



Holy Spirit Parish, Lavington

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6th April 2025 - 5th Sunday of Lent



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First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Holy Week Ceremonies: Mass of the Oils -

Tuesday 15th April 11am at St Michael's Cathedral in Wagga; **Holy Thursday** - 17th April, Mass of the Lord's supper 7pm, at Holy Spirit Church; **Good Friday** - 18th April, Stations of the Cross 11am and Veneration of the Cross 3pm at Holy Spirit Church; **Easter Vigil** - Saturday 19th April 8pm at Holy Spirit Church. **Easter Sunday Masses** 20th April will be as normal. **Please note:** On Saturday 19th April **there will be no 6pm Vigil.**

Junior Legion Of Mary Retreat Day: Saturday 12th April, 8am Mass at Jinera followed by games, legion work (server practice and making palm crosses), talk/adoration/confession and lunch. Retreat ends at 12pm. For children aged 8 and above.

Stations of the Cross: Lavington: 7pm every Friday during lent at Holy Spirit Church. Jindera: 7pm every Friday during lent at St Mary's Church.

Project Compassion Caritas Australia; unite against poverty this lent by collecting your donation box, in the church entrance.

Course on The Triduum: Course, by Fr Byrnes, entering deeply into Holy Week liturgical celebrations: This Tuesday focuses on Holy Thursday and Good Friday (No Cancellations this time!) Time: 7pm. Location: Holy Spirit Meeting Room.

Young Adult Men's Group (18+): Next young adult men's group held on the 10th of April at 6pm. Fr Byrnes will speak on celebrating Easter virtuously.

Confirmation Classes commence Tuesday April 29th Holy Spirit Parish Meeting Room 3:45pm, register your child by 22nd April by contacting the parish. Confirmations will be held Sunday 1st June 10am Mass with Bishop Mark Edwards.

Monthly Talks on the Catholic Faith organised by Legion of Mary, First Friday of month 6:30 - 8:30pm Slattery Centre, Olive St, Albury. All welcome. Fr Ledinich Spiritual Director, Guest speakers, see Flyer in Porch.

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2nd Collection: Holy Spirit Parish 111056699

Social Revolution or Profound Conversion?

A superficial reading of this gospel might tend to interpret the above gospel as a defence of sin in contrast to virtue. This is far from the truth. Jesus is not a 'romantic revolutionary'. In the words of Romano Guardini, "He does not stand up for the rights of passion as against the hypocritical severity of an ancient moral code" - to view the Gospel in this light is to entirely miss the point. At the core of this incident is not social revolution, but personal conversion - of the Pharisees and of the woman.

The pharisees: The Pharisees come to Jesus with simulated virtue. In other words, they're not really virtuous or upright, and they don't really care about the law. They have brought the woman for stoning not to fulfil the law, but to trap Jesus. In this way, for the Pharisees, the woman is merely a means to an end - they do not care about the woman or her adultery. They care only to set a trap, that their own power and prestige might be preserved. This woman's sin and death are to be the means of securing what they desire. Thus Jesus attempts to move their hearts. He has them consider their own sinfulness and performs the curious action of writing in the sand. St Augustine thought that he was writing their sins in the sand, starting with the oldest and finishing with the youngest. St Jerome thought that he was convincing the woman's accusers of their own sinfulness and their their eternal hellish destiny if they refuse to repent by writing their names in the dirt, along with a passage from from Jeremiah 17:13: "All who abandon you [God] will be put to shame...they will disappear like names written in the dust." In either case, it is apparent that Jesus wants them to see their hypocrisy and their sin and repent from it.

The Woman: The woman's adultery is not accepted by Jesus. She has sinned, and in addressing the woman he by no means mitigates this reality: "Go and sin no more." Our Lord's defence of the woman is not to defend her from God's justice but from her earthly accusers and from the narrow spirit behind their law: "Does no one condemn you? Neither do I" By defending the woman from a hypocritical condemnation which seeks to define the woman by her sins, and by convicting her of her need for repentance from sin, the just and merciful Lord brings the lost woman home.



