

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**Lavington:** Sat.Vigil 6pm; Sunday 8 am, 10 am

**Jindera:** Sunday 9 am

<i>Weekday Mass Times:</i>		<i>Lavington</i>	<i>Jindera</i>
Mon	9	Imm Conception 7 am	7 am
Tues	10	Advent 7 & 9 am	7 am
Wed	11	St Damasus 7 & 9 am	8:30 am
Thurs	12	O.L Guadalupe 7 & 9 am	8:30 am
Frid	13	St Lucy 7 & 9 am	9:20 am
Sat	14	St John Cross 9:15 am	8:00 am

### **This Weekend: 8th December - 2nd Sunday Advent**

6 pm Lect: B. McDermott Cant. Sr. Scholastica

8 am Lect: C. Hicks Cant. D. Hicks

9 am Lect: M. Christensen Cant. S & K Lee

10amLect: B. O'Brien Cant. Choir

Offert: 6 pm Church, 8 am Volunteer, 10 am Murphy

Lavington Cleaners: Murphy family

Jindera Cleaners: Ryan, Carcarello, Garratt

### **Next Weekend: 15th December - 3rd Sunday Advent**

6 pm Lect: H.S. School Cant. M. Brosolo

8 am Lect: L. Mercieca Cant. L. Amarant

9 am Lect: P. Voskulen Cant. Choir

10amLect: A. Cramer Cant. Choir

Offert: 6 pm HSS, 8 am Fletcher, 10 am Mugomoka

Lavington Cleaners: Boyer family

Jindera Cleaners: Stewart, Green, Wright

### **ADORATION /NOVENA** Saturday morning

- 8:00 am: Holy Rosary
- 8:20 am: Confessions
- 9:00 am: Novena & Benediction
- 9:15 am: Holy Mass

### **O'CONNELL GARDENS VILLAGE**

Adoration: in the chapel every Monday 10-4 pm

Craft Work: Wednesdays at 1.30 pm.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL** alt. Monday 5.30 pm

**MOTHER'S GROUP** meets to pray on Mondays at 7.30 pm - contact 60401690

**LEGION of MARY** - lay missionaries meet: on Tuesday 1 pm, Wednesday 3.30 pm.

**MAJELLAN for MUMS** - Tuesday 10:40 am.

**CATECHESIS of the Good Shepherd** - Monday Angela tel. 0427063934.

### **SACRAMENT PENANCE / CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 8:20 - 9am, 5 - 6pm and before all Masses.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

✠ **FOR THE SICK** that they may be comforted and helped by God's healing power, let us pray to the Lord - Lisa Chandra, Harold Black, Annie Gosstray, Reg Perry, George Mackinlay, Kerry Rohrich, Kay Duel, Jan Szakacs, Joan McLaurin, Lorraine Mullavey, Greg Jackson, Pat McCormack, Linda Wilson, Coby Donders, Margaret Smith, Stan Lechmere, Kateri Byrnes, Jimmy Gavin, Carol Collins, Tony Ratcliffe, Florence Murphy, George Rowe, Amye Moriarty, Bruce Allworth, Jason Price, Helen Hurst, Cathy Jones, Ann Lloyd-Donald, Gerard Sullivan, Norma Oates, Andrew Ryan, Jeffrey Dean, Helen Wright, Jovit Genato, Barbara Skiba, Sheleagh Walker, Gary Harris, Matthew Mander, Anne Weisner, Suesanna Trevasakis, Jim Edmondson, Mary Cooper, Brian Cooper.

✠ **FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED & those whose anniversaries occur about now that they may be granted eternal peace, let us pray to the Lord** - Lisa Rossanis, Paul Laws, Stella Smith, Sr. Cabrini, Laurence Ries, Faith Bell, Dawn McLennon, Luciano Patino-Alvarez, Jean Marie Djabulo Singa, Meb McDonnell, Generoso Toledo jr., Kath Lechmere, Gloria McCaffery, Ramazani Masudi, Tony Carroll, Kevin Knorpp, Peter Maclean.

✠ **ANNIVERSARIES:** Bryan Cullen, Max Collier, George Taylor, Alberto Zanardo, Christina Bartoszek, Margaret Power, Frank Hart, Garry Obst, Jenny Payne, Marj Knorpp, Ivy Donnelly, George Wood, James Freeman, Allan Parmenter, Lionel Hopkins, Leigh Scammell, Bernadette Gallagher

✠ **PRAYER FOR RAIN:** Blessed are You, O God, Creator of the universe, You are the giver and provider of all life. Grant, O Lord, gentle rains to the drought stricken regions of our land. Give us the wisdom not to take your gifts and graces for granted. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**Who will you invite to Christmas Mass this year ?**





# Holy Spirit Parish, Lavington



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## 8th December 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent (A)

### **Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128.** **First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Justice shall flourish in his time & fullness of peace forever.

**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9**  
Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about **hope** from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

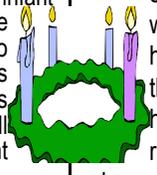
**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

### **A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12** *Glory to you O Lord.*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father", because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



■ **WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

**Christmas Craft Stall:** this weekend after Masses: ideal presents all hand made.

**Annual Gen Reunion:** for members of Legion of Mary on Sun 8th December at Holy Spirit at 2:30 pm with Comitium meeting to follow.

