



50 years  
Golden Jubilee

1965 - 2015

# ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 8TH & 9TH 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

Your mother and my mother,  
carrying her baby in the womb for nine months,  
effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.'  
A mother able to breastfeed continues this communion  
as she offers her body to give life to her child.

Our Lord Jesus Christ adopts maternal language  
to express his deepest desire for us!  
He gives us his risen and glorified Humanity:  
'Take, eat, this is my body', and a sort of life-giving mutual  
indwelling occurs: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
abide in me and I in them.' This is as intimate as a  
baby dwelling in the womb of its mother.  
As St Paul put it in a different context,  
'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

The Saviour of the World, the Conqueror of Death,  
dwells in my body and I dwell in his glorified body.  
This gives us 'eternal life' which is not something  
which begins after death, but is simply a label  
for Our Lord's Divine human life which we can share right  
now. However, because it is the life of the  
Conqueror of Death it will certainly impel us beyond the grave:  
'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could take a moment to pray to more fervently realise  
and take advantage of the fact that, at every Mass,  
we can respond to the invitation to come forward to  
Holy Communion so as to be enwombed in the maternal Christ.

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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**

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## Weekday Mass Times

<b>Monday</b>	- No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	- 9:00am Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	- 9:00am Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	- 9:00am Communion Service in Church - 9:00am Whole School Mass at SCOS Prestons.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Day of Obligation</b> - 9:00am Whole School Mass with SFX school. - 7:30pm Mass Vigil
<b>Saturday</b>	- 9:00am Mass of The Assumption.

## 50 Years Golden Jubilee

As a part of our Golden Jubilee Celebration, the month of August we will be holding 2 events.

### *St Catherine of Siena Primary School*

St Catherine of Siena School will be celebrating Mass with the Parish on **Sunday 16th August at the 9.30am Mass** for our Golden Jubilee. Please come along and join in our special celebrations and morning tea following, hosted by STCOS School.

### *Trivia Night*

The Parish will be hosting a **Trivia Night on the 22nd August 2015 after the 5.00pm Mass.**

Gather a group of family and friends to make up teams of 6. Ages from 10 years and up.

Cost will be \$10 per person. (Entry and dinner)  
Fun Night Planned with plenty of prizes.

To show your interest, please place your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

*Put on your thinking caps and come along*

### *Toddler Times:*

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1:40-2:45pm (Art/Craft)  
Children and parents meet outside **St Catherine of Siena's school hall.**



“Toddler Times” is a great opportunity for small children (Age 3-5) to learn to socialise while developing their

creative skills. This is a valuable experience especially for pre-schoolers in helping to ease the transitioning into kindergarten. It can also be great for Mums and Dads, offering a chance to chat in a supportive environment. If you would like to attend any of these sessions **please email me** with the **number** of children and their **ages**.

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### *First Holy Communion*

Over the next 4 weeks, 145 Candidates will be preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. At each Mass Fr Thu will ask the children who are receiving the Sacrament to come up and collect tokens off him as part of their preparation and understanding of the Sacrament.

We ask you to keep these candidates in your prayers. May Our Lord always guide them and bless them.

## *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*



We welcome

***Amanda Patricia Yi and  
Jodie Anne Nesci***

into our Catholic Faith Community. May you rejoice in the Lord always receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. Congratulations to you and your loved ones. May God Bless you both.

### *Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal.*

We are grateful to our parishioners for generously supporting last weekend's appeal. Your donations make it possible for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to contribute in positive ways to many lives every year. **We raised approx. \$4,300.00.**

Thank you and may God bless you and your loved ones.

### *Archdiocese of Sydney App now avail.*

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has released a Smartphone App for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. Download the App for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores.

### *Congratulations*

to Donald Lobo and Evelyn Ticsay who completed a program of Spiritual Formation and Liturgical training to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

### *2015 Memorial Mass for the Unborn*

*On this day, in New South Wales, eighty-two babies will have their lives ended through abortion.*

*On this day, we will lose eighty-two sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and grandchildren.*

*On this day, many mothers and fathers will begin a search for healing that can last a lifetime.*

In commemoration of this profound loss and in solidarity with bereaved mothers and fathers, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate the **annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn at 7:00pm on Friday 11th September at St Mary's Cathedral.** The Mass will bring the Catholic community together to remember and pray for all those touched by abortion. During the Mass eighty-two candles will be brought forward in remembrance of the lives lost to abortion each day in New South Wales.

There will also be an acknowledgement of all those who have lost children to miscarriage during the Mass.



*May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

***Anniversary***

Graham Smith  
 Kath Farley  
 Elsie Ariola  
 Laura Acasio  
 Renae Regan  
 Oscar Falcaton  
 Marcelo, Serafin & Lourdes Fermin  
 Lou Sheff

***We pray for those who are sick, especially:***

Fr Bill Davis	Saulius David Balsas
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	

***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin***

***Mary - Holy Day of Obligation***

**15th August 2015 - Mass Times**

Friday - 7.30pm  
 Saturday - 9.00am

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

***Nineteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time - Year B - 8th & 9th August 2015***

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm/Intercession</b>	Domenic Acitelli Christina Acitelli	Maureen Wright	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Greg Richardson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Jane Scott	Tracie Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
<b>Acolytes</b>	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Graeme Freeburn	Annette Flanagan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Brian & June Baker			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

***Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 15th & 16th August 2015***

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm/Intercession</b>	Solange Fegatilli Shannon Pestana	Shirley Heffernan	Angie Clarkson Manulele Minute	Collette Davies
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson	Jordan Varghese
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tony Keir	Martin Manche	Martin Ryan	Annette Flanagan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Renee Lauric and Janice Tran			

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of 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. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness.

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Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL**

A reading from the gospel according to John.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:  
They will all be taught by God,  
and to hear the teaching of the Father,  
and learn from it,  
is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,  
except the one who comes from God:  
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,  
everybody who believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert  
and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,  
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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