



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C
23RD & 24TH 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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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.

Gracious and loving God,

We remember all who lost their lives through Australia’s involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

On ANZAC Day, we especially remember the courageous actions undertaken by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during the First World War. On this national day of commemoration, we pray for the airmen, sailors and soldiers who died in battle, sacrificing their lives while on duty. We commemorate their bravery and pray for the families who lost loved ones.

As we strive for peace in our country and world, help us to become instruments of your peace.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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.

Weekday Mass Times

Monday	- No Mass
Tuesday	- 9:00am Mass
Wednesday	- 9:00am Mass
Thursday	- 9:00am Mass
Friday	- 9:00am Mass

**Jubilee Year of Mercy
Exposition & Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 7 May, 3pm - 4pm.

Everybody is invited to spend an hour with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for private prayer and adoration.



Baptisms

Welcome to the Faith Community,

*Melanie Veronica Williamson
Maximilian Hunter Barbara
Cameron Edward D'Cruz
Levi Charles Gladwin
Maddison Marie Simao
Alyssa Hope Terranova
Aaron Ba Nam Nguyen*

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

St Catherine of Siena Feast Day

April 29



Heavenly Father, your glory is in your saints. We praise your glory in the life of the admirable St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church. Her whole life was a noble sacrifice inspired by an ardent love of Jesus, your unblemished Lamb. In troubled times she strenuously upheld the rights of His beloved spouse, The Church. Father, honour her merits and hear her prayers for each of us, and for our whole parish family dedicated to her. Help us to pass unscathed through the corruption of this world, and to remain unshakably faithful to the church in word, deed, and example. Help us always to see in the Vicar of Christ an anchor in the storms of life, and a beacon of light to the harbour of your Love, in this dark night of your times and men's souls. Grant also to each of us our special petition . . . (pause to pray for your own intentions).

We ask this through Jesus, your Son, in the bond of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

St. Catherine of Siena, Pray for us.

Care Group Activities

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.

St Vincent de Paul News

Vinnies Youth Group: Do you want to do something to make a difference within your Parish and wider Community? Would you like to develop new skills, enhance your self confidence? All this while having fun with other Youth within your Parish Community. Some of the Vinnies Volunteering opportunities include Kids Camps, Buddies Days, SPARK Refugee tutoring program. Social Activities include movie, pizza or games nights, picnics, day trips, music ensembles and much more. Lurnea Vinnies Youth Group is open to any person between the ages of 15 and 24 years. You will be trained and supported in all Volunteer work and there are so many ways that you can make a difference in your Parish. For more details please phone Kim 0401 164 177 or Kim.Heckenberg@vinnies.org.au.

Winter Appeal: Watch this space for more details.

Parish Pilgrimage to St Mary's Cathedral

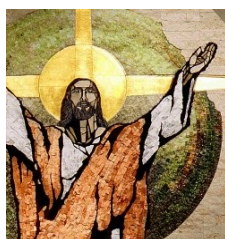
At the beginning of this extraordinary Year of Mercy Archbishop Fisher said "My fervent prayer is for all of Sydney's Catholics to experience the loving mercy of God through the graces and initiatives of this Jubilee Year." One of the special graces open to us is the Jubilee Indulgence, gained by passing 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.

**Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
National Attendance Count 2016**

Beginning next weekend **30 April/ 1 May** and for 4 weeks, we must take Mass Counts at each of our Masses. In order to do this, we need at least 4 volunteers at each Mass. Ideally these volunteers would be able to assist for the 4 weeks. If you can help, please see Fr Thu after Mass this weekend.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF).

The fund supports our community via its agencies' social, advocacy and training programs. We ask you to kindly support this appeal **next weekend 30 April & 1 May**. Our Parish quota is \$9,100 per appeal.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently Deceased
 Maria Ruggeri - Tacca
 Fr Joseph Luan Trong Dinh
 Dominic Mullan

Deceased
 Mirella Flammia

Anniversary
 Cath Sweeney
 Paul & Myriam Jumeau

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.

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

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am		6pm
Reader Psalm	Solange Fegatilli Shannon Pestana	Maureen Wright	Angie Clarkson Manulele Minute	Greg Richardson	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	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	
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Phillip Roncevic Alyssa Harris	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog	
Acolytes	Joe Mancini	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Annette Flanagan	
Altar Society	Judith Paglia, Patsy Cham, Charlie Casha				
Counters	Graeme Freeburn, Shirley Heffernan, Donette Ashok Kumar				
Children's Liturgy	April Stewart, Rosetta Zaccagnini				

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C - 30th April & 1st May 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am		6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Merwyn Monteiro Melwyn Monteiro	Arnel Isidoro	Eugene Alphonso Aaron Alphonso	Tracie Richardson	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Agnelo Andrade Rosa Andrade Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Jacinta Lemalu Janice Tran 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 Alannah Alam Alyse Alam	Liam Flanagan	
Acolytes	Martin Manche	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Ryan	
Altar Society	Souad Dagher, Malein Abou Fram				
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman, Evelyn Ticsay				
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy this week.				

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

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SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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