The Jubilee Year Prayer

Father in heaven,
 may the *faith* you have given us
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

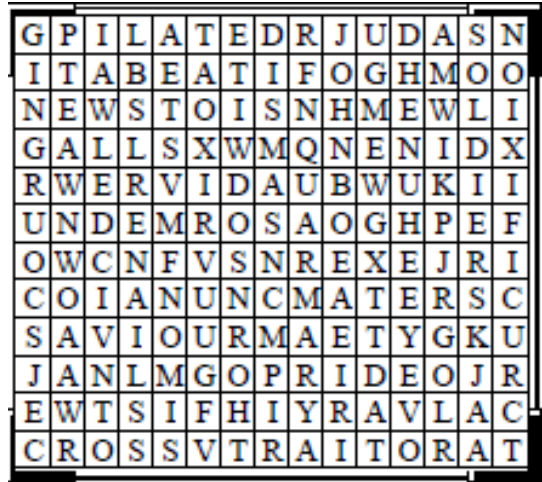
May your grace transform us
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
 Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within both
 humanity and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
 reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

Pilate, Scourging, Saviour, Nails, Cross,
 Crucifixion, Mary, Calvary, Judas, John,
 Soldiers, Passion, Peter, Dismas, Rex, Pride,
 Traitor, Thorns, Crown, Gall, Simon, News

IRISH HUMOUR

Paddy, an Irishman drinks every night at the Pub. On each occasion he orders three beers and drinks them alone in silence. One beers and drinks them alone in silence. One day the barman asked Paddy why he ordered three beers at the same time. "Tis odd, to be sure," said Paddy, "but to be Truthful, I promised my two brothers overseas that I would never drink alone but drink one in memory of them." After some time, the barman noted that Paddy was ordering and drinking only two beers. Fearful that perhaps one of his brothers may have died, he asked how the family was going. "Sure, it is, my brothers are doing fine," said Paddy. "Well, why then are you only drinking two beers Paddy?" "Why I am a Catholic, you know, and I myself have given up the beer for Lent!

FROM THE CATECHISM - CCC 1432

The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart. Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: "Restore us to thyself, O LORD, that we may be restored!" God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him. the human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

Jindera: Sunday 9 am

Weekday Mass Times	Lavington	Jindera
Mon 7 Lent	7am	7am
Tue 8 Lent	7am	7am
Wed 9 Lent	7am	8.30am
Thu 10 Lent	7am	8.30am
Fri 11 Lent	7am	9.15am
Sat 12 Lent	9.15am	8am

* *Latin Mass 1962 at 5.30pm Friday Holy Spirit*

Lavington: 6th April - 5th Sunday of Lent

6 pm Lect: M.Moriarty

Cant: B.Collins

8 am Lect: C.Tingle

Cant: L.Amarant

10am Lect: K.Boyer

Cant: Lav Choir

Cleaner: Tingle/Moriarty

Lavington: 13th April - Palm Sunday

6 pm Lect: H.S. School

Cant: M.Brosolo

8 am Lect: L.Amarant

Cant: Wall Family

10am Lect: P.Evans

Cant: Green Choir

Cleaner: Brosolo Family

Jindera: 6th April - 5th Sunday of Lent

9 am Lect: B.Green

Cant: Choir

Cleaners: Saliba/Garratt

Jindera: 13th April - Palm Sunday

9 am Lect: J.Richards/I.Smith

Cant: Choir

Cleaners: Wright/Price

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

MOTHER'S GROUP meets to pray on

Thursdays 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 Moriarty.

SACRAMENT PENANCE / CONFESSIONS

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one,
Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on,
sin no more.

FOR THE SICK *that they may be comforted and helped by God's healing power, let us pray to the*

Lord - Lynette Holmes, Kathy Millin, Brian Munk, Lisa Chandra, Annie Gosstray, Deirdre Miles, Kaye Hallcroft, Kerry Kirley, Jan Szakacs, Enid Doherty, Lorraine Mullavey, Jeremy Adeney, Anne Jones, 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 - Genevieve Black, Filomeno Picones, Rolando Lirio, Henry Corveau, Anta Vidovic, Ben Astorga, Esther Boniface, Lucas Slee, Angela Collins, Fr Jim McGee, Charles Peoples, Pat Mills, Fr Tony Loth, 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, Eng'r Santiago Castro, Shane Dickinson, Peter Rudd, Milica Jankovic.

ANNIVERSARIES

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