**Carols Music Concert:** this Sunday 6-7 pm St Pat's by Artes Christi (donation \$10).

**Working Bee:** this Tuesday from 9:30 am at Lavington to clean the grounds.

**Lectio Divina:** on Tuesday at Esencia 7:30 pm on freedom: last one for the year - all welcome.

**Plenary Council 2020:** meeting on Wednesdays during Advent at 7:30 pm "Let's Listen & Discern". Six topics to be discussed.

**Columban Calendars** in porch of Church \$8.

**Workshop:** at Esencia for Christmas on Sat 7th 2pm, Mon 9th 10 & 1:30 pm, Wed 11th 1 pm & 6 pm. Cost of kit \$50, book with Janet Smith.

**Mace Sisters:** away from 23 Dec-11 Jan.

**Carols by Candlelight:** at Jindera 7:30 on Friday 13th Dec. All welcome to attend.

**Festival of Lessons & Carols:** at St Mary's Church Sunday 22nd December at 7 pm. Shared supper on the lawn after the service.

**Unit Available:** at O'Connell Gardens, for retired parishioner(s), or seniors, 2 bdrm self contained unit to rent, contact the parish.

**Palms:** course for overseas mission work at Bowral, January 4-12 tel. Kevin 95605333.

**Perpetual Adoration:** needing generous souls to help coordinate and will spend time with the Lord God in prayer: tel. 0478416635.

**Accounting:** *Suryan* Chandrasegaran of Albury Accounting Pty Ltd for all tax and accounting needs on 60412010

**Dawso's** for all electrical needs; Electrical Contracting, tel. Daniel 0438732976.

**Sacramental Candles:** ideal as special gifts, the website: sacredcandles.com.au tel. 0403619044

**By The Book** on 3/326 Griffith Rd. open Tues -Sat morning. A large range of books available. Ideal present for everyone. tel 60253132.

**Autoscreen:** Buy your next windscreen from Brosolo Brs, Lavington, tel. 60252443.

**SJM Computer Tutoring & Support:** one-on-one in your home call Sean McDermott 60250506 or 0419146406

**ADVENT WREATH**

is a sign of preparation. **Second Sunday** - the 2nd violet candle is lit which is a sign of hope. Here's a *Prayer of Hope* .



O my God, relying on Your promises, I hope that through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, You will grant me pardon of my sins and the graces necessary to serve You in this life and to obtain eternal happiness in the next. Amen

**Immaculate Conception**

The Solemnity on Thursday celebrates one of the four dogmas about Our Lady. At the beginning of her earthly life she was conceived without sin, spotless or immaculate in her mother's womb, called Anne. Thus being free of original sin Mary never sinned throughout her life.



**Catholic Quiz**

Who is the mother of the:  
a) virginal conception?Ans:  
b) immaculate conception?Ans:



**Saint John the Baptist**

CCC 523 St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High",

John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel of hope, he welcomes the coming of Christ. Are we prepared to welcome Christ, Our Lord, this Christmas? How can we witness to the truth?

**Christmas Mass Times**

*Holy Spirit, Lavington*

**Eve Day**

- Tues 24th: 6 pm, 9 pm  
Wed 25th: 9 am [8 am *Latin E.F*]

*St. Mary's, Jindera*

**Eve Day** - Tues 24th: 6 pm  
Wed 25th: 9 am

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose shrine near Mexico City attracts far more pilgrims than any other Marian shrine on earth, still baffles science.



Our Lady is still gradually revealing her message through features on the holy Image; 1) that it's scientifically impossible for the image's cactus-fiber to have lasted more than a few years, let alone nearly 500 years; 2) that Mary's image is intact despite a nitric acid spill (1778) and an atheist's bomb (1921); 3) that the colors not being paint are a complete mystery; 4) how Mary's eyes seem like living eyes; 5) that some experts say you can see the reflections of St. Juan Diego and others in her eyes; 6) that the temperature of her Image always remains 98.6, regardless of the air temperature; 7) that the stars on Mary's mantle are those that were above Mexico City on the day of the miracle; 8) that many believe Mary is pregnant; 9) that her Image brought the conversion of nine million Indians in less than a decade; 10) that what the Aztecs saw in the Image ended their satanic human sacrifices. Truly an amazing image!

**Hearty Humour**

• A little girl was at her first wedding and asked her mother after the event: "Why did the lady change her mind?" Her mother said: "What do you mean?" "Well, she came down the aisle with one man and left with another."

• A small shop, much to the surprise of the locals, suddenly decorated his front window with a lovely new blind. His neighbour asked: "How much did you pay for the nice new blind?" The owner replied: "The customers paid for it." "What do you mean?" he asked. "Well, I put out the front a box marked 'For the blind' and the money just came in."

The Wise Men or Magi could see the star but Herod could not. Why not? And what gifts did they bring?



**FIND THE WORD PUZZLE**

Religion , Faith, Magi, Christmas, Bethlehem, Saviour, Star, Herod, Angels, Gloria, Nazareth, Isaiah, Emmanuel, King, David, Jesse, Gaudete, Heaven, Peace

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