

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	3 St Blaise	7 am	7 am
Tues	4 Weekday	7 & 9 am	7 am
Wed	5 St Agatha	7 & 9 am	8:30 am
Thurs	6 St Paul Miki	7 & 9 am	8:30 am
Frid	7* Weekday	7 & 9 am	9:20 am
Sat	8 St Josephine	9:15 am	8 am

This Weekend: 2nd February - Presentation

6 pm Lect: Filipino Cant. M. Brosolo
8 am Lect: M. Fletcher Cant. D. Hicks
9 am Lect: C. Gillespie Cant. S&J Chandrasegaran
10amLect: B. O'Brien Cant. Choir

Offert: 6 pm Filipino, 8 am Volunteer, 10 am Masudi

Lavington Cleaners: Perry family

Jindera Cleaners: Christensen, Ebert, Lee

Next Weekend: 9th February - 5th Sunday Ord Time

6 pm Lect: M. Moriarty Cant. Sr. Schol/ Richards
8 am Lect: M. Hensel Cant. L. Amarant
9 am Lect: K. Murphy Cant. S & K Lee
10amLect: A. Cramer Cant. Choir

Offert: 6 pm volunteer, 8 am Evans, 10 am Mugomoka

Lavington Cleaners: Cramer family

Jindera Cleaners: Murphy, Chandrasegaran, Clark

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 - on Tuesdays at 10:45 in Presbytery.

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

SACRAMENT PENANCE / CONFESSIONS

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

✠ **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, Margaret Smith, 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** - Aldo Gamba, 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:** Geoffrey Allen, Reginald Sparkes, Esma Newton, Patrick Miller, Julia Moir, Stephen Ratcliffe, Graeme Cruickshank, Vera Darcey, Frank Mitchell, Betty Clarkson, Robbie Beecher, Jack Sullivan, Sadie Berkley, Kevin Brown, Francis Smith, Katherine Sparkes, Stephen Witt, Alojz Mlinaric, William Hore, Carmel McCoy, Michael Fitzpatrick, Betty Clarkson, Verna Joyce, Deidre Leddin, Joan Bruton, Marie Hanrahan, Eileen Thomson, Francesco Bertazzo

✠ **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.



Holy Spirit Parish, Lavington

Parish Priest: Fr. P. Murphy

Priests: Fr. C. Heffernan, Fr. B. Lee

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2nd February 2020 - Presentation of the Lord



Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128. First Reading: Isaiah 32:15-18

The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple. The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading: 1st Corinthians 12:4-11

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. **Alleluia**

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:22-32 Glory to you O Lord



When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his

arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING !

Blessing of Throats: on the feast of St Blaise.

Anniversary Meeting: Monday 3rd at 5:30 pm in the Meeting Room. Wanted - generous hard working people to attend.

St Therese's Relics: Martin Mission - relics of St Therese and her parents St Louis and St Zelig Martin will be at St Pat's March 31-1st April. Note the article on them in the Catholic Weekly in the porch - only \$2 - put on the plate.

Pub Dinner: this Wednesday at 6 pm Northside Hotel - open to all.

Parish Anniversary: 50th Anniversary of Holy Spirit Parish 21-23 February. Invitation cards are in the porch so please pass them around.

Programme is at the doors and on the website - <https://holyspiritlavington.org.au>

Bookings are required for the Saturday Dinner in the hall (BYO drinks/alcohol) on

[https://www.trybooking.com/597097\[BHZHH\]](https://www.trybooking.com/597097[BHZHH])

Solemn Procession on the Sunday: each nationality to bring their flag or banner.

Atrium: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd resumes on Monday 3rd February.

E.F. Latin Mass: next Friday 5:30pm Lavington

Plenary Council 2020: Pray for a successful outcome of the Council that more people may be evangelised & welcomed home into the Church.

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.

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

PRESENTATION of the LORD



Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast. The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in France with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon. "In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

Regarding the first reading from the Prophet Malachi, we know that it is the Precursor, St John the Baptist who was born 6 months before Jesus, that God sent to prepare His way. So, soon after the Baptist's birth, God entered His temple. Today's Gospel reveals how Mary and

Joseph respect the Mosaic Law by offering the sacrifice prescribed for the poor: a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Simeon and Anna were two venerable elderly people dedicated to prayer and fasting and so their strong religious spirit rendered them able to recognize the Messiah. In the figure of the venerable Simeon, Jesus' presentation in the temple, also reminds us that prayer and contemplation are not just a waste of time or an obstacle to charity. Only those who pray know how to recognize the Lord in the circumstances in which He manifests Himself because they possess an ample interior vision, and they have learned how to love with the heart.



HOLY SPIRIT 50th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

- ◆ Friday 21st
- ◆ Saturday 22nd
- ◆ Sunday 23rd



REMEMBER WHEN?



NO-EXCUSE-SUNDAY!

- Beds will be placed in the foyer for those who claim they need to sleep in;
- Hard hats (& steel lining) provided for those who claim the roof will fall in;
- Blankets will be supplied for those who claim it is too cold;
- Fans will be provided for those who claim it is too hot;
- Score Cards will be available to those who wish to list the hypocrites present;
- And frozen-meals will be provided for those who claim they need to cook.



HIGH HUMOUR: Before celebrating a baptism the young priest asked the parents: "Baptism is a serious matter. Are you well prepared?" "I think so," the young father replied. "My wife and I have prepared the entrees and the caterers are doing the roast dinner for our guests." "I don't mean that!" the priest replied. "I mean are you spiritually prepared?" "Oh sure," came the eager reply, "I've organized a keg of beer and two dozen bottles of wine!"