the 60th anniversary of the current church in Gatton.

As a parish community, what would you like to do to celebrate this occasion?

Would you like to be a part of a team organising an event?

We have confirmation that the Archbishop or a Bishop is available to visit our parish for the 9am Mass on **Sunday 20th August**. Please let Fr Emmanuel or Chris know if you would like to help organise something special for this occasion.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS – Friday 17th March – 9:30am

St Mary's School community would like to invite all parishioners to join them for Mass on St Patrick's Feast Day at Laidley.

Father Emmanuel and the St Mary's School students will be breaking open the Gospel and reflecting on the Sainthood of St Patrick.

Please come and join this special celebration at St Patrick's Church, Laidley.

Due to the timing of this Mass, there will not be a 9am Mass in Gatton on this day.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

At our recent ministry team leadership formation session, someone voiced their dream to be more "available"! Available to serve, available to listen more closely to the voice of God, available to respond when He calls ... *do you ever feel like this?*

Or do you feel that you are not capable or equipped to answer the call?

Imagine being able to always answer **YES LORD** and stepping out in faith ... every time we invest in ourselves through Scripture, through formation opportunities, through mentorship ... we grow and become more available!

The upcoming Brisbane Summit is intended to **empower, inspire and equip** delegates to engage in the mission of the Church. Our parish is hoping to take a group of people to the upcoming Summit to be held at Seventeen Mile Rocks from 6pm Thursday May 18th to 3pm Saturday May 20th 2023.

Registrations are now open, and for groups of 10 or more the Earlybird registration fee is reduced to \$ 150 per person. (Normal Earlybird \$ 170 until 31 March 2023 then \$ 200) This includes lunch on Friday and Saturday and dinner of Friday night. Please advise the Parish Office of your **availability** for this excellent formation event.



OUR PARISH

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WE PRAY FOR ...

THE SICK:

Pat Heenan, Laurie Didsman, Toni Woodward, Pat Schultz, Leigh Bachmann, Janene Cornelius, Warren Forbes, Mark Wendt, Michael Trail, Shannon Gilchrist, Barry Crosby, Colleen Scheiwe, Edilberta Parcell, Biddy Dwyer, Marilyn Didsman, Catherine Dormer, Mary & Lionel Dusart, Lucy Kimmings, Lorraine Sells, Vivian Moore, Clara Hutchinson, Elizabeth Marten, Judy McGlade, Pat Pingel, Sienna Beutel

If parishioners would like a sick person prayed for, please ask their permission. Names will be included for ONE MONTH.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Panzram

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret May O'Brien, Martin Costello, Elizabeth Hauser, Albert Curry, Pauline Ferris, Kevin Liffin, Jaanice Liffin, Jean Gould, Michael Bugler, Monique Topp, Mavis Goos, Kelly Laurie, Fr Ray Wilson, Ben Quade, John Panzram, Leo Ziebarth, John McManus

*O Lord, the God of mercies,
grant unto the souls of Thy servants
the anniversary day of whose passing we are keeping,
a place of solace, of peaceful rest, of glorious light.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Each week we learn more about the amazing work that Caritas does both here in Australia, and around the world.

This week we follow the story of Tereesa, a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who was struggling with homelessness while raising 4 children. Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people. Your support makes a big difference! Thank you!

Please take home a Project Compassion box or **set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

There are times when the office will be unattended, and it is easiest if you can email your enquiries wherever possible. In addition to all Thursdays, the office will also be closed on the following day:
Tuesday 7th March

