



ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 18TH & 19TH JULY 2015

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.

50 years Golden Jubilee - 1965 - 2015

The Year of Jubilee in both the Jewish and Christian traditions is the time of joy and celebration, the year of remission. In the Book of Leviticus (25:1-13) it says each fiftieth year is to be celebrated as a Jubilee Year. In this year every household should recover its absent members, inhabitants are encouraged to go back to their ancestral property, the land return to its former owners, the Hebrew slaves be set free and debts be remitted. The land and people are also expected to rest for this year. What a coincidence that in this first part of the Gospel this Sunday Jesus tells his disciples that they should go and have a rest and Lurnea is an Aboriginal word meaning, "here I rest". But our community includes many young working class families so they can't afford to rest at this time! In this Year of our Parish Golden Jubilee we can stop and reflect on the fact that we have received many blessings for the last 50 years. We have been graced with the presence of Christ the Good Shepherd who is caring for us as his flock. It is Christ who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" that we are following.

Although resting and reenergizing are very necessary for our spiritual lives compassion to care for others is more important than these. Seeing "a large crowd Jesus took pity on them because they were like sheep without shepherd". Contrast to this image this Sunday we are welcoming our chief shepherd His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP who is here to preside over the Eucharist to mark our Parish Golden Jubilee Year and visit us. This is his first visit to us. Almost 14 years ago we had a visit by Archbishop George Pell in September 2001. We congratulate our Archbishop on his receiving a Pallium which he will be invested on next Saturday (25 July) at St Mary's Cathedral in the presence of NSW Bishops, Clergy and the Faithful of Archdiocese of Sydney (A pallium is a woolen band with pendants in front and back worn over the chasuble by a Pope or Metropolitan Archbishop). It is a symbol that each Metropolitan Archbishop is in union of the Holy Father in sharing Episcopal authority to govern the whole Catholic Church. We pledge that we will continue to pray for our Archbishop that he may follow Christ the Good Shepherd in caring us his flock with compassionate love and have wisdom and courage to guide the Church of Sydney in this time.

I would also like to welcome our visiting Priests and Deacon. It is great that you can join with us in our celebration this weekend. A warm welcome is extended to all our guests, especially the Principals and Teachers of our local Catholic High and Primary Schools where our parish students have been studying. To many friends and many past and present parishioners who have come here for our Thanksgiving Mass and Multicultural Food and Activities afterwards, thank you. From a small Anglo-Saxon community 50 years ago in the west of Sydney St Francis Xavier Parish has now become a big and multicultural community which includes people of various backgrounds and cultures. As I said at our Dinner Dance last Friday night it is the people who form the Church. Many people have come to share their stories and be important parts of this vibrant and inclusive St Francis Xavier Community. May we continue to keep our tradition in making our Parish a welcoming community in which every member feels an important part.

Fr Thu

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9:00am Mass
Wednesday - 9:00am Mass
Thursday - 9:00am Mass
Friday - 9:00am Mass SFX
School Mass - Grandparents Mass.

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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

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50 Years Golden Jubilee

Jubilee Dinner Dance, held on Friday 17 July 2015

Our Parish's Golden Jubilee Dinner Dance went very well. There were 376 people who attending this function. Thanks to those who were involved in the preparation for the event and worked so hard for it. It was a very successful event for the parish. We will share photos soon.

Golden Jubilee Mass Sunday 19th July 2015 at 10am followed by A Multicultural Celebration

Please come join us

Please be advised there is only 1 morning Mass.

Investiture with the Pallium of the Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP

The investiture with the Pallium as the Ninth Metropolitan Archbishop of Sydney
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, 25 July 2015

Symbolism of the Pallium

As well as being a mark of communion with the Pope, the Pallium signifies the pastoral jurisdiction of the Pope and Metropolitans, and is worn at Mass on more solemn celebrations. The Pope may wear his in any place, whereas Metropolitans may wear theirs only within the boundaries of their Province. It is their insignia as the Shepherds of their flock.

Indeed, the Pallium has sometimes been beautifully described in terms of the Good Shepherd, carrying the lost sheep on his shoulders. Such a "burden" is actually the joy of the Good Shepherd, who delights in caring for the flock entrusted to him.

First Holy Communion

Parent Information Evening will be held on the 21st July 2015 at 7.00pm in the Church. All candidates parents must attend this meeting. Thank you.

Visiting Priest

We welcome Fr Johny Arattukulam, a Carmelite priest from Varroville who will celebrate the 6pm this Sunday night

Care Group's Monthly Morning Tea

'All About Herbs'

Come along and listen to an expert talk about how to grow and use fresh herbs from your garden.

Date: Friday 24th July, Time: 10am, Cost: \$5
Lucky Door and Raffle Prizes to be won.

Confirmation Photos

Collection of Confirmation photos will take place on the **2nd August after the 8am & 9.30am Masses** in the foyer of the Church and on the **6th August from 6.30pm -8pm** from the Parish Office. Please make arrangements for pick up on these days. Thank you.



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Anniversary

Gordon Whitney
Teresa Pereira
Paul Jumeau
Myriam Jumeau

Deceased

Ashley Pereira
All Souls in Purgatory
For all deceased organ donors who have saved lives

We pray for those who are sick, especial

Fr Bill Davis	Saulius David Balsys
Pat Lord	Len Douglass
Margaret McKenna	John Bell
Lauren Channon	Noon Tan
Noah Rewa	David McDougal
Joseph Fakhoury	Ana Jaksic
Patricia Kearns	Daniella Khalif
Lois Vigar	Isabella Khalif
Michael Punay	Glen Lewis
Dominic Mullan	Loreto Maria Salazar

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 18th & 19th July 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	SUNDAY		
		Golden Jubilee Mass - 10.00am		6pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Domenic Acitelli Jr Nadia Acitelli	Special Roster		Tracie Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek Volunteer Minister	Special Roster		Greg Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Special Roster		Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Tony Keir	Special Roster		Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
Counters	No counters needed this week			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			

Seventeenth Sunday on Ordinary Time - Year B - 25th & 26th July 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Tony Crescini Catherine Coleman	George Wright	Charlotte Hon Jacinta Lemalu	Frank Agostino
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 Eugene Alphonso Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Edmund Alphonso	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Joe Mancini	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Martin Ryan
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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