

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 23 Advent Weekday	7 am	7 am
Tues 24 Advent Weekday	7 am	7 am
Tues 24 Christmas Eve	6 & 9 pm	6 pm
Wed 25 Christmas Day	9 am	9 am
Thur 26 St. Stephen	7 am	8:30 am
Frid 27* St John Ap.	7 am	9.15 am
Sat 28 Holy Innocents	9:15 am	8 am

* *Latin Mass 1962 at 5:30 pm Friday*

Lavington: 22nd December - 4th Sunday Advent

6 pm Lect: M. Brosolo Cant: M. Brosolo
8 am Lect: P. Griffin Cant: L. Amarat
10am Lect: B. O'Brien Cant: Lav. Choir
Cleaner: Murphy family

Lavington: 29th December - Holy Family Sunday

6 pm Lect: V. Mertens Cant: B. Collins
8 am Lect: M. Fletcher Cant: L. Amarat
10am Lect: A. Cramer Cant: Cunningham Choir
Cleaner: Boyer family

Jindera: 22nd December - 4th Sunday Advent

9 am Lect: B. Green Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Peoples / Stewart

Jindera: 29th December - Holy Family Sunday

9 am Lect: C. Lyall Cant: Choir
Cleaners: Saliba / Garratt

ADORATION / NOVENA

Saturday morning at Holy Spirit Lavington

- 8:00 am: Holy Rosary
- 8:20 am: Confessions
- 9:00 am: Novena & Benediction
- 9:15 am: Holy Mass

ST. VINCENT de PAUL 1st Mondays 5 pm,
contact Paul 0401999915

MOTHER'S GROUP meets to pray on
Wednesdays at 2 pm, contact Barb 0419617101.

LEGION of MARY - two groups: Tuesdays 1pm
and Wednesdays 3:30 pm - Lavington

MAJELLAN for MUMS - on Tuesdays 10:45 am
during school term: Lavington.

CATECHESIS of the Good Shepherd - Mondays
contact Cathy or the Lavington parish.

SACRAMENT PENANCE / CONFESSIONS

Saturday 8:20 - 9am, 5 - 6pm & before all Masses.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold a Virgin shall conceive and
bear a Son; and his name will be
called Emmanuel.

♦ **FOR THE SICK** *that they may be comforted and helped by God's healing power, let us pray to the Lord* - Brian Munk, Lisa Chandra, Annie Gosstray, Fr. Jim McGee, Deirdre Miles, Kaye Hallcroft, Kerry Kirley, Lucas Slee, Jan Szakacs, Angela Collins, Enid Doherty, Lorraine Mullavey, Jeremy Adeney, Anne Jones, Lucas Slee, Pat Mills, Audrey King, Elizabeth Faye, Greg Jackson, Glen Conway, Anna Di Bisceglie, Pat McCormack, Clare Packer, Rodney Blatchford, Frances Blatchford, Natasha Faanunu, Frank Sullivan, Fr. Reece Beltrame, Emma Meade, Leo Sullivan, Ray Byrnes, Elizabeth Young, Melissa Moodie, Maurice Richards, Stephen Hitchings, Grahame Miles, Carol Collins, Norma Oates, Andrew Ryan, Jeffrey Dean, 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* - Kevin Andrews, Rhonda McCormack, Neale Taylor, Lyons Hart, Anne Munk, John Rains, Mike Egan, John Muldoon, Rick Murphy, John Suidgeest, Noreen Langtry, Patricia Saunders, Ardre Menheese, Shane Dickinson, Peter Rudd, Milica Jankovic, Joyce Skerry, Pat Dore, Jacques Birnberg, Travis Connell

• **ANNIVERSARIES:** Ron Howard, June O'Brien, Adeline Bourke, Elsie Findley, Noel Freund, Emma Maras, Alice McMaster, Ana Snoxall, Zeljko Kristo, Walter Berg, Mary Hanna, Karl Fraser, Lyla Gale, Pasha Jankowski, Shirley Warr, Jenny Payne, Alma Woodward, Viola Gorman, Garry Trent, Pat Stenson, Paul Laws, Sr. M Cabrini rsm, Wendy Murphy, Mary West, Bryan Cullen, Greg Fraser, Lionel Hopkins, Max Collier, Alberto Zanardo, George Taylor, Garry Obst, Jenny Payne, Marj Knorpp.



