SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Lavington: Sat.Vigil 6 pm; Sunday 8, 9, 10 am
Jindera: Sunday 8, 9 am *1st Sunday 8 am Latin E.F.*

Weekday Mass Times:			*Lavington*	*Jindera*
Mon	14	St John Cross	7 am	8 am
Tues	15	Advent	7 & 9am	8 am
Wed	16	Advent	7 & 9am	8:30 am
Thur	17	Advent	7 & 9am	8:30 am
Frid	18	Advent	7 & 9am	9:20 am
Sat	19	Advent	9:15am	8 am

Latin Friday Mass 5:30 pm next week.

This Weekend: 13th Dec: 3rd Sunday Advent
6 pm Lect: V. Mertens — Cant. M. Brosolo
8 am Lect: M. Hensel — Cant. L. Amarant
9 am Lect: P. Voskulen — Cant. Peter A & Irwin
10amLect: K. Boyer — Cant. Choir
Lavington Cleaners: Tingle/Moriarty family
Jindera Cleaners: Stewart, Green, Wright
No offertory procession til further notice

Next Weekend: 20th Dec: 4th Sunday Advent
6 pm Lect: HSS — Cant. Sr Schol/Richards
8 am Lect: C. Hicks — Cant. D. Hicks
9 am Lect: C. Ryan — Cant. Choir
10amLect: P. Evans — Cant. Choir
Lavington Cleaners: Tingle/Moriarty family
Jindera Cleaners: Woods, Barnes, Hayward
No offertory procession til further notice

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 10:45-12 in Presbytery.

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart. Be strong and do not fear. behold, our God will come and he will save us.

✞**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, Matt Kirwan, Kay Duel, Jan Szakacs, Lorraine Mullavey, Greg Jackson, Pat McCormack, Linda Wilson, Margaret Smith, Joan Sattler, Greg Fraser, Leo Sullivan, Pat Mason, Clinton Northey, Stan Lechmere, Kateri Byrnes, Des Ratcliffe, Jimmy Gavin, Carol Collins, Helen Hurst, Norma Oates, Andrew Ryan, Jeffrey Dean, Cathy Jones, Sr. Frances Kennedy FCJ, Jackie Scull, Jovit Genato, Sime Ledenko, 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* - Eileen Patricia Moran, Solange Patterson, Broughton Bird, Corrie Van Lint, Margaret Wighton, Violet Peters, Luke Wardle, Sr Dorothy Kearins, Fred Kemp, Kevin Featherson, Marie Rivera, Damian Van Der Linden, Toby Collins, Andrew Lindner, Sr Mary Paul olhc, Bob Rohrich.

✞**ANNIVERSARIES**: George Taylor, Garry Obst, Jenny Payne, Marj Knorpp, Pasha Jankowski, Shirley Warr, Viola Gorman, Alma Woodward, Margaret Power, Fred Wood, Bryan Cullen, Laurence Ries, Lionel Hopkins, Christina Bartoszek, Max Collier, Alberto Zanardo, Beryl Nicholson, James Freeman, Allan Parmenter, Bryan Cullen, Ivy Donnolley, George Wood

✞**COVID PRAYER:** Almighty and eternal God, we humbly ask You to assist us in our plight as we endure this corona virus; heal those who are afflicted with this disease; grant Your mercy to those who have died and protect us from being infected; and may our civic leaders provide wise and just governance of society; we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Spirit Parish, Lavington

Parish Priest: **Fr. P. Murphy**
Priests: **Fr. C. Heffernan, Fr. B. Lee**
PO Box 220, Lavington, NSW 2641 - Tel 02 60251784
www.holyspirit lavington.org.au

13th December 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

Mass parts in Hymn Book – page 128.

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 61:1–2
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the clak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: 1st Thessalonians 5:16
Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1: 6–28

Glory to You O Lord.
A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Women's Retreat: ***In the footsteps of Mary*** directed by Fr Flader (cds) on Saturday 19th December. Flyer in porch, tel. 0421073506.

Columban Calendars in porch of Church $9.

Wanted Accomodation: young pregnant lady and her mother; 2-3 bdrm unit by 18th Dec. tel. Claire 0402404645.

