

SUNDAY MASS TIMES 21st May 2023

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

Jindera: Sunday 9 am

<u>Weekday Mass Times:</u>		Lavington	Jindera
Mon 22	St Rita	7 am	7 am
Tues 23	Weekday	7 am	7 am
Wed 24	O. L Help Christ	7 am	8:30 am
Thur 25	St. Gregory	7 am	8:30 am
Frid*26	St. Philip N	7 am	9:15 am
Sat 27	St. Augustine	9:15 am	8 am

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

Lavington: 21st May 2023 - Ascension Sunday

6 pm Lect: V. Mertens	Cant: M. Brosolo
8 am Lect: L. Amarant	Cant: L. Amarant
10am Lect: K. Boyer	Cant: Choir
Cleaners: O'Brien family	

Lavington: 28th May 2023 - Pentecost Sunday

6 pm Lect: M. Moriarty	Cant: B. Collins
8 am Lect: M. Fletcher	Cant: L. Amarant
10am Lect: P. Evans	Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Katalinic family	

Jindera: 21st May 2023 - Ascension Sunday

9 am Lect: C/L Gillespie	Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Galvin / Moore / Barnes	

Jindera: 28th May 2023 - Pentecost Sunday

9 am Lect: L. Wright	Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Kite, Burton	

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 Monday 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 Mass

Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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, Kerry Kirley, Jason Price, Jan Szakacs, Lorraine Mullavey, Anne Jones, Greg Jackson, Pat McCormack, Natasha Faanunu, Gary Cook, Fr. Reece Beltrame, Emma Meade, Sr. Janice, Rebecca Moriarty, Leo Sullivan, 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, Norma Oates, Andrew Ryan, Jeffrey Dean, Sr. Frances Kennedy FCJ, Tracy Carter, Jovit Genato, Sheleagh Walker, Gary Harris, Matthew Mander, Anne Weisner, Suesann 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* - Marie Fury, Betty Clancy, Felicissima Toledo, Brian Heath, Maree Heath, Joseph Ratcliffe, Marisa Bertazzo, Joan Sattler, Joel Juntong, Mary Keane, John Sandral, Dot Higgins, Chris Horsfall, Ivan Hickman, Max Hausler, John Fagan

ANNIVERSARIES: Mitchell Stiler, Donald Collins, Stephanie Kalics. Fr Croese, Antonio Guffrida, Damian Wright, Harold Dean, Angelina Davis, Irene Edwards, Shannon Knobel, Scarlett Wilson, Ella Pallot, Brendan Glasgow, Zetta Mitchell-Hill, Gerard Sullivan, Dan Kerlin, Norm Frauenfelder, Meg Heriot, Genny Borch, Geoff Jervois, Bill Smith, Michael Ryan, Hilda Ryan, Brian Nicholson, Mary Sullivan, Kevin Wilson, Noel Sparkes, Daniel McMahon, Frank Fealy, Phillip Carmody, Pasqualino De Fazio, John Kelleher, Greg Thompson, Sergio Pidutti, Maria Werhun, Reg Davey, Thomas Lamb, Fran Rohrich, Lina Tymczuk, Reg Stinson, Pat Gosstray



Ascension Sunday 21st May 2023

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth'. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God
Psalms 46: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17- 23
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia: Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia.**

Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20 *Glory to you O Lord.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

H. Sp. Deb Ball: all are invited to join a table; also a pro-life fundraiser; bookings: www.trybooking.com/CIBJJ.

Vocations Day: for priestly vocations Sat 20 May, Vianney College, Wagga 8-6 pm see flyer.

Fundraiser WYD: Bunnings BBQ Sat. 20th May, cash only to support our youth.

Philippine Independence Day Mass: all invited on Sat 10th June 12 noon St Pat's Albury BYO plate, Sr Siony 0402090438.

Catholic Missions: updates for 2023 at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 6th June 12-1:30 pm pm by Jane Plum 0400445605.

Wanted Catechists: or helpers to teach in public schools, only an hour a week - contact Cathy Moriarty.