Holy Spirit Parish, Lavington

Parish Priest: Fr. P. Murphy Assistant Priest: Fr. M. Perry
Secretary/Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Susan Voskulen

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22nd December 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent



Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: But you, **Bethlehem Ephrathah**, the least of the clans of Judah, out of **you will be born** for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is

abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1: 39-45

Glory to You O Lord

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the **most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.** Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Festival of Lessons & Carols: at St Mary's Church Sunday 22nd December at 7 pm; with a shared supper afterwards; please BYO plate.

Census: of the parish - please fill in the card & return in box provided.

Columban Calendars (\$8 each) from the Holy Spirit Church and St Mary's, Jindera.

House Wanted: for Sisters of the Morning Star in February 2025 for mission work in the Albury area, contact Maria 0448453964.

Palms Overseas: unique Timorese gifts that also helps the missions.

Volunteers: wanted to work in the St Vincent de Paul shop on Urana Rd, tel Nichole 0403429818

Worker Available: young man for any type of labour / trades assistant in local community. Excellent references contact Seth 0456713686.

Handyman Available: renovations for small jobs, tel Brendan McCabe 0427539588.

Adoration Chapel: needs more support and people to fill the early hours, tel. 0478416635

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

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 BSB 640-000

1st Collection:

Holy Spirit Presbytery 111031654

2nd Collection: Holy Spirit Parish 111056699

The Wise Men or Magi could see the star but Herod could not. Why not? And what gifts did they bring?



Christmas Mass Times

✍ **Holy Spirit, Lavington**

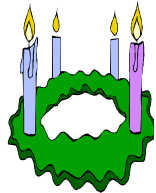
Eve - Tues 24th: 6 pm, 9 pm

Day - Wed 25th: 9 am

✍ **St. Mary's, Jindera**

Eve - Tues 24th: 6 pm

Day - Wed 25th: 9 am



ADVENT WREATH

on the Fourth Sunday the 4th candle is lit which is a sign of peace - for the Prince of peace is near!

Royal House of David is eternal via Christ the King

Confessions - Lavington

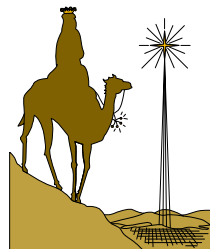
Monday 23rd 11-12noon (before Masses)

What was the star that guided the Magi westward?

Check out this website and

BE informed - truly amazing!

<http://www.bethlehemstar.net>



Christmas Proclamation

In the 5199th year of the creation of the world [according to Bible history]; from the time when God in the beginning made out of nothing the heavens and the earth the 2957th year after the flood; the 2015th year from the birth of Abraham; the 1510th year from Moses and the going out of the people of Israel from Egypt; the 1032nd year from the anointing of King David; in the 65th week according to the prophecy of Daniel; in the 194th Olympiad; the 752nd year from the foundation of the city of Rome; the 42nd year in the rule of Octavian Augustus, in the sixth age of the world, all the earth being at peace: Jesus Christ, the eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, willing to redeem the world by His most merciful coming, having being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and nine months having passed **was born** at Bethlehem. And so the eternal God entered time and divinity took on humanity on the **birthday** of the Lord Jesus.

Tech Humour

During a recent password audit by a company, it was found that one employee was using the password:

MICKEYMINNIEPLUTOHUEYLOUIEWEYDONALD GOOFYPARIS.

When asked why she had such a long password, the employee rolled her eyes and said: "Hellooo! It has to have at least eight characters and include at least one capital."



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EACH YEAR AT XMAS THOSE XIANS CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF X

"It seems that each year at Xmas the Christians celebrate the feast of X!"

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.