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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

Prayer Group:
Thursdays..... 7.30pm - 8.15pm

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Care Group
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ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR B 10TH & 11TH JANUARY 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

There are many vocations in the Church.
But the most important one of these is the one
we receive at Baptism, namely,
The vocation to be a disciple of Jesus.
Lord, give us joy in the profession of our faith, and
may we live in faith in such a way
That the world will know that we are your disciples.

*May the message of Christ, in all its richness,
find a home in you.
May you live a life worthy of your
Christian calling, so that you may share
Christ's glory in heaven.
May the Lord, who is faithful, strengthen and
guard you from the evil one.*



Weekday Mass Times

<i>Monday</i>	- No Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	- 9.00am Mass
<i>Wednesday</i>	- 9.00am Mass
<i>Thursday</i>	- 9.00am Communion Service
<i>Friday</i>	- 9.00am Mass

Parish Office Hours for January 2015

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	OPEN 6	OPEN 7	8	9	10
11	12	OPEN 13	OPEN 14	OPEN 15	16	17
18	19	OPEN 20	OPEN 21	OPEN 22	23	24
25	26	OPEN 27	OPEN 28	OPEN 29	30	31

January 2015 - days open from 9.30am - 5.30pm

From **February 2015** the office will resume its normal hours from

Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Fr Thu will be away in January.

In the case of any emergency and you require a priest while parish office is closed, please call or text Mary-Ann on the Parish mobile number

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and arrangements will be made. Thank you.

For Laughs.....

A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church.

Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

Catholic Weekly issue - 11 January

- A pope so great that Canada has given him his own special day
- To the moon and back – in the hands of God
- 2015 Synod survey now ready online
- Use 'holy cunning' to safeguard your faith: pope's Epiphany homily
- Runs on the board for Notre Dame University
- New cardinals include one each from Tonga, New Zealand
- Cardinal condemns forced 'reconversion' of Christians, Muslims in India
- All that you were to us: touching tributes to people who mattered
- Editorial, letters
- Vista: what's on in your parish and diocese

Working with Children's Check

An URGENT request for all Working with Children's Check for Acolytes, Catechist, Children's Liturgy Team & Sacramental Team.

Please go to: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

Once you receive your WWC number please forward to the parish office with your Date of Birth.

This is very important the office receives all your Working with Children's Check Numbers by the 27th January as you will no longer be able to continue in your ministry if we have not verified you with our parish.

Please do not ignore this request as the Government agencies have a closing date for all Church related work.

If you do not know what to do please contact Mary-Ann at the Parish office for help.

SFX Volunteers Needed

We are looking for new volunteers in our parish.

If you have any time available for the following Ministries please fill in your details on the form at the back of the church.

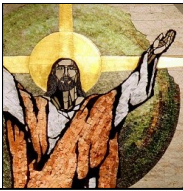
- Readers for Masses
- Extraordinary Minister of Communion
- Counters
- Liturgy Committee
- Sacramental Team
- Altar Servers

If you would like to help out in the parish with one of your many talents please give the parish office a call.

For Laughs.....

A very drunk man stumbles upon the local Baptist minister conducting his Sunday service down by the river. He proceeds to venture into the water and stand next to the minister. The minister turns, notices the man and says, 'Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?' The man looks back and says, 'Yes Reverend, I am.' The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. 'Have you found Jesus?' the minister asks. 'No, I didn't!' replies the man. The minister then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, 'Now brother, have you found Jesus?' 'No, I did not!' says the drunken man again. Disgusted, the minister holds the man under for at least thirty seconds this time, brings him up and demands, 'For the grace of God, have you found Jesus yet?' The man wipes his eyes and pleads, 'Are you sure this is where he fell in?'

Richard Leonard SJ.



We remember our deceased relatives and friends...

Recently Deceased

Yen Thi Kim Tran
Leander Rodrigues

Anniversaries

Barry Strauss
Domingo Timonera Sr
Conchita Anderson

Deceased

Jack Bell
Mary Bell
Irene Gillham
Reginan Gillham

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis,	Joyce Mifsud,
Margaret McKenna,	Pat Lord,
Marcel Bains,	Patricia Kearns,
Noah Rewa,	Sr. Regina McInerney R.S.M
Joseph Fakhoury	Philomena Filippi
John Bell,	Yvonne Howes
Joe Moore,	Bill Howlett
Lucienne Baeta,	Lauren Channon
Riley Maloney,	Paese Tuiletufuga
Josephine Caligiuri,	Leandro Fermin
Alida Salloum,	Dolores Fermin
Marion Aquilina	Lourdes Gacayan
Pat Pantaleo	

Please note: Names will be removed from the sick list after 2 months, unless parish office is notified. Thankyou

Baptism of the Lord - Year B - 10th & 11th January 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Domenic Acitelli Jr Nadia Acitelli	Shirley Heffernan Vince Carrabs	Charlotte Hon Jacinta Lemalu	Kristina Williams Collette Davies
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Jane Scott	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Jordan Varghese Stephanie Anderson	Volunteers
Acolytes	Phil Coleman	Martin Ryan	Graeme Freeburn	John Nickel
Altar Society	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephan & Therese Puskas, Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 17th & 18th January 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Tony Crescini Catherine Coleman	George Wright Maureen Wright	Kayley Melham Melinda Melham	Greg Richardson Tracie Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Barry Bolton Olga Sipek	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Graeme Freeburn	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR B

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.
Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the
heavens and do not return without watering the earth,
making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the
sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes
from my mouth does not return to me empty, without
carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent
to do.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: You will draw water joyfully from the
springs of salvation.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them know to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been
begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child that he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is -
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world -
our faith. Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness -
since the Spirit is the truth -
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.
We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark
In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said,
'Someone is following me, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and
undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with wa-
ter, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'
It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in
Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner
had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens
torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him.
And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the
Beloved; my favour rests on you.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

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