



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C
13TH & 14TH FEBRUARY 2016**

Jubilee Year of Mercy - Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36

“The mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality through which he reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child.”

Pope Francis

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Bulletin notices to be in by Thurs. 12pm.
(Please type/print your message clearly).



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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5.00pm
Sunday.....8.00am, 9.30am &
.....6.00pm

Weekday Mass Times:

(See bulletin for changes)

Reconciliation:

Saturday.....4.00pm - 4.30pm

Baptisms: By Appointment

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.00am

Marriages: By Appointment

St Vincent De Paul 9823 1222

Care Group

Anne Hobbs: 9601 - 7061

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Darug Clan, the Cabrogal, a sub group of the Gandangara tribe who lived in this area for over 30,000 years.

May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

Repentance alone is not enough

Repentance of itself is not enough -
grace must be available.

But if grace is offered and not accepted,
then nothing comes of that either.

There is no point in putting up a sail
if there is no wind.

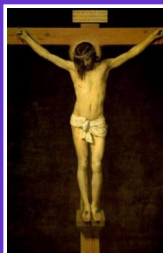
There is no point in planting a seed
if the ground is frozen.

There is no point in pruning the tree
if spring does not come.

It is not enough to cut into people's hearts
in order to save them -

they must be touched by grace.

Lord, touch our hearts with your grace,
so that we may produce the fruits of repentance.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night in the Church during Lent
from 12th February to 18th March.

Start: 7.30 pm

Please come and join us in prayer.

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9:00am Mass
Wednesday - 9:00am Mass
Thursday - 9:00am Opening School Mass for St Catherine of Siena Primary School, in School Hall at Prestons.
Friday - 9:00am Opening School Mass for St Francis Xavier Primary School, in Church.

Lenten Program 2016

Lenten discussion will begin
Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 7:00pm
in the Church meeting rooms.

If you would like to join this group you are most welcome to please place your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

“12 Hours for the Lord”

Our Parish will be spending 12 hours for the Lord with all night prayer and adoration in the church from

Friday 4th March, 7:00pm

to

Saturday 5th March 7:00am with Holy Mass

Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer are just a few ways to spend this time with Our Lord.

Tea and Coffee will be provided.

In this Year of Mercy come and spend some time with Our Lord during Lent and experience the majesty of His Mercy.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Important Dates for Catechists:

20/21 Feb, weekend masses- Catechist Sunday

Anyone interested in becoming a catechist or a helper is invited to the meeting or may contact Fr Thu, the parish office on 9607 8760, or Bibian 0403 171 528.

Lurnea Parish Care Group

First Activity for 2016 so come along and join us!
BINGO – with a Valentines theme **Friday 19th February**
10am - Cost: \$5 All Welcome.

New Reader's and Children's Liturgy Rosters available now from the Sacristy. Please collect.

Project Compassion Boxes

Please take home a Project Compassion Box and give generously. Caritas Australia through Project compassion, help to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and new hope. Boxes to be given to the Parish office after Easter. Thank you.

Preparing For The Vocation Of Marriage?

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. 14 & 15 May and 27 & 28 Aug, \$250 per couple. For more information, call 9646 9010 or go to www.caec.com.au

A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime

Prayer for the return to health of the Archbishop of Sydney the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the source of everlasting health for all who believe in You.

We ask the aid of Your tender mercy and healing grace for Archbishop Anthony so that he may be fully restored to bodily health and further serve Your Church.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Discernment Retreat for Men, 11-13 March.

A retreat for young men open to explore if God is calling them to the Priesthood. Where: Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush. Cost: \$100, registration is essential.

Enquiries/registration: <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/>.

Invitation from the Sisters of St Joseph

Saturday, 19 March 2016 Feast of St Joseph.

On this day the Sisters of St Joseph celebrate 150 years since their foundation in Penola South Australia in 1866 as a result of the dream of Mary MacKillop and Fr Tenison Woods. Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 10.00 am. For purposes of catering and printing please send your reply before 04 March to Sr Julie Simpson. Phone: 4677 1477 or 0418 674 452 and leave a message. Email: julie.simpson@sosj.org.au.



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May the souls
of the
faithful
departed rest
in peace.

Recently Deceased

Boyett Punay
Damian Burke

Anniversary

Sebastian Siatoo
Tymor Rizk
Antoinette Rizk

Deceased

Michael Fernandez

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis	Baby An Phuc Nguyen
Pat Lord	Kelvin Huitt
Margaret McKenna	Vincent Alvaro
Lauren Channon	Joyce Mifsud
Noah Rewa	Saulius David Balsys
Joseph Fakhoury	Romualdo Sansor
Patricia Kearns	Joey Alano
Dominic Mullen	Mavis Freeburn
John Bell	Gianno Punla

Please note: Names will be removed after 2 months, unless office is notified.

Mass Rosters

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	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
	5pm	8am	9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm	Nadia Acitelli Domenic Acitelli Jr	George Wright	Melinda Melham Kayley Melham	Greg Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Tracie Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Martin Ryan	Martin Manche	Phil Coleman	Tony Keir
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal, Rose Fernandez & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho			
Children's Liturgy	Michelle Keir, Maria Caridi & Janice Tran			

Second Sunday of Lent - Year C - 20th & 21st February 2016

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
	5pm	8.00am	9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Victor Tran Tony Crescini	Paul Johnson	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Colette Davies
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Agnelo Andrade Rosa Andrade Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aidan Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Phillip Roncevic Alyssa Harris	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog
Acolytes	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Tony Keir	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
Counters	Brian & June Baker			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy this week.			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: *Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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king of endless glory!**

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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