



50 years
Golden Jubilee

1965 - 2015

ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B 22ND & 23RD AUGUST 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.

Reflection

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence.

There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life. But our ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy.

The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of ‘The Voice’ for twenty centuries.

Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a ‘Dead Man Walking’ but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

That is why when I hear the challenge: ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’

We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a ‘Dead Man Walking’, but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

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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



Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9:00am Mass
Wednesday - 9:00am Mass
Thursday - 9:00am Mass
Friday - 9:00am SFX Year 4 Class Mass

50 Years Golden Jubilee Celebrations

St Catherine of Siena Primary School

Thank you to St Catherine of Siena School for organising a beautiful Mass last Sunday. The Church was full with standing room only. There was a great spirit of Jubilee Celebration.

Trivia Night

Trivia Night on the Saturday **22nd August 2015** in the Hall after the 5.00pm Mass. Cost: \$5.00

Hosted by the Care Group

Special Mass for the Sick
Saturday **19th September at 10am**
Followed by morning Tea.

Youth Open Air Cinema

Saturday **24th October 2015**
More details to come

Final Jubilee Celebrations

Sunday **29th October 2015**
Mass 9:30am followed by Carnival in the Park
More details to come.

Watch this space for more details as they arise.

New Ministerial Rosters

New Rosters are available in the Sacristy for readers, counters, Altar servers & Extraordinary Minister of Communion. Please collect.

Saturday Day Retreat:

Heart speaks to Heart

Presenter: Mr Stephen Miller - Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566 When: September 5
Cost: \$20 Registration: 930am – 1020am
Phone: 02 8795 3400 Email: retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
Reflections on the life of faith in the sermons of Blessed John Henry Newman.

Faith Formation

Saturday, 29 August 2015 at St Joseph's Parish Hall
Walz Street, Rockdale
Time: 9.00am – 5.30pm. Topic: Encounter Jesus in the Gospel of John. Free registration, coffee, tea and biscuits provided – bring your own lunch.
For enquiries please contact
Helen Aldana 0433 455 114 or 8964 7034.



First Holy Communion

From the 29th August to the 13th September, 143 Candidates will be making the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We ask you to keep these candidates in your prayers. May Our Lord always guide them and bless them.

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| Practice: | Tuesday 25 August at 7.00pm (Gp1) Wednesday 26 August at 6.00pm (Gp 2) Wednesday 26 August at 7.30pm (Gp 3) |
| Sacrament: | Saturday 29 August at 5.00pm Mass (Gp 1) Sunday 30 August at 9.30am Mass (Gp 2) Sunday 30 August at 11.30am Mass (Gp 3) |
| Practice: | Tuesday 1 September at 6.00pm (Gp 4) Tuesday 1 September at 7.30pm (Gp 5) |
| Sacrament: | Saturday 5 September at 5.00pm Mass (Gp 4) Sunday 6 September at 9.30am Mass (Gp 5) |
| Practice: | Tuesday 8 September at 6.00pm (Gp 6) Tuesday 8 September at 7.30pm (Gp 7) |
| Sacrament: | Saturday 12 September at 5.00pm Mass (Gp 6) Sunday 13 September at 9.30am Mass (Gp 7) |

Special Thank You

We would like to sincerely thank the Liverpool Catholic Club for their great generosity in donating the money for the installation of the PA system and Hearing Loop in our Church.

Notre Dame Open Day Saturday, 29 August 2015

Future university students will be able to get advice on course and career choices at The University of Notre Dame Australia's Open Day on Saturday 29 August 2015. From 9am to 3pm, the university will open the doors of its Broadway and Darlinghurst sites to prospective students and their families. For full event program details visit notredame.edu.au/penday



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Combined Annual Festival Mass

Liverpool Regional Council and Kingsgrove/Bankstown Council
Warmly invites Members, Volunteers, Staff, their Families and the Parish Community to join us at our Annual Festival Mass

Friday 25th September, 2015 at 7.00pm

WHERE: St Francis Xavier Church Lurnea
With Principal Celebrant Father Thu Nguyen

Co-Celebrant Father Pat McAuliffe

Liverpool Regional Council Spiritual Advisor
Light refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass
R.S.V.P. To Tricia by Friday 29th August, 2014
02 9823 1222 Email: triciaf@sydneyvinnies.org



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently Deceased

Sr Clement Phu Nguyen
Sam Reid
Michael Armel, Allen Standley

Anniversary

Michael Fernandez
Michael & Veronica Murphy
Kathleen O'Connor, Peter Ford
Alice Britton, Francesco Inzitari

Deceased

Brother Darcy Murphy
Peter Dominic Murphy
Mary Lynn Murphy
Arthur & Sheleagh Iregillgas
Michael & Agnes Cecilia Murphy

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

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| Fr Bill Davis | Saulius David Balsys |
| Pat Lord | Len Douglass |
| Margaret McKenna | John Bell |
| Lauren Channon | Daniella Khalif |
| Noah Rewa | Isabella Khalif |
| Joseph Fakhoury | Loreto Maria Salazar |
| Patricia Kearns | Baby Helena Estelle Lang |
| Lois Vigar | Fr Noel Short |
| Michael Punay | Nonet Alvarez |
| Dominic Mullen | Rafael Luis Bailon |
| Norma Johnson | Baby Nguyen |
| Allyssa Gerace | Maria Papallo |
| Julianna Alvaro | |

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

Twenty-first Sunday on Ordinary Time - Year B - 22nd & 23rd August 2015

| | SATURDAY 5pm | 8.00am | SUNDAY | |
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| | | | 9.30am | 6.00pm |
| Reader Psalm/Intercession | Merwyn Monteiro Melwyn Monteiro | George Wright | Jacinta Lemalu Charlotte Hon | Tracie Richardson |
| 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 | Charlie Casha Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister | Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro |
| Altar Servers | Jonathon Giso Julian Giso | Anthony Bui | Luca Abel Lawrence Abel | Liam Flanagan |
| Acolytes | Joe Mancini | Martin Ryan | Graeme Freeburn | John Nickel |
| Altar Society | Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha | | | |
| Counters | Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick | | | |
| Children's Liturgy | Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir | | | |

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 29th & 30th August 2015

| | SATURDAY 5pm | 8am | SUNDAY | |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | | 9.30am | 6pm |
| Reader Psalm/Intercession | Nadia Acitelli Domenic Acitelli Jr | Paul Johnson | Kayley Melham Melinda Melham | Frank Agostino |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister | Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister | Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Jane Scott | Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister |
| Altar Servers | Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli | Anthony Bui | Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel | Jordan Varghese |
| Acolytes | Tony Keir | Joe Mancini | Graeme Freeburn | Annette Flanagan |
| Altar Society | Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha | | | |
| Counters | Graeme Freeburn, Mathew Koyikalatho | | | |
| Children's Liturgy | No Children's Liturgy during First Holy Communion | | | |

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for

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her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

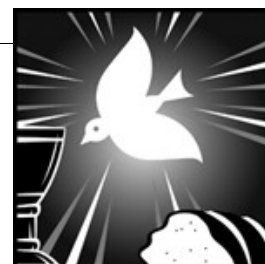
'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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