

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	13 Weekday	7 am	8 am
Tues	14 Weekday	7 & 9 am	8 am
Wed	15 Weekday	7 & 9 am	8:30 am
Thurs	16 Weekday	7 & 9 am	8:30 am
Frid	17 St Anthony	7 & 9 am	9:20 am
Sat	18 Weekday	9:15 am	8 am

This Weekend: 12th January - Baptism of the Lord

6 pm Lect: M. Brosolo Cant. Sr. Scholastica
8 am Lect: C. Hicks Cant. L. Amaranth
9 am Lect: E. Simpson Cant. S. & K. Lee
10amLect: K. Boyer Cant. Choir
Offert: 6 pm Volunteer, 8 am Quinn, 10 am Mugomoka
Lavington Cleaners: Reichl / Katalinic
Jindera Cleaners: Ryan, Carcarello, Garratt
Next Weekend: 19th January - 2nd Sunday Ord Time
6 pm Lect: V. Mertens Cant. M. Brosolo
8 am Lect: L. Mercieca Cant. D. Hicks
9 am Lect: M. Green Cant. choir
10amLect: G. Black Cant. Choir
Offert: 6 pm Volunteer, 8 am Fletcher, 10 am Masudi
Lavington Cleaners: Tingle / Moriarty
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 - in recess.

CATECHESIS of the Good Shepherd - Monday Angela tel. 0427063934 - in recess

SACRAMENT PENANCE / CONFESSIONS

Saturday 8:20 - 9am, 5 - 6pm

and before all Masses.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of 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, Kerry Rohrich, Kay Duel, Jan Szakacs, Joan McLaurin, Lorraine Mullavey, Greg Jackson, Pat McCormack, Linda Wilson, Margaret Smith, Stan Lechmere, Kateri Byrnes, Jimmy Gavin, Carol Collins, Tony Ratcliffe, 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 Trevaskis, 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** - Julie Nicholson, Carlos Astorga, Bernie Killeen, Jacoba Donders, Lisa Rossanis, George Mackinlay, Paul Laws, Stella Smith, Sr. Cabrini, Laurence Ries, Faith Bell, Meb McDonnell, Dawn McLennon, Luciano Patino-Alvarez

✠ **ANNIVERSARIES:** Nicholas Mullavet, William Clover, Margaret Powling, Betty Scott, Mato Marinovic, Jude Milsome, June Scott, Anna Schneider, Albert Glassenbury, Alexander Gale, Derek O'Brien, Kerry Bryan, Bill Cromarty, Wayne Muggleton, Valerie Harloff, Noel Guthrie, Daniel Darcey, Annette Power, Peter Dwyer, Marie Ryan, Mary West, Nancy Cabral, Florence & Ben Page, Felix Romero, Elsie Rueda, Alejandro Rueda, Edmund Fritzkowski, Marie Sullivan, Sr. Monica, Albert Alexander

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.



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12th January 2020 - Baptism of the Lord (A)



Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128.
First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-7

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

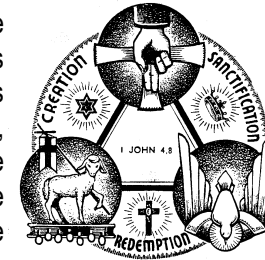
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ

is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3: 13-17 *Glory to You O Lord*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands'. At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

■ **WHAT'S HAPPENING !**

Bushfires: to support those in need, St Vincent de Paul NSW Bushfire Appeal is seeking donations: donate.vinnies.org.au.

Prayers for those afflicted and homeless.

Visiting Clergy: welcome to Fr. Quinn from Tasmania who is visiting in his home parish.

Catholic Weekly: available each Sunday in the parish to keep up to date about Catholic events, only \$2 leave in 2nd collection.

Legion of Mary: Comitium meets on Monday 13th at 4pm in the Meeting Room.

Parish Anniversary: 50th Anniversary of Holy Spirit Parish on February Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd, Sunday 23rd. Invitation cards are in the porch. Programme is on the parish website: holyspiritlavington.com.

Catechists SRE: social gathering at Narrandera Wednesday 29th Mass 11 am then luncheon \$18 each RSVP Tues 21st 0407537994.

Plenary Council 2020: Only some were involved in the process of listening, dialogue and discernment. If there are any submissions or suggestions to be made in any of the four sectors, please contact Andrew Garratt 0467759929.

Hospital Visitation: anyone who would like a priest to visit a family member in Hospital, at any time, please contact the parish directly.

Adoration Chapel: needs extra volunteers during the holidays. Please be generous with your time, 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.

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BAPTISM of the LORD

Christ stepped into the Jordan River, through which the Israelites had come into the Promised Land and was baptized by St John, cleansing the waters for all time, and taking on himself, that which he commanded to others.

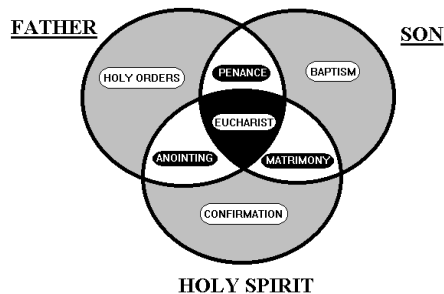
This baptism began his testament and swung slowly shut the gates of the Old Testament. It was the last gesture of reverence and submission to the giants of the Old Law, the greatest of whom was John the Baptist, his instrument in introducing the New.

Jesus' public life begins with his symbolic baptism. The Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son." As John poured the water, Christ, in a vision peculiar to himself, saw the heavens open. For this was the beginning of the battering down of the doors locked since the sin of Adam. He, the Son, stood in the Jordan; the Father's voice declared that this was his beloved Son; and the Holy Spirit hovered over him in the form of a dove.

He himself later instructed his apostles to baptize all men in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

NECESSITY OF BAPTISM

CCC 1257 The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." *God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.* E.g. baptism by blood - babes at Bethlehem.

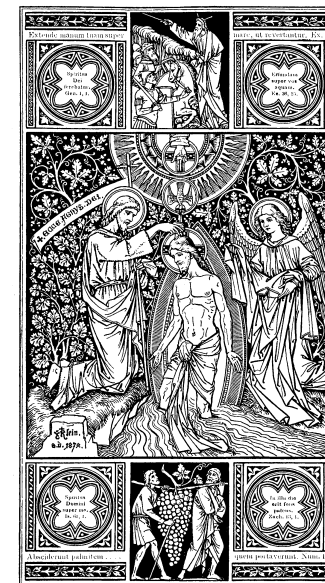


1258 The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament. So there are three forms of Baptism:

- * *Baptism of Blood*
- * *Baptism of Desire*

☑ **Why baptize?** - so as to remove original sin and to receive sanctifying grace and become God's child with a right to heaven.

- ☑ **Where:** in case of emergency anywhere, otherwise in a Church with a font.
- ☑ **When to baptize?** - as soon as possible.
- ☑ **How to baptize?** - book in to see the parish priest. In emergency one may pour water while saying: I baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.



HUSBAND HUMOUR

While walking on a beach a woman found a Genie's Lamp. When she polished it the Genie came out and said that she would be granted a wish. But only ONE due to the economic constraints of 2020. The woman said that she wanted all the wars in the world to cease. The Genie complained and with a map showed her where all the wars were...; then added, I have tried this one before and it didn't work - 'Is there anything else that you would like?' After some thought, she said: 'I would like a husband who would not sit and watch the tennis on the TV but instead would go shopping with me - enjoying it and paying all the bills - and always be kind and thoughtful, not to forget very gentle.' The Genie rubbed his head, groaned and said: 'Now where was that map!'