

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

Jindera: Sunday 9 am

<i>Weekday Mass Times:</i>	<i>Lavington</i>	<i>Jindera</i>
Mon 18 Advent	7 am	7 am
Tues 19 Advent	7 am	7 am
Wed 20 Advent	7 am	8:30 am
Thur 21 Advent	7 am	8:30 am
Frid* 22 Advent	7 am	9:15 am
Sat 23 Advent	9:15 am	8 am

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

Lavington: 17th December - 3rd Sunday Advent

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

Lavington: 24th December - 4th Sunday Advent

6 pm Lect: M. Brosolo Cant: B. Collins
8 am Lect: M. Hensel Cant: L. Amaran
10am Lect: P. Evans Cant: Lav Choir
Cleaners: Katalinic & elves

Jindera: 17th December - 3rd Sunday Advent

9 am Lect: L. Wright Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Galvin / Moore / Barnes

Jindera: 24th December - 4th Sunday Advent

9 am Lect: B. Green Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Kite / Burton

ADORATION / NOVENA

- 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 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, Annie Gosstray, Kaye Hallcroft, Pat Murray, Kerry Kirley, Bishop Frank Carroll, Jan Szakacs, Lorraine Mullavey, Anne Jones, Greg Jackson, Glen Conway, Clare Packer, Pat McCormack, Shaun Morgan, Florence Murphy, Rodney Blatchford, Frances Blatchford, Natasha Faanunu, Joy Roberts, Gary Cook, Mrs Pattino, Fr. Reece Beltrame, Emma Meade, Sr. Janice, Leo Sullivan, Fr. Gerald Quinn, Ray Byrnes, Elizabeth Young, Melissa Moodie, Marko Ledenko, Sime Ledenko, Maurice Richards, Mrs Sobani, Stephen Hitchings, Grahame Miles, Liam Scott, Carol Collins, Norma Oates, Andrew Ryan, Jeffrey Dean, Tracy Carter, Jovit Genato, Sheleagh Walker, Gary Harris, Matthew Mander, Anne Weisner, Suesanne 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 for* - Marjorie Scott, Allan Tanner, Ruth Witteveen, Amma Perrone, Helen van der Linden, Joan Scanlan, Kenneth John Tejano, James Sheppard, Anthony Green, Sr. Stephen Mary, Denise Geraghty, Fr. Steve Bohan, Bert Fletcher, Don Falk, Morna Faehrmann, Kathleen Moore, James Firmager, John Cooper

• **ANNIVERSARIES:** June O'Brien, Adelina Bourke, Elsie Findley, Noel Freund, Shirley Warr, Jenny Payne, Alma Woodward, Viola Gorman, Pat Stenson, Garry Trent, Ron Howard, Lisa Malone, Sr. M. Cabrini, Wendy Murphy, John Quinn, Margaret Power, George Taylor, Alfredo Zanardo Max Collier, Garry Obst, Jenny Payne, Marj Knorpp, Margaret Rooney, Greg Fraser, Pasha Jankowski, Corrie van Lint, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Ivy Donnelly, Fred Wood, James Freeman, Allan Parmenter, Bryan Cullen, Eileen Moran



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17th December 2023 - Third Sunday Advent (B)

Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: 1st Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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, alleluia!**

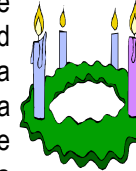
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1: 6-28 Glory to You O Lord.



A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Gerogery Carols: on Sunday 17th at 7 pm.

Lessons & Carols: at St Mary's Church Tuesday 19th December 7 pm.

Columban Calendars available in the narthex \$8 - to be put on the plate.

Immaculata Mission School 2024: for 15-35 yrs, in January at Armidale, need to register: great event to learn & live the faith.

Wanted: Farm Worker: cattle / sheep property at Holbrook, call Daniel Shaw 0402289811.

Cremation Wall: St. Mary's Jindera: respectful and ideal location for one's beloved ashes.

Tutoring: private & personal in school subjects, Latin, piano in your home by Lucy Ryan, tel. 0493060714, 0434607134.

Piano Lessons: by Lucy Triffett, experienced, gentle, nurturing approach in Nth Albury or can travel to you tel. 0493576822.

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

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

Window Cleaning: home/bus tel 0491698069

Sacramental Candles: ideal as special gifts, on 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

Pink 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 - Sun 24th: 6 pm, 9 pm

Day - Mon 25th: 9 am

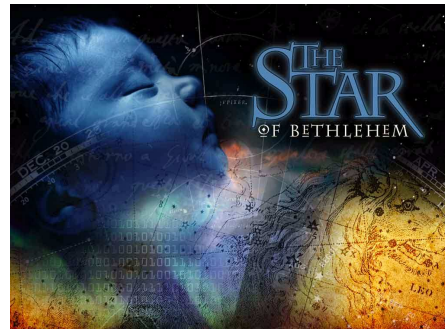
✠ *St. Mary's, Jindera*

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Who will YOU invite to Christmas Mass this year ?

LOOK UP this fascinating website
www.bethlehemstar.net



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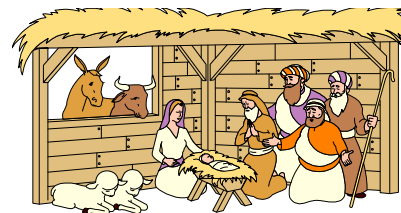
FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

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ORIGINS of the CHRISTMAS CRIB

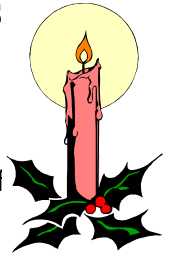
St. Francis spent the Christmas of 1223 at Greccio in the valley of Rieti, Italy where he formulated the idea of building a crib. He said: "I would like to make a memorial of the Child Jesus who was born at Bethlehem and in some way behold with bodily eyes the hardships of His infant state, lying on 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.



THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Begins on Christmas Day and includes the Octave of the Christmas Season - twelve days of celebration & feasting.



This very interesting carol originated as a Hebrew hymn, which begins, "In those twelve days ..." In the Middle Ages, the song was rewritten in Latin with Christian images. By 1645, an English version of the Latin hymn had appeared, and by the 18th Century, it had, in turn, become the Christmas carol we know today. One author describes this traditional English carol as a catechetical mnemonic device that Catholics used to teach their children the truths of the faith during the years that Catholicism was suppressed in England. The song goes, "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me..." The true love is God and the following are His presents:

1. The first one is the partridge in a pear tree which means Jesus Christ who died on a tree.
2. Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.
3. Three French hens were faith, hope and love - three virtues of the Holy Spirit.
4. Four calling birds were the four Gospels which sing the song of salvation.
5. Five golden rings were the first five books of the Bible - the Pentateuch.
6. Six geese a-layin were the six days of Creation.
7. Seven swans-a-swimming were the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
8. Eight maids a milking were the eight beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing were the nine choirs of angels.
10. Ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
11. Eleven pipers piping were the eleven faithful apostles, or the eleven stars seen by Joseph.
12. Twelve drummers drumming were the twelve articles of the Apostles Creed.