

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

**Jindera:** Sunday 8 am\* 9 am

Weekday Mass Times:			Lavington	Jindera
Mon	13	St Lucy	7 am	7 am
Tues	14	St John of Cross	7 & 9 am	7 am
Wed	15	Advent	7 am	8:30 am
Thur	16	Advent	7 am	8:30 am
Frid	17*	Advent	7 & 9am	9:15 am
Sat	18	Advent	9:15 am	8 am

\*Friday 5:30 pm Latin Mass E.F & 1st Sunday month Jindera

**Lavington:** 12th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

6 pm Lect: M. Moriarty	Cant. M. Brosolo
8 am Lect: M. Fletcher	Cant. Perry Ladies
10am Lect: P. Murphy	Cant. Choir
Cleaners: Perry family	

**Lavington:** 19th December: 4th Sunday of Advent

6 pm Lect: H.S.School	Cant. B. Collins
8 am Lect: M. Hensel	Cant. L. Amarant
10am Lect: K. Boyer	Cant. Choir
Cleaners: Cramer family	

**Jindera:** 12th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8 am Lect: K. Murphy	Cant. Choir
9 am Lect: P. Voskullen	Cant. Choir
Cleaners: Stewart, Green, Wright	

**Jindera:** 19th December: 4th Sunday of Advent

8 am Lect: Volunteer	Cant. Choir
9 am Lect: C. Ryan	Cant. Choir
Cleaners: Woods, Barnes, Hayward	

**ADORATION / NOVENA** Saturday morning

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

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

**MOTHER'S GROUP** meets to pray on Wednesdays at 2 pm - Barb 0419617101.

**LEGION of MARY** - Tuesday 1pm, Wednesday 3:30 pm - lay missionaries.

**MAJELLAN for MUMS** - on Tuesdays 10.45

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

**SACRAMENT PENANCE / CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 8:20 - 9am, 5 - 6pm & 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, Jan Szakacs, Jackson Davis, Lorraine Mullavey, Greg Jackson, Pat McCormack, Linda Wilson, Margaret Smith, Joan Sattler, Marisa Bertazzo, Bernie Weiss, Jean Willis, Tony Falk, Emma Meade, Rebecca Moriarty, Leo Sullivan, Elizabeth Young, Melissa Moodie, Marko Ledenko, Sime Ledenko, Stephen Hitchings, Grahame Miles, Kateri Byrnes, Des Ratcliffe, Liam Scott, June Cox, Greg Wright, Carol Collins, Margaret Gawen, Helen Hurst, Norma Oates, Andrew Ryan, Jeffrey Dean, Sr. Frances Kennedy FCJ, Jackie Scull, Jovit Genato, Barbara Skiba, Sheleagh Walker, Gary Harris, Matthew Mander, Anne Weisner, Suesanna Trevaskis, David Williams, 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* - Tina Egan, Tony MacLeod, Patrick Owen, Margaret Galvin, Mary Hickey, Simun Kristo, John Keen, Fr Noel Oliver, Wallace & Elva Devlin, Reselyn Riechie, Chris Nuttall, Mary Goode, Noreen Morris, Doug Garlick, Emilio, Colin McCaffery, Margaret Doyle, Maria Pasquali, Nellie, Patricia O'Shaughnessy.

✠ **ANNIVERSARIES:** Garry Obst, Jenny Payne, Marj Knorpp, Pasha Jankowski, Shirley Warr, Jenny Payne, Lionel Hopkins, Christina Bartoszek, Max Collier, Alberto Zanardo, George Taylor, Beryl Nicholson, James Freeman, Allan Parmenter, Bryan Cullen, Masudi family, Cynthia Hucker, Roger Lamothe, Tagliabue family, Forbes family, Monaghan family, George Wood, Ivy Donnelly, Laurence Ries, Fred Wood, Eileen Moran, Lionel Hopkins



## Holy Spirit Parish, Lavington

**Parish Priest:** Fr. P. Murphy

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

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**12th December 2021 - Third Sunday of Advent C**



**Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128.**

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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

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

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3: 10-18**  
Glory to You O Lord



When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.'

There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

**Gifts/ Cards:** Columban Calendars (\$8 each) and Christmas Cards from the Holy Spirit piety stall, after Mass, or foyer at St Mary's, Jindera.

**Cancelled:** this week Thursday 9 am Mass at Lavington.

**Advent Appeal:** in porch, envelopes on the tree, (+ newsletter) to support Esencia Life Centre to bring hope, help and healing; tel. Peta 60407910 [esencia.lifecentre.org](http://esencia.lifecentre.org).

**Cultivating a Marian Heart:** Advent journaling experience for women. How to start again and be open to God's grace in your heart & mind. <https://wholeheartedfiat.wixsite.com/coaching/advent>

**Food Parcels:** any families who are struggling in need of food parcels: contact one of the priests - discretion and privacy respected.

**Festival of Lessons & Carols:** at St Mary's Church Sunday 19th December at 7 pm.

**Mission School:** *Be A Saint*, in Armidale 1-9 January 2022 by the Sisters of the Immaculata: pamphlets at door and poster.

**Covid Restrictions:** NSW Government rules on the website. Pray for those who are sick in our community. And be mindful to sanitise, space and wear your mask.

**Sacramental Candles:** ideal as special gifts, check out 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 Christian books available. Ideal present for everyone.

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

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

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

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



## Christmas Mass Times

✂ *Holy Spirit, Lavington*

Eve - Frid 24th: 6 pm, 9 pm

Day - Sat 25th: 9 am

✂ *St. Mary's, Jindera*

Eve - Frid 24th: 6 pm, 8 pm

Day - Sat 25th: 9 am



## ADVENT WREATH is a sign of preparation, the pink (rose) candle is lit on the Third Sunday *Gaudete Sunday*

- the 3rd candle is a sign of joy: *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

### ORIGINS of the CHRISTMAS CRIB

St. Francis spent the Christmas of 1223 at Greccio 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.



## Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday 12 December

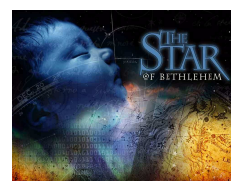
Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose shrine near Mexico City attracts far more pilgrims than any other Marian shrine on earth, and still baffles science.

Our Lady is still gradually revealing her message through features of 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 stable 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. What an amazing image!

What was the star that guided the Magi westward?



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## How to make a Christmas Cake

1 cup of thanks to God;  
1 cup of good thoughts;  
3 cups of forgiveness;  
1 cup of kind deeds;  
1 cup of consideration;  
2 cups of well beaten thoughts;  
2 cups of sacrifice for others;  
Mix thoroughly with tears and joy, sorrow and sympathy for others. Fold in 4 cups of prayer and add grace to lighten the texture of other ingredients. Bake well at a high degree of human kindness and serve with a warm smile. It may last all year!



### LITTLE HUMOUR

The Catechist was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Sam said: 'My mommy looked back once when she was driving and turned into a telephone pole!'

### FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

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

