

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

Jindera: Sunday 9 am

| Weekday Mass Times: | | Lavington | Jindera |
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| Mon | 12 | Advent weekday 7 am | 7 am |
| Tues | 13 | St. Lucy 7 am | 7 am |
| Wed | 14 | St. John Cross 7 am | 8:30 am |
| Thur | 15 | Advent Weekday 7 & 9 am | 8:30 am |
| Frid* | 16 | Advent weekday 7 am | 9:15 am |
| Sat | 17 | Advent Weekday 9:15 am | 8 am |

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

Lavington: 11th December 2022 - 3rd Advent

6 pm Lect: H.S. School Cant: B. Collins

8 am Lect: M. Fletcher Cant: Perrys

10am Lect: B. O'Brien Cant: Choir

Cleaners: Boyer family

Lavington: 18th December 2022 - 4th Advent

6 pm Lect: M. Moriarty Cant: M. Brosolo

8 am Lect: M. Hensel Cant: L. Amarant

10am Lect: A. Cramer Cant: Choir

Cleaners: Evans / Dawsons

Jindera: 11th December 2022 - 3rd Advent

9 am Lect: D. Moore Cant: Choir

Cleaners: Shaw / Green

Jindera: 18th December 2022 - 4th Advent

9 am Lect: H. Taylor Cant: Choir

Cleaners: Irwin / Bell

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 1st & 3rd Mondays 5pm

MOTHER'S GROUP meets to pray on

Wednesdays at 2 pm - Barb 0419617101.

LEGION of MARY - two groups: Tuesday 1pm

and Wednesday 3:30 pm - lay missionaries.

MAJELLAN for MUMS - on Tuesday morning

10:45-12pm during school term.

CATECHESIS of the Good Shepherd - Mondays

contact Cathy or the parish.

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, Anne Jones, Linda Wilson, John Fagan, Joan Sattler, Cosmas Darlow, Gary Cook, Fr. Reece Beltrame, Marisa Bertazzo, Alex Firmager, Max Hausler, Emma Meade, Ivan & Pat Hickman, Rebecca Moriarty, Leo Sullivan, Dot Higgins, Ray Byrnes, Sr. Stephen, Sr. Scholastica, Elizabeth Young, Melissa Moodie, Marko Ledenko, Sime Ledenko, Ruth Witteveen, Mrs Sobani, Stephen Hitchings, Grahame Miles, Liam Scott, Greg Wright, Carol Collins, Margaret Gawen, Helen Hurst, Norma Oates, Andrew Ryan, Jeffrey Dean, Sr. Frances Kennedy FCJ, Tracy Carter, Jovit Genato, Sheleagh Walker, Gary Harris, Matthew Mander, Anne Weisner, Suesanna Trevaskis, David Williams, Jim Edmondson, Mary Cooper, Brian Cooper.

♦ **FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED** that they may be granted eternal peace, let us pray to the Lord - June Kennedy, Margaret Scherleitner, John Quinn, Marie Lynch, Patricia Cooper, William Gelderbloom, Bernice Greelish, Simon Kristo, Michael Grogan, Marissa Copperwaite, Frank Van Der Linden, Elaine Wilson, Owen Laundess, Frank Higgins, Maureen Toner, Des Ratcliffe, Tony Valta, Tom Langcake, Jessie Micallef, Anne Bourke, Sr. Ellen Quinn ocdm, Yvonne Henderson, Chris Byrnes, Philip Jarick, Julie Rigby, Gina Voskullen

♦ **ANNIVERSARIES:** Annette Power, Fr Kevin Flanagan, Ron Howard, George Taylor, Shirely Warr, Viola Gorman, Alma Woodward, Pat Stenson, Garry Trent, June O'Brien, Garry Obst, Jenny Payne, Marj Knorpp, Margaret Rooney, Pasha Jankowski, Lionel Hopkins, Christina Bartoszek, Max Collier, Alberto Zanardo, Eileen Moran, George Wood, Ivy Donnolley, James Freeman, Allan Darmenter, Bryan Cullen



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11th December 2022 - Third Sunday Advent



Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128. First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6.10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Respons. Psalm: Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading: Saint James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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!**

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11

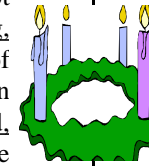
Glory to you O Lord.

