

## 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	6	Christmastide 7 am	8 am
Tues	7	Christmastide 7 & 9 am	8 am
Wed	8	Christmastide 7 & 9 am	8:30 am
Thurs	9	Christmastide 7 & 9 am	8:30 am
Frid	10	Christmastide 7 & 9 am	9:20 am
Sat	11	Christmastide 9:15 am	8 am

### **This Weekend: 5th January - Epiphany of the Lord**

6 pm Lect: Filipino Cant. M. Brosolo  
8 am Lect: M. Hensel Cant. D. Hicks  
9 am Lect: J. Richards Cant. C & I Ryan  
10amLect: C. Tingle Cant. Choir  
Offert: 6 pm Volunteer, 8 am Quinn, 10 am Mugomoka  
Lavington Cleaners: O'Brien family  
Jindera Cleaners: Byrnes, Bell, Simpson

### **Next Weekend: 12th January - Baptism of the Lord**

6 pm Lect: M. Brosolo Cant. Sr. Scholastica  
8 am Lect: C. Hicks Cant. L. Amaran  
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

### **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: in recess

**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:** WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST, AND HAVE COME WITH GIFTS TO ADORE THE LORD.

✠ **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 Trevasik, 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* - 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, Jean Marie Djabulo Singa, Generoso Toledo jr., Kath Lechmere

✠ **ANNIVERSARIES:** 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, Bernard Rhynehart, Ethel Scammell, John Clancy, Lyla Gale, Karl Fraser, Zeljk Kristo, Philomena O'Callaghan, Elsie McDonald.

**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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**5th January 2020 - Epiphany (A)**



### **Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128. First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come the glory of the *Lord is rising on you*, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

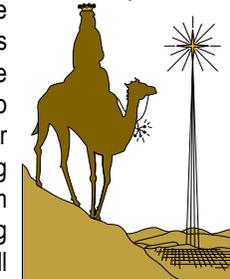
**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-6**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery, as I have just described it very shortly. This that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!** We have seen his star in the east and have come with gifts to adore the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia!**



### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12 Glory to You O Lord**

After Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the East. "Where is the infant King of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do Him homage."

When King Herod heard this he was perturbed and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, and inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. "At Bethlehem in Judea" they told him, "for this is what the prophet wrote: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men to see Him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared and sent them on to Bethlehem. "Go and find out all about the child," he said "and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do Him homage." Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight and going into the house they saw the child with His mother Mary and falling to their knees they did Him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts of **gold** and **frankincense** and **myrrh**. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and returned to their own country by a different way.

### **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](http://donate.vinnies.org.au); or give food, clothes at the Lavington shop 60252239; or Red Cross Appeal 1800811700.

**Prayers for those afflicted and homeless.**

**Legion of Mary:** returns to its weekly meetings this week and Comitium meets on Monday 13th at 4pm in the Meeting Room.

**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 festive season with many on holidays. Please be generous with your time, tel. 0478416635.

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

**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](http://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

**ROYAL GIFTS**

Caspar - Incense = Priest / offering  
Melchior - Myrrh = Prophet / suffering  
Balthasar - Gold = King / ruling

What gifts will you bring to your King in 2020?

- ◆ more prayerful;
- ◆ more generous;
- ◆ more thoughtful.



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**'Star Of Bethlehem' may have been the conjunction of Jupiter, Regulus.**

The star of Bethlehem mentioned in St. Matthew's Gospel may have been a conjunction of the planets Jupiter, Regulus and a star in the constellation of Leo, according to Mark Thompson, a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and Astronomy. Three times in 3 BC and 2 BC, the planet and the star appeared close to each other in the sky.

**Epiphany of the Wise Kings**

**from the Catholic Catechism (CCC 528)** The Epiphany is the **manifestation** of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world.

**SEASONAL WISH**

Christmas is more than a day  
at the end of the year,  
More than a season  
of joy and good cheer -  
Christmas is really  
God's pattern for living  
To be followed all year  
by unselfish giving,  
For the holiday season  
awakens good cheer  
And draws us all closer  
to those we hold dear,  
And we open our hearts  
and find it is good  
To live every day  
in the way that we should.

**The Wise Men came from the East**

**Ad Orientem - Towards East**

1. Tradition claims we look to the East to worship God (Malachi 1:11).
2. The Priest faces East to lead us in prayer.
3. We all face East to transcend this world so that we talk to God & not about God.



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**FIND THE WORD PUZZLE**

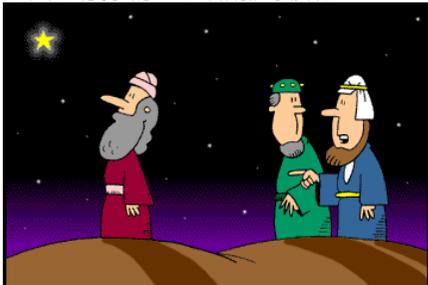
Epiphany, Manifestation, Jesus, Saviour, Redeemer, Mass, East, Three, Galilee. Magi, Incense, Myrrh, Gold, Kings, Pagans, Adoration, Jordan, Reign, Religions



**HEALTHY HUMOUR**

After Christmastide Bob was grossly overweight and his doctor told him to go on a strict diet. "I want you to eat regularly - 3 x daily - for two days then skip a day. Repeat this procedure for two weeks. The next time I'll see you, you'll have lost at least four kilos" the doctor said. When Bob returned he shocked the doctor for he had lost ten kilos. "Why, that's amazing," the doctor exclaimed, greatly impressed. "You must have followed my instructions exactly." Bob nodded and said: "I'll tell you what though, I thought I was going to drop dead on the third day." "Why, from hunger?" asked the doctor. "No, from all that skipping!"

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Matthew 2:1) 12-16-1998  
OH I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT GETTING LOST  
... WISEMAN #1 TOLD ME THAT HE HAS SOME  
SORT OF GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM