

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 1	Mother of God	8 am	No Masses
Tues 2	St Basil	7 am	
Wed 3	Holy Name	7 am	
Thur 4	Christmastide	7 am	
Frid* 5	Christmastide	7 am	9:15 am
Sat 6	Christmastide	9:15 am	

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

Lavington: 31st December - Holy Family

6 pm Lect: V. Mertens Cant: M. Brosolo
8 am Lect: R. Scott Cant: L. Amarant
10am Lect: A. Cramer Cant: Lav Choir
Cleaners: Tingle / Moriarty

Lavington: 7th January - Epiphany

6 pm Lect: Filipino Cant: A. Cramer
8 am Lect: C. Tingle Cant: L. Amarant
10am Lect: M. Katalinic Cant: Lav Choir
Cleaners: Brosolo family

Jindera: 31st December - Holy Family

9 am Lect: C. Lyall Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Murphy / Lyall

Jindera: 7th January - Epiphany

9 am Lect: J. Wright Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Blood / Carcarello

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

OUR GOD HAS APPEARED ON THE EARTH
AND LIVED AMONG 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, 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* - Anthony Simpson, Buster Upshall, Marjorie Scott, Allan Tanner, Ruth Witteveen, Amma Perrone, Helen van der Linden, Joan Scanlan, Kenneth John Tezano, 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:** John Sparkes, John Clancy, Ethel Scammell, Max Hore, Mavis Dynan, Patricia Cashen, Mary Hertzog, John Cronin, Barbara Quirk, Philomena O'Callaghan, June Cox, Elsie McDonald, Edmund Fritzkowski, Albert Alexander, Bernard Rhynehart, Emma Maras, Alice McMaster, Walter Berg, Mary Hanna, Lyla Gale, Karl Fraser, Zeljko Kristo, Ana Snoxall, Owen Laundess, June O'Brien, Lynette Turner, Adelina Bourke, Elsie Findley, Noel Freund, Shirley Warr, Jenny Payne, Alma Woodward, Viola Gorman, Pat Stenson.



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31st December 2023 - Holy Family Sunday (B)

Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128

First Reading: Ecclesiastics 3:3-7, 14-17

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 104: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient

to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and the fullness of his message live within you. **Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40

Glory to You O Lord

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

P.T.O.

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

New Year's Eve: Sunday night Holy Hour 8-9 pm in Holy Spirit Church to ask God's blessings for 2024 - we do need them!

New Year's Day Mass: in honour of the Mother of God on **Monday 8 am** Lavington.

Jindera Masses: during the week are cancelled (except Friday) - priest away on leave.

House to Rent: Norris Park, 2bdrm - safe and clean: ideal for young family, couple \$360 pw tel 0412373968

Hospital Visitation: if anyone needs a priest to minister the sacraments to those who are sick, please contact the parish.

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

Dawsos 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.



THE HOLY FAMILY & FAMILIES

CCC 2207 The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society.

CCC 2215 Respect for parents derives from gratitude toward those who, by the gift of life, their love and their work, have brought their children into the world and enabled them to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace.



Mary, Mother of God

January 1st

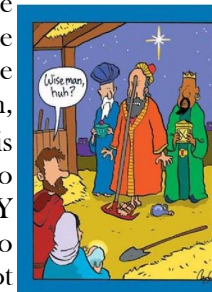
There are **FOUR** Christian doctrines about Mary the Mother of Jesus:

1. Mary is ever Virgin;
2. Mary is the Mother of God;
3. Immaculate Conception of Mary;
4. Assumption of Mary into Heaven.

On the first day of the year, New Year's Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary as the *Mother of God*. Of all the teachings concerning Our Lady this one, that she is the Mother of God, is primary and fundamental to the others. It was because she was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, truly God and truly Man, that Mary was conceived without original sin; and that she remained a virgin while the Holy Spirit overshadowed her with a miraculous conception; and that she was assumed into heaven.

The belief that Mary is the Mother of the Lord God is based on the earliest teachings [original Greek term was *Theotokos* = God bearer] and is located in the Bible when Elizabeth greets Mary as the "Mother of my Lord" Luke 1:43.

Some people, however, think that *Mother of God* asserts that a creature is greater than God, the Creator. Mary is the Mother NOT of God the Father, but of God's Son, Jesus, who took His humanity from her. To claim that Mary is **ONLY** the mother of Jesus is to imply that Jesus is not divine.



All the best for 2024 !

And it will be the **BEST** if we keep our resolutions: we need to make at least two -

- ☑ **One for the Body** - eat better, exercise daily, smile more often, drink less ...
- ☑ **One for the Soul** - pray the Rosary, go to daily Mass, Benediction, Confession.

FESTIVE HUMOUR

- *What is the best Christmas present in the world?*
- ☺ A broken drum... you just can't beat it.
- *Why did Scrooge buy everyone a budgie for Christmas?*
- ☺ Because they were going cheep.
- *What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?*
- ☺ Stick with me and we'll go places.
- *What is Santa's favourite shape?*
- ☺ An arctic circle.

PARADOXICAL TIMES

The paradox of our time in history is that we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less wellness. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

Thank You for the Christmas Dues!