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear,

and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'. As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Comitium meets on Monday 12th at 4 pm for office bearers in Meeting Room.

Graduation Ceremony: for Holy Spirit School students on Tuesday 5:30 pm in Church with presentation in hall to follow.

SRE: catechist meeting with Trevor on Friday 16th, 10 am - 1 pm in Meeting Room.

Columban Calendars: for sale \$8 at doors: leave money in box or put on the plate.

Carols by Candlelight: Jindera Village Green on Friday 16th Dec. 7 pm

Lessons & Carols: at St Mary's Church Wednesday 21st December 7 pm.

Missions Palms: be a mentor, share your skills and experience (e.g. Agric. Health, Education, Admin) overseas in Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands, tel. Kevin 95605333; www.palms.

Community Building Ministry: how to welcome people; roster being formed, training prov'd, be generous & see Monica - mjelias17@gmail.com

New Catholic TV Website: free resource for all the family: <https://romansky.tv/> check it out!

Immaculata Mission School 2023: for 15-35 yrs, 1st-10th January, Armidale, register: great event to learn & live the faith.

Holy Face Devotions: St. Mary's Jindera on Tuesdays at 3:25 pm

Memorial Wall: St. Mary's Cemetery, Jindera - ideal place to intern one's beloved ashes in a respectful yet inexpensive manner.

Dawsos for all electrical needs; Electrical Contracting, tel. Daniel 0438732976.

Sacramental Candles: ideal as special gifts, check out the website: sacredcandles.com.au tel. 0403619044

By The Book on 3/326 Griffith Rd. open Tues-Sat morning. A large range of books. Ideal present for everyone; tel. 60253132.

Jindera Storage Sheds: spaces available. Contact Ian Ritchie Real Estate 60259260.

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. 1st Collection: Holy Spirit Presbytery 111031654. 2nd Collection: Holy Spirit Parish 111056699.

ADVENT WREATH

Rose 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 - Sat 24th: 6 pm, 9 pm

Day - Sun 25th: 8 am, 10 am

St. Mary's, Jindera

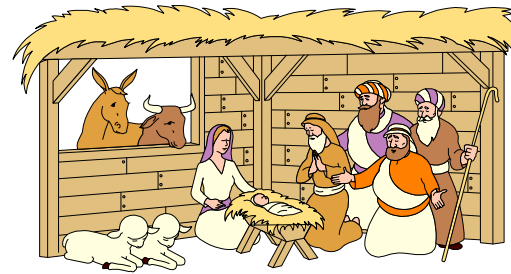
Eve - Sat 24th: 6 pm

Day - Sun 25th: 9 am



What was the star that guided the Magi westward? Look here:

www.bethlehemstar.net/



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.



Practice Makes Perfect

A woman had just finished her First Aid Course, when travelling home she saw a man lying down on the footpath. She was disgusted by the fact that nobody had stopped to give this poor man some attention. Fully aware of the necessary medical procedure, she flung herself into the best CPR care that she could muster. At a pause in her care, the man turned over and said: "Lady, I don't know what you are trying to do, but please let me first feed this cable into the manhole here!"

Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees below,
With tiny lights like Heaven stars,
Reflecting on the snow.
All is grand so wipe away that tear
For I am spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the hymns that people hold so dear
Yet the sounds of music can't compare
With the Christmas chants up here.
I know how much you miss me
I see the pain inside your heart.
But I am not so far away - only just apart.
Please love and help each other,
As God the Father said to do.
Being mindful of the blessings He has for you.
Have a holy Christmas & wipe away the tear.
For I am spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.



FIND THE WORD

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

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