

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 5 St Agatha	7 am	7 am
Tues 6 St Paul Miki	7 am	7 am
Wed 7 Weekday	7 am	No Mass
Thur 8 St Josephine	7 am	8:30 am
Frid 9 Weekday	7 am	9:15 am
Sat 10 St Scholastica	9:15 am	8 am

Friday 5.30 pm Latin Mass Lavington

Lavington: 4th February - 5th Sunday Ord Time

6 pm Lect: Filipino	Cant: Reincastle
8 am Lect: R. Scott	Cant: L. Amaran
10amLect: B. O'Brien	Cant: Lavi Choir
Cleaner: Boyer family	

Lavington: 11th February - 6th Sunday Ord Time

6 pm Lect: H.S.School	Cant: M. Brosolo
8 am Lect: C. Tingle	Cant: Wall family
10amLect: A. Cramer	Cant: Green Choir
Cleaner: Evans / Dawsons	

Jindera: 4th February - 5th Sunday Ord Time

9 am Lect: C. Gillespie	Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Irwin / Bell	

Jindera: 11th February - 6th Sunday Ord Time

9 am Lect: K. Murphy	Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Peoples / Stewart	

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

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

♦**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, Kerry Kirley, Bishop Frank Carroll, Jan Szakacs, Lorraine Mullavey, Anne Jones, Greg Jackson, Marita Ryan, Glen Conway, Yvonne Frost, Pat McCormack, Shaun Morgan, 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 Trevasakis, 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* - Florence Murphy, Pat Murray, Anthony Simpson, Buster Upshall, 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:** Leonardo Juntong, Geoffrey Allen, Esma Newton, Pat Miller, Maria Hanrahan, Rose Harbridge, Bob Cox, David Guy, Irene Thomas, Kazimierz Kaganowski, Percy Doyle, Kathleen Senczak, Ann Maree Percy, Julia Moir, Stephen Ratcliffe, Graeme Cruickshank, Reg Sparkes, Francizka Mastalerz, Max Hausler, John Fagan, Marie Hanrahan, Francesco Bertazzo, Eileen Thomson, Harry Gordon, Alojz Mlinaric



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4th February 2024 - Fifth Sunday

Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128

First Reading: Job 7:1-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: 1st Corinthians 9:16-23

I do not boast of preaching the Gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the Gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the Gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39

Glory to You O Lord

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to

her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.



WHAT'S HAPPENING:

St Vincent de Paul: meets Monday night at 5 pm in Meeting Room - volunteers and visitors most welcome to assist in this vital work of mercy in our community.

Comitium: Legion members meet on Monday 12th at 4 pm - all office bearers to attend.

Mass Cancelled: this Wednesday at Jindera.

Parish Council: meets quarterly and we are looking for any new members who would like to assist in the pastoral care of the parish. Meeting will occur later in February.

Hospital Visitation: anyone who would like a priest to visit a family member in Hospital, at any time, please contact the parish directly.

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.

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

Window Cleaning: please contact us 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.

BOOK of JOB on Human Suffering

In the ancient book of Job, we find eight characters: God, Satan, Job, Job's wife, Job's three friends (Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar) and finally a young man named Elihu. Satan was disgusted with Job's lifestyle of holiness, so he told God that the only reason Job worshipped Him was because of his health and prosperity. Satan believed that if Job was sick and broke he would quit serving God. So God was going to prove to Satan that Job would serve Him no matter what kind of trials he went through. Satan was allowed to destroy everything that Job had - his wealth, his children and his health.

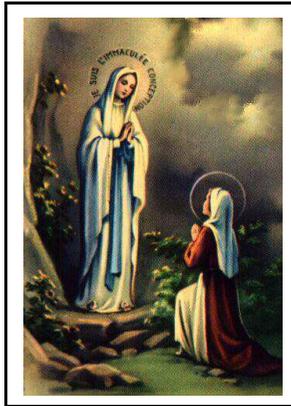
This begs the question: Why do bad things happen to good people? For the atheist it *proves* that God does not exist. But for people who believe in God the question is even harder, "If God is love and has all the power to remove suffering, why does He allow good people to suffer?" Tough question, isn't it? In fact, it is very difficult to answer. Elihu points out the fact that Job was a sinner like everyone else and is subject to the curse of sin which includes sickness and poverty. The thing that perplexed Elihu was not the fact that Job was suffering, but why weren't he and Job's friends suffering along with Job. In fact, Elihu is wondering why everyone doesn't suffer all the time since everyone is a sinner. Elihu asked the right question, "Why does God allow sinners to be blessed?" The answer: Because God is merciful.

Suffering is a mystery in this life but will be our blessing in the next. With Christ we have our model to help us bear our suffering. We imitate Him who suffered before us and for us, and said: "Pick up your cross and follow me" (Mat 16:24).



Our Lady of Lourdes

Lourdes is a shrine in France that has been visited by millions and where many are healed or helped. Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette from February 11 to July 16, 1858. As we consider the apparitions, we realize that the first three apparitions were like an introduction. The first three visits deal with faith, hope and charity. That is our invitation also as we say the first three "Hail Marys" in the Rosary. At the third apparition Our Lady answered: "Would you do me the favor of coming here for fifteen days? In that way you will know who I am." Only after Bernadette had began the recitation of the Rosary did Mary appear. Lourdes is the land of the Rosary. It is by means of the Rosary that we learn what heaven wants us to do and how we can best help the sick.



FAMILY HUMOUR

A woman in a supermarket was following a grandfather and his poorly behaved grandson. He had his hands full with the child screaming for lollies and biscuits. The grandpa said in a controlled voice: "Easy, William, we won't be long... easy, boy." The boy had another tantrum and the grandpa calmly said: "It's ok, William. Just a few more minutes and we'll be out of here." At the checkout the little horror was throwing items out of the shopping cart. The woman said: "It's really none of my business, but I have to compliment you. I don't know how you do it. The whole time you have kept your composure. "William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa." "Thanks lady," said the grandpa. "But I am William. The kid's name is Kelvin."

FIVE RULES OF LIFE

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room. 'I love it,' he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. 'Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait.' 'That doesn't have anything to do with it,' he replied. 'Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged .. it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a **choice**; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day.'

FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

Lourdes, Job, Miracle, Healing, Bernadette, Cemetery, Ashes, Corinth, Mark, Slave, Gospel, Candle, Birth, Altar, Sacrifice

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