Mass Times: with the change in spacing restrictions we will **cancel** the 9 am Sunday Mass at Lavington after 20th December.

Covid Care: during Mass be mindful to space yourself, sanitise and record your names as you enter in accord with normal protocols.

Festival of Lessons & Carols: at St Mary's Church Sunday 20th December at 7 pm.

Christmas Mass: although there is some relaxation in social distancing we still need to book for the Vigil Mass - see website.

StVdP envelopes in Church for the poor.

Holy Face: Chaplet on Tuesdays 3:30 pm at Jindera (even during holidays); tel. Libby 042315446 or Anne 0432292611.

Adoration Chapel: **always** needs more coordinators if you have the time contact Anne 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.

Planned Giving: Direct Deposit to Hume Bank BSB 640000 Holy Spirit Parish 111056699. Clergy - Holy Spirit Presbytery 111031654.

Autoscreen: Buy your next windscreen from Brosolo Brs, Lavington, tel. 60252443. Guaranteed best service in Albury!

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

ADVENT WREATH

Pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday

Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete is Latin for rejoice. True joy of the heart comes from God. Lasting joy only exists in heaven. Instructions to obtain JOY this Christmas - follow this order of priorities:

1st place J = Jesus
2nd place O = Others
3rd place Y = Yourself

Christmas Mass Times

Holy Spirit, Lavington

Eve - Thurs 24th: 6 pm*, 8 pm
Day - Frid 25th: 8 am, 10 am
* Mass booking required, see website
www.holyspirit lavington.org.au

St. Mary's, Jindera

Eve - Thurs 24th: 6 pm, 9 pm
Day - Frid 25th: 9 am [8 am *Latin* E.F]

LOOK UP this fascinating website
www.bethlehemstar.net

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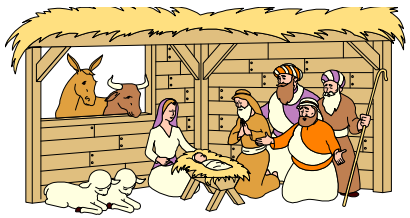
FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

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

ORIGINS of the CHRISTMAS CRIB

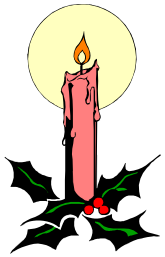
St. Francis spent the Christmas of 1223 at Grecchio in the valley of Rieti, Italy where he formulated the idea of building a crib. He said: "*I would like to make a memorial of the Child Jesus who was born at Bethlehem and in some way behold with bodily eyes the hardships of His infant state, lying on hay in a manger with the ox and ass standing by*."

Accordingly a "crib" was set up at the hermitage, and the peasants crowded into Midnight Mass, at which St. Francis served as Deacon and preached on the mystery of Christmas. From this time on the custom of crib-making to express the Christian sentiments of Bethlehem grew in popularity.



THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Begins on Christmas Day and includes the Octave of the Christmas Season - twelve days of celebration & feasting.



This very interesting carol originated as a Hebrew hymn, which begins, "In those twelve days ..." In the Middle Ages, the song was rewritten in Latin with Christian images. By 1645, an English version of the Latin hymn had appeared, and by the 18th Century, it had, in turn, become the Christmas carol we know today. One author describes this traditional English carol as a catechetical mnemonic device that Catholics used to teach their children the truths of the faith during the years that Catholicism was suppressed in England. The song goes, "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me..." The true love is God and the following are His presents:

1. *The first one is the partridge in a pear tree which means Jesus Christ who died on a tree.*
2. *Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.*
3. *Three French hens were faith, hope and love - three virtues of the Holy Spirit.*
4. *Four calling birds were the four Gospels which sing the song of salvation.*
5. *Five golden rings were the first five books of the Bible - the Pentateuch.*
6. *Six geese a-layin were the six days of Creation.*
7. *Seven swans-a-swimming were the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.*
8. *Eight maids a milking were the eight beatitudes.*
9. *Nine ladies dancing were the nine choirs of angels.*
10. *Ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.*
11. *Eleven pipers piping were the eleven faithful apostles, or the eleven stars seen by Joseph.*
12. *Twelve drummers drumming were the twelve articles of the Apostles Creed.*