



ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

21ST & 22ND MARCH 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

The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement.

It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.

This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.

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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

St Vincent De Paul 9823 1222

Care Group
Anne Hobbs: 9601 - 7061

Holy Week & Easter Mass Times

Palm Sunday - Weekend Mass times as per usual
Holy Thursday - 7.30pm
Good Friday - 10:00am Stations of the Cross
- 3:00pm The Passion of Our Lord
Easter Saturday - 7:00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday - 8:00am & 9:30am

Note: No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9:00am Mass
Wednesday - 9:00am Mass
Thursday - 9.00am Communion Service - SFX Church
- 9.00am Kindergarten Visits at SCOS
Prestons.
Friday - 9.00am Mass

St Francis Xavier's 50 Years Golden Jubilee

Jubilee Dinner Dance, 17 July 2015,
will be held at the Macquarie Paradiso Function
Centre, Macquarie St, Liverpool.
6.30pm till Midnight.

Ticket will be \$50.00 per head.
Pensioners \$40.00 per head

The night will include:

*** 3 Course Meal:**

Entrée - unlimited Mezza

Mains - Alternate Chicken and Meat Dishes

Dessert - Cake, Tea & Coffee

*** Beverages:** unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks

*** Entertainment**

*** Travel in time** - the history of our parish.

Tickets will go on Sale after Easter, so start
gathering your family and friends to make up tables
of 8 and come along to this eventful night.

The parish will subsidise the difference with each ticket sold,
as we were charged \$55.00 per head.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sunday 24 May	Pentecost Sunday - Mass 9am St Francis Xavier Church followed by a BBQ and Morning Tea
Sunday 14 June	St Francis Xavier School Celebration at Sunday 9.30am Mass at SFX Church. Followed by Morning Tea
Friday 17 July	Jubilee Dinner Dance Macquarie Paradiso Function Centre. Macquarie St, Liverpool.
Sunday 19 July	Golden Jubilee Celebrations Main Event Combined Mass at 10am with distinguished guests. Followed by Multicultural Festivities on Parish grounds
Sunday 16 August	St Catherine of Siena School Celebration at Sunday 9.30am Mass at SFX Church. Followed by Morning Tea
Saturday 22 August	Parish Trivia Night after the 5pm Mass in the hall.
Saturday 19 September	Care Groups - Healing Mass for the Sick with celebrations to follow. TBA
Saturday 24 October	Youth Open Air Cinema After 5pm Mass
Sunday 29 November	Feast of St Francis Xavier Mass 9.30am followed by Picnic TBA

Watch this Space for more details as each event is announced.

Mass of Reconciliation for Easter
Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm

Ministries for Holy Week

If you would like to be involved in any ministry during Holy week, please fill in your details on the forms at the back of the church. Thank you.

Easter Saturday - 4th April at 9am

Helpers needed to decorate the church for Easter. The use of a ladder will be required. Thankyou.

Exposition & Benediction

1st Thursday of the Month 7.30 - 8.30pm
to pray for the 2015 Synod on the Family.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7.30pm during Lent and will conclude on the 27th March.

Palms Needed

If you can supply palms for Palm Sunday Masses or if you need help with trimming branches from your olive or palm trees please contact the parish office and we will send out our team on volunteers.

Helpers Needed:

If you are able to help trim palm trees on Saturday 28th March at 10am please contact the parish office.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Reconciliation