

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

Jindera: Sunday 9 am

<i>Weekday Mass Times:</i>		Lavington	Jindera
Mon	13 Lent Weekday	7 am	7 am
Tues	14 Lent Weekday	7 am	7 am
Wed	15 Lent Weekday	7 am	8:30 am
Thur	16 Lent Weekday	7 am	7 am
Frid*	17 St Patrick	7 am	9:15 am
Sat	18 Lent St Cyril	9:15 am	8 am

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

Lavington: 12th March 2023 - Third Sunday of Lent 6

6 pm Lect: H.S. School Cant: M. Brosolo
 8 am Lect: M. Hensel Cant: L. Amarant
 10am Lect: A. Cramer Cant: Green Choir
 Cleaners: O'Brien family

Lavington: 19th March 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

6 pm Lect: M. Brosolo Cant: B. Collins
 8 am Lect: L. Mercieca Cant: L. Amarant
 10am Lect: M. Katalinic Cant: Choir
 Cleaners: M. Katalinic

Jindera: 12th March 2023 - Third Sunday of Lent

9 am Lect: K. Williams Cant: Choir
 Cleaners: Voskullen / Griffin

Jindera: 19th March 2023 - Third Sunday of Lent

9 am Lect: J. Wright Cant: Choir
 Cleaners: Clark / O'Hea

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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

♦ **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, Anthony Green, Jason Price, Jan Szakacs, Lorraine Mullavey, Anne Jones, Greg Jackson, Pat McCormack, Joan Sattler, Natasha Faanunu, Gary Cook, Fr. Reece Beltrame, Marisa Bertazzo, Emma Meade, Sr. Janice, 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 - Joel Juntong, Mary Keane, John Sandral, Dot Higgins, Chris Horsfall, Ivan Hickman, Max Hausler, John Fagan, Margaret Miller, Cardinal George Pell, Jed Oftana, Annie Trezise, Pope Benedict, June Cox, Fr. Andre Nahhas, Sr. Augustine, Sr. Macrina rsm, Greg Fraser, Mathys Joordens, Margaret Scherleitner, John Quinn

♦ **ANNIVERSARIES:** William Clarke, Mary Dalton, Teresa Miklaszewicz, John Dale, Girlie Costello, Olive Upshall, Cathry Hindry, Kevin Gordon, Robert Woods, Irene Morrow, Peter Lyons, Dr. Tim Landy, Fr Geoff Lloyd, Peter Sullivan, William Currie, Wayne Boyd, Cathy Hindry, Jacqueline Woods, Irene Morrow, Mel Murphy, Mary Dalton, St Janet, Esme McGrath, Mark West, Ian Hogg, George Sattler, Suzanne Bennett, Anna Kristo.



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12th March 2023 - Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128.

First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 94: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1- 2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God

loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Glory to you, word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. **Glory to you, word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4: 5-42

Glory to You O Lord.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to

draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. **P.T.O.**



I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything'. 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Comitium: for Legion of Mary on this Monday at 4 pm in Meeting Room.

Cancelled: 9 am Thursday Mass at Lavington cancelled on account of Clergy Conference; & Jindera Mass at 7 am not 8:30 am.

Annunciation: Solemnity on Sat. 25th March at 9:15 Mass, Lavington, the *Day of the Unborn* - morning tea afterwards. Celebrate life!

Penance in Lent: Bishop's Pastoral on Confession available or on the parish website. **Night Confessions** at St. Pat's Church, Friday 24th March from 6pm to Midnight.

Wanted: more members for St. Vincent de Paul Conference by working at the Centre to help the poor **not** the shop.

Wanted: *House to Rent* for a young family with child. Contact James: 0431281256.

St. Patrick's Day Concert: 17th March at 8 pm Jindera Arts Hall by JP Sweeney & Jody Moran.

Baptismal Gownss/ First Holy Communion outfits available from parish, contact Susan Thurs / Friday 9-1 pm.

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

Dawsons 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.

SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL



Any conversion involves stages. The bigger the conversion the greater the incremental stages of grace needed. Note these for the Samaritan Woman.

- 1). *Encounter with the Lord.*
- 2). *Gradual awareness of the truth.*
- 3). *Thirst for God's grace.*

An encounter with God consists of truth, authority and respect. The Samaritan woman's respect increased with her appreciation of Christ's authority. When the Lord talked of eternal truths she stopped calling him a Jew and referred to him as Sir or Lord, after which she calls him Christ - Messiah

**EVERY SINNER HAS A FUTURE
EVERY SAINT HAS A PAST**



Living Water = Divine Grace

Moses strikes the rock (Christ)

LIVING WATER = GOD'S GRACE

Water was chosen because it has 3 properties:

- a). washes and cleanses
 - b). refreshes and cools
 - c). quenches thirst
- ❖ **God's Sanctifying Grace**
- a). **washes** the soul from its sins
 - b). **cools** the vices and passions
 - c). **quenches** the soul's thirst for truth.



**Saint Patrick
Patron of Ireland**

**March 17th
Missionary and
Visionary:
man of great prayer
and penance.**

Carrot, Egg, Coffee Saga

A young woman went to her mother and complained how tough her life was. She was tired of fighting and struggling. Her mother took her to the kitchen and boiled up in three pots a carrot, an egg and some coffee. She then asked her to feel the carrots and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted

its rich aroma she asked, "What does it mean, mum?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile but after sitting through the boiling water, its insides became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. Once boiled they changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity becomes soft and loses strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? After a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hard? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside do I have a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee, when adversity strikes, I immerse myself in the situation so as to change it."

On Friday

What will you be doing?

- BOX WATCH [code word for TV] or
- CROSS WATCH



There are ONLY a few weeks in Lent. *Stations of the Cross*, Lavington at 7.30 pm; Jindera 7 pm.

HIGH HUMOUR

* Two baked beans got in their car but did not know where to go. So they went into - Cairns (cans).

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