

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C
20TH & 21ST FEBRUARY 2016**



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*Bulletin notices to be in by Thurs. 12pm.
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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.

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

An Unquenchable Longing

All of us can experience moments of great joy because in his goodness God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come.

However, moments of joy, no matter how wonderful, will never satisfy the human heart.

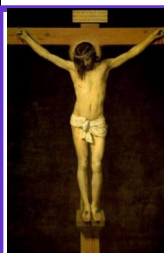
What we long for is a permanent state of happiness.

But that is unattainable here.

So what must we do?

Like desert travellers we must go forward from one oasis to another, with the conviction that God has a homeland prepared for us at the end of our journey.

This conviction will make it possible for us to travel onwards with an ache in our heart and an unquenchable longing in our soul.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Start: 7.00 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 Communion Service in Church
- 9:00am Mass Year 4 at St Catherine of Siena's School Hall at Prestons.
Friday - 9:00am Mass

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 four (4) positions on the Council that are open to election.

The election will take place over the weekend of **4-5 June** at each Mass that weekend.

Nominations from interested Parishioners should be directed to the Parish Secretary, Mary-Ann, via email at admin@sfxlurnea.org.au

Nominations should 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.

“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.

Prayer for the return to health of 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.*



Baptism

Welcome to the Faith Community,

***Domíníc Samuel Todd
& Liam Nguyen***

who are going to be Baptised this Sunday.

Congratulations to their parents, and their extended family. God Bless you.

Project Compassion Boxes

Please take home a Project Compassion Box or Envelopes and give generously. Thank you.

Care Group News

Thank you to all the Parishioners who attended this month's BINGO and for the lovely refreshments that were kindly donated.

Healing Mass

Saturday 12th March 2016 - 10am

Please join us for some light refreshments afterwards in the school hall. All welcome

EASTER RAFFLE

3 tickets for \$1

Tickets go on sale at the front of the church this weekend, so don't miss out

Lenten Program 2016 - Lenten discussion Group **Tuesday 23rd February 2016 - 7:00pm** in the Church meeting rooms.

Sacramental Team

We are looking for 4 active members of our Parish Community to volunteer to join our Sacramental Team. This position is very rewarding watching the children develop a better understanding of our faith and in turn watching them receive their Sacraments.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Mary-Ann at the Parish office on 9607 8760

Afternoon for Couples hoping to Conceive

Married couple (Catholic or other) who are hoping for children.

Where: Dooleys Waterview Club,
Silverwater Road, Silverwater.

When: Saturday 12th March 2016, 2:00pm - 4:30pm.

Please direct RSVP's and inquiries to lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone (02) 9307 8403



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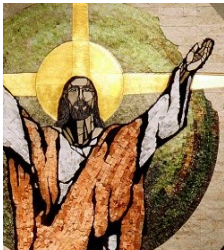
OPEN DAY

Sunday 13 March 2016
10.00am to 12.30pm

Principal's address at 11.30am
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*May the souls
of the
faithful
departed rest
in peace.*

Anniversary

Leo Maloney

Deceased

Sarina Cutrupi

Leo Pereira

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.

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

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

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 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.			

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C - 27th & 28th February 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm	Victor Tran	Estelle Standley	Angie Clarkson Manulele Minute	Tracie Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Jacinta Lemalu Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Luca Abel Lawrence Abel Alanna Alam Alyssa Alam	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Ryan	Martin Manche	Phil Coleman
Altar Society	Judith Paglia, Patsy Cham & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
Children's Liturgy	Michelle Keir, Maria Caridi & Janice Tran			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and

from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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