



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C
6TH & 7TH FEBRUARY 2016**

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

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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.

Reflection

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate,
but that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, “Who am I to be brilliant,
gorgeous, talented and fabulous?”

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God.

Your playing small doesn't serve the world.

There's nothing enlightened about shrinking

So that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are born to make manifest the Glory of God that is within us.

Its not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,

We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear,

Our presence automatically liberates others.

(From the inaugural speech of Nelson Mandela)

Ash Wednesday - 10th February 2016

Mass Times

9:00am Mass at St Francis Xavier Church
with SFX school and neighbouring high schools
Students that belong to Lurnea Parish.

12:00pm Mass at St Catherine of Siena School Hall, Prestons
for Yrs 3,4,5 & 6.

7:30pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Church

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9:00am Mass

Wednesday - 9:00am Mass

Thursday - 9:00am Mass

Friday - 9:00am Mass

“12 Hours for the Lord”

Our Parish will be spending 12 hour 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.

The Xt3 Mercy Themed Lent Calendar App 2016

is now available to download. Visit: www.xt3.com/len or search for “Xt3 Lent” in the Google Play or Apple App store. Also don’t forget to download the Archdiocese of Sydney App for news, events, Mass times and more.

The Centre For Christian Spirituality

has an upcoming faith formation event open to the public. John Cassian 4th-5th Century monk presented by Bishop David Walker at The Centre for Christian Spirituality 14 Frances St, Randwick. Wednesday nights: 3 February, 2016 - 7.00-8.30pm. Course Cost: \$30.

Online Bookings:

<http://trybooking.com/JUUK> Direct Bookings: 9398 2211 or sally@thecentre.com.au.

Lenten Program 2015

Lenten discussion will begin

Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 7:00pm

in the Church meeting rooms.

If you would like to join this group you are most welcome to please place your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

Cuts from Bishop Peter Ingham’s Statement on the release of the film “SPOTLIGHT”

The film, *Spotlight*, which is the story of child sexual abuse by clergy in the Archdiocese of Boston, USA, has been released in cinemas across Australia. The film sheds light on the extraordinary lengths to which the Archdiocese of Boston went to cover up the activities of paedophile priests and silence victims.

Reviews by Fr Richard Leonard SJ from the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting summaries well the importance of *Spotlight*. “This is one of the angriest films you will ever see. *Spotlight* is an occasion for holy, righteous anger and every adult Catholic should see it.....” “Why go and see this very tough and demanding film? Because victims and their families deserve it. Whether we like it or not, now we are all in the spotlight.....”

Vatican Radio commentator, Luca Pellegrini, noted that the Catholic Church should not be wary of a film about its past failures. I concur with Fr Leonard and Mr Pellegrini’s sentiments. I renew my heartfelt apology to victims of sexual abuse by Catholic Church personnel.

I affirm again the importance of the film, *Spotlight*, and I encourage people to see it. I invite all people to join in prayer that our combined efforts may lead to the greater protection of children and vulnerable people, and to justice and healing for victims of sexual abuse.

Most Rev Peter W Ingham DD
Bishop of Wollongong

Important Dates for Catechists:

13 Feb, Saturday at 12:30pm - 2:00pm

First meeting of the year, to held in the parish meeting room.

20/21 Feb, weekend masses- Catechist Sunday

Anyone interested in becoming a catechist or a helper is invited to the meeting or may contact Fr Thu, the parish office on 9607 8760, or Bibian 0403 171 528.

Lurnea Parish Care Group

First Activity for 2016 so come along and join us!

BINGO – with a Valentines theme

Friday 19th February - 10am All Welcome.

\$5 – covers the cost of all games and refreshments

Happy New Year

to the Vietnamese, Chinese & Korean people who are celebrating their New Lunar Year on Monday 8th February 2016, the Year of the Monkey.



CHÚC MỪNG NĂM MỚI BÌNH THÂN



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently Deceased

Barbara Margaret Oxley
Marcel Sarkis Bains

Anniversary

Jessica Madden
Claude Jumeau

Deceased

Paul, Angelique, Claude & Myriam
Jumeau

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.

Mass Rosters

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 6th & 7th February 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Merwyn Monteiro Melwyn Monteiro	Paul Johnson	Charlotte Hon Jacinta Lemalu	Tracie Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aidan Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Luca Abel Lawrence Abel Alanna Alam Alyssa Alam	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog
Acolytes	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	Rosetta Zaccagnini & April Stewart			

First Sunday of Lent - Year C - 13th & 14th February 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm	Nadia Acitelli Domenic Acitelli Jr	George Wright	Melinda Melham Kayley Melham	Greg Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Tracie Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Martin Ryan	Martin Manche	Phil Coleman	Tony Keir
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal, Rose Fernandez & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho			
Children's Liturgy	Michelle Keir, Maria Caridi & Janice Tran			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins.

in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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