

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

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

Weekday Mass Times:		Lavington	Jindera
Mon	6	St Nicholas	7 am 7 am
Tues	7	St Ambrose	7 & 9 am 7 am
Wed	8	Immac Con.	7 am 8:30 am
Thur	9	Advent	7 & 9am 8:30 am
Frid	10*	Advent	7 & 9am 9:15 am
Sat	11	Advent	9:15 am 8 am

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

**Lavington:** 5th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

6 pm Lect: Filipino	Cant. Anne C
8 am Lect: L. Amarant	Cant. L. Amarant
10am Lect: M. Katalinic	Cant. Choir
Cleaners: Brosolo family	

**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	

**Jindera:** 5th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8 am Lect: Latin Mass EF	Cant. Nil
9 am Lect: M. Green	Cant. Choir
Cleaners: Ryan, Carcarello, Garratt	

**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	

**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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from 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, Jan Szakacs, Jackson Davis, Lorraine Mullavey, Greg Jackson, Pat McCormack, Linda Wilson, Margaret Smith, John Fagan, Joan Sattler, Marisa Bertazzo, Bernie Weiss, Fr Paul Hart, 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* - Margaret Galvin, Mary Hickey, Simun Kristo, John Keen, Fr Noel Oliver, Wallace & Elva Devlin, Reselyn Riechie, Chris Nuttall, Noreen Morris, Doug Garlick, Emilio, Colin McCaffery, Margaret Doyle, Maria Pasquali, Nellie, Patricia O'Shaughnessy.

✠ **ANNIVERSARIES:** Masudi family, Cynthia Hucker, Roger Lamothe, Tagliabue family, Forbes family, Monaghan family, George Wood, Ivy Donnelly, Laurence Ries, Fred Wood, Eileen Moran, Lionel Hopkins, Christina Bartoszek, James Freeman, Allan Parmenter, Bryan Cullen, John Buton, John Dyball, Michelle Barr, Jacqueline Kennedy, Leigh Scammell, Bernadette Gallagher, Kath Donnelly, Beryl Nicholson, Peg Dwyer, Margaret Wighton, Sr John Clancy pvbm, Fr Ron Corbett

## Holy Spirit Parish, Lavington

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

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

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**5th December 2021 - Second Sunday of Advent C**

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

**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love

for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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



**Alleluia, alleluia!** Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths, all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to **John** son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

**Together:** paper in Church porch.

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

**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).

**Home Made Biscuits:** St Vincent de Paul members are preparing a gift of home made biscuits for seniors this year in place of the annual luncheon that won't be held due to Covid. If you can make some biscuits please deliver them to the Holy Spirit Meeting Room on this Sunday 5th December in a sealed ice-cream container. For more info contact Liz McDonald 0423064823.

**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.

**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.

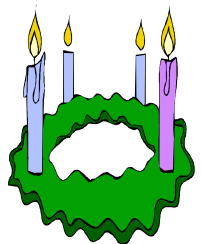
**Sacramental Candles:** ideal as special gifts, check out the website: [sacredcandles.com.au](http://sacredcandles.com.au) tel. 0403619044

**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.



## ADVENT WREATH

is a sign of preparation.

**Second Sunday** - the 2nd violet candle is lit which is a sign of hope. Here's a Prayer of Hope.

O my God, relying on Your promises, I hope that through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, You will grant me pardon of my sins and the graces necessary to serve You in this life and to obtain eternal happiness in the next. Amen

## Saint Nicholas - Santa Klaus

**Feastday is December 6th**

Bishop of Myra, Lycia (modern Turkey) was a very generous prelate to the poor and innocent. Many legendary stories exist about him. Today for many he has become world famous as Santa Claus [Santa = Saint & Klaus is short for Nicholas just as Bill is short for William]. That explains the dress code and appearance of Santa - but not the reindeer! Let us ask Saint Nicholas to help us to be generous and not selfish this Christmas!

Incidentally, he also took part in the Church Council at Nicea in 325 with the Emperor Constantine in attendance. This Council condemned the heresy of Arianism which had denied the divinity of Christ. It gave us the 'Nicene Creed' which we profess at Mass on Sunday. How **nice**!



## Saint John the Baptist

CCC 523 St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way.

"Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He

inaugurates the Gospel of hope, he welcomes the coming of Christ. Are

we prepared to welcome Christ, Our Lord, this Christmas? How can we witness to the truth?



## Immaculate Conception

This Solemnity celebrates one of the four dogmas about Our Lady. At the beginning of her earthly life she was conceived without sin, spotless or immaculate in her

mother's womb, called Anne. Thus being free of original sin Mary never sinned throughout her life.



## Catholic Quiz

Who is the mother of the:

- a) virginal conception? Ans: .....  
b) immaculate conception? Ans: .....

✓**Christmas Poinsettia** The poinsettia plant is of Mexican origin, they call this the "flower of the Holy Night." This is the legend. On a Christmas eve long ago a poor little boy went to Church in great sadness because he had no gift to bring to the Holy Child. He dared not enter the Church and, kneeling on the ground outside the house of God, he prayed: 'I would like to offer some present but I am very poor and dread to approach You with empty hands.' When he

finally rose from his knees he saw springing up at his feet a green plant with gorgeous blooms of dazzling red. His prayer had been answered; he broke some of the beautiful twigs from the plant and joyously entered the church to lay his gift at the foot of the Christ Child. Since then the plant has spread throughout the whole world.



## Christmas Tree - Jesse Tree

The family tree of Jesus is often based on Jesse the father of King David. There are fourteen generations down to Christ. The usage of a real tree can be traced back to the eighth century monk St Boniface, who while evangelising Germany replaced the worship of an oak tree with the devotion of a Christmas tree.

## 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



The Wise Men or Magi could see the star but Herod could not. Why not?

And what gifts did they bring?

## KID'S HUMOUR

A little girl was at her first wedding and asked her mother after the event: "Why did the lady change her mind?" Her mother said: "What do you mean?" "Well, she came down the aisle with one man and left with another."