



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA  
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C  
16TH & 17TH APRIL 2016**

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

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36  
 “Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life.”  
 “The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows  
 merciful and compassionate love.” Pope Francis

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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday  
9.30am – 5.30pm



*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.

***The Vocation to Love***

The deepest wound of all is that  
 which affects the heart:  
 the feeling that one has not been loved,  
 that one is not precious to anyone.  
 Many people today are wounded at heart.  
 Each of us can do something to heal their wounds.  
 We have hands that can make things, and minds that  
 can understand things.  
 But above all we have hearts than can give life.  
 We are not sterile people.  
 We can give life to people who are inwardly broken.  
 We can show them that they are important, and so  
 bring life to them.

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday  
 is also vocations Sunday.

But all vocations are vocations to love.



**Weekday Mass Times**

<b>Monday</b>	- No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	- 9:00am Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	- 9:00am Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	- 9:00am Mass
<b>Friday</b>	- 9:00am Mass

### Parish Office

From the **30th March till the 26th April**, the Parish office will open on Tuesday's and Thursday's ONLY as Mary-Ann will be on annual leave. Maria Awad will attend to the office on these days. For emergencies please call the Parish mobile on 0420 800 194 or leave a message on 9607 8760.

### Parish Council Elections

Nominations are being called for Parish Councillors. In line with the Parish Constitution, half the Council is spilled every 18 months. This means that there are 4 positions on the Council that are open to election.

The election will take place **4-5 June** at each Mass. Nominations from interested Parishioners should be directed to the Parish Office via email at [admin@sfxlurnea.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxlurnea.org.au)

Nominations to include a short account of why you want to be on the Council and a picture of yourself.

Other Important dates:

- **29 May** - Parish Meeting (AGM) after 9.30am Mass
- **22 June** - First meeting of new Council.

### Care Group Activities

**Apologies - The Bead Making (Friday 22 April) with Mary-Ann Class has been cancelled.** Thank you to all those Parishioners that showed an interest in the activity. A class will be offered again towards the end of the year. In its place why not come along and Catch up with some Craft, Knitting and a Cuppa (10am session only). Gold coin donation.

**Friday 20 May – 10am**, Mother's Day Celebration High Tea. \$5. Lucky Door Prize and Raffles. **Guest Speaker Coming. Hosted by Lurnea Parish Care Group & Mini Vinnies.** Any Parishioners wishing to attend, would you please place your name on the attendance sheets, found at the Piety store or on the bench to the rear of the church.

### Craft Group

**Mother's Day Stall:** Get Mum that very special handmade quality gift - made by the loving hands of caring Parishioners of the Lurnea Parish Craft Group. Items are on sale before and after 3 Masses only: Saturday Vigil 30 April 5pm, Sunday 1 May 8am & 9.30am.

### Catechist Training

A compulsory Basic 1 Training is scheduled on **Monday 18 April, 10am to 2pm**, to be held in the Parish Centre. Anyone interested in being a Catechist or Helper and would like to attend this training, please contact Bibian 0403 171 528.

### St Vincent de Paul

Your kind donations of clothing and unused goods are always greatly appreciated and relied heavily upon. Unfortunately we do not have a drop-off facility at St. Francis Xavier Church, due to rubbish being dumped on site and the Society having to then pay for its removal. ***Please do not leave donations at the Church or Parish Centre.*** For your convenience, a number of Vinnies Blue Donation Bins can be found on the grounds of most shopping centres. Alternatively goods can be taken to the following addresses: LIVERPOOL Regional Office, 248 Humphries Road, Bonnyrigg 9823 1014 or Good Work Shop, 90 Cartwright Avenue, Busby (behind Miller Shopping Centre) 8783 5074. Thank you for your on-going support. *LURNEA Conference – St. Vincent de Paul Society*

### Parish Pilgrimage to St Mary's Cathedral

At the beginning of this extraordinary Year of Mercy Archbishop Fisher said "My fervent prayer is for all of Sydney's Catholics to experience the loving mercy of God through the graces and initiatives of this Jubilee Year." One of the special graces open to us is the Jubilee Indulgence, gained by passing through the Holy Door of St Mary's Cathedral. The cathedral has designated "mercy stations", sites identified along a pathway through the cathedral, that assists us to contemplate and encounter the mercy of God, including child friendly components. Fr Thu and the Liturgy Committee are planning to organise a parish pilgrimage to the cathedral on a Saturday during this year. Parishioners, who would like to be a part of this special day, please put your names and phone numbers on the form at the back of the church by the end of April so that the Liturgy Committee can organise the date and time.

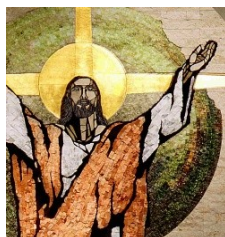
### Anzac Vigil Mass of Remembrance

The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Cathedral will be held on **Sunday 24 April at 6.00pm**. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of the Australian Defence Force members. All are welcome to attend and pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

**AMORIS LAETITIA.** On Friday, 8 April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal document called, Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home>.

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*May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Recently Deceased**

Dominic Mullen

**Anniversary**

Alexander & Maria Borg  
 Fiorina & Mario Gigante  
 Agata Spanic  
 Mary Lynn Murphy  
 Xin Cha Cau Cho Linh  
 Maria Pham Thi Cuc

**We pray for those who are sick, especially:**

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP	Lois Vigar
Fr Bill Davis	Baby An Phuc Nguyen
Pat Lord	Kelvin Huitt
Margaret McKenna	Joyce Mifsud
Lauren Channon	Saulius David Balsys
Noah Rewa	Mavis Freeburn
Joseph Fakhoury	Illuminada S. Ortanez
Patricia Kearns	Basil Maynard
John Bell	Patrick Carlsen
	Mary Azzopardi
	Michael McKelvie

*Names will be removed after 2 months, unless office is notified.*

***Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C - 16th & 17th April 2016***

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm</b>	Christina Acitelli Domenic Acitelli	Arnel Isidoro	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Kristina Williams
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Volunteer Minister	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Ryan	Martin Manche
<b>Altar Society</b>	Souad Dagher, Malein Abou Fram			
<b>Counters</b>	Brian & June Baker			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy this week.			

***Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C - 23rd & 24th April 2016***

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm</b>	Solange Fegatilli Shannon Pestana	Maureen Wright	Angie Clarkson Manulele Minute	Greg Richardson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek Donald Lobo	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Phillip Roncevic Alyssa Harris	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog
<b>Acolytes</b>	Joe Mancini	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Annette Flanagan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Judith Paglia, Patsy Cham, Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Graeme Freeburn, Shirley Heffernan, Donette Ashok Kumar			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	April Stewart, Rosetta Zaccagnini			

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### FIRST READING

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next Sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

**The word of the Lord.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

#### **A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

**The word of the Lord.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



### Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep,  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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