Palms Mission: professional trades wanted in Africa, Asia, Pacific - 35 positions available for generous workers, 0295605333. See Palms website for details.

Confirmation: with Bishop Mark Edwards for HSS children Sat 3rd June at 6 pm, and Sunday 4th June 10 am for others.

Wanted: more members for *St. Vincent de Paul* Conference for working at the Centre to help the poor not the shop. Tel. Paul 0401999915.

Christian Counsellor: local qualified & registered Natalie Sobolewski 0448758294, natsob45@gmail.com

Natural Family Planning: easy to learn with a friendly tutor via zoom; www.billings.life

Baptism Gowns/Holy Communion outfits to purchase from parish see Susan Thur-Fri 9-1pm.

CleanHeartOnline: to assist families for tech. addiction: <https://cleanheart.online/resources>.

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.

ASCENSION SUNDAY



HOW did Jesus ascend He ascended by His own power. Whereas Elijah was carried to heaven in a fiery chariot and Mary was assumed. Christ ascended into heaven as God and Man.

WHY did Jesus ascend?

- 1). He ascended because His mission was finished and His glorious body warranted a place of glory.
- 2). He ascended to possess the kingdom which He had merited by His blood.
- 3). He ascended to prove that His kingdom is not of this world. For the kingdoms of this world are earthly and transient, and are based upon wealth and the power of the flesh; but the kingdom of Christ is not.
- 4). He also ascended into heaven in order to teach us to follow Him in mind and heart. Though we dwell on earth, we should desire heaven as pilgrims hoping to be numbered among his saints forever.

HOPE is a supernatural virtue of the will. It needs to be exercised, like muscles in the body need movement lest they wither, so too hope needs to be sought. How often do we make acts

of hope? How often do we pray to be filled with hope? The enemies of hope are despair & presumption - depression and arrogance.

Heaven is not playing harps!

"All the scriptural imagery (harps, crowns gold, etc.) is, of course, a merely symbolic attempt to express the inexpressible. Musical instruments are mentioned because for many people music is the thing known in the present life which most strongly suggests ecstasy and infinity. Crowns are mentioned to suggest the fact that those who are united with God in eternity share His splendour and power and joy. Gold is mentioned to suggest the timelessness of Heaven (gold does not rust) and the preciousness of it."

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Patroness of Australia

The title "*Mary Help of Christians*" was coined after the naval battle of Lepanto. At dawn on October 7, at the entrance to the Gulf of Patras, Turkey, the Christian and Muslim fleets finally came face to face. The stakes were Christian Europe. The wind and all military factors favored the Muslims, but Don John was confident. He boarded a fast ship for a final



review of his fleet. After he returned to his own position, the wind mysteriously changed to the advantage of the Christian fleet. First-hand witnesses wrote about this moment as a most dramatic turn-of-events resulting from an "unknown factor". At that very moment, at dawn on October 7, 1571 - as Vatican Archives later revealed - Pope Pius V, accompanied by many faithful, were praying the Rosary. Mary did help the Christians to win that crucial battle. Our Aussie feast day dates back to another Pope who was kidnapped in France.

When Fr Therry, the missionary priest in NSW was at school, Napoleon and his secularist forces invaded Italy, determined to suppress the Catholic Church. They took Pope Pius VI prisoner and he died in captivity. The next Pope, Pius VII, was forced to attend Napoleon's coronation then imprisoned. In 1814 when Pope Pius VII was released as a prisoner of Napoleon and finally permitted to return to Rome on May 24, he established the feast of *Mary, Help of Christians*. In 1844 at the First Provincial Synod of Bishops, and again in 1885 at the first Plenary Council of Australasia, the nation was dedicated to St Mary, Help of Christians. Like those early Catholics, we know we need God's help. So we pray together for Mary's guidance and protection in difficult times.

Our Lady of Help of Christians, pray for us!



HUNGRY HUMOUR

A recently married couple were at a restaurant for dinner when the husband prepared to eat his meal. His wife interrupted. 'Ahum! You normally say prayers at home before you eat.' 'Yes darling,' her husband replied. 'But I'm sure that the chef is experienced and knows what he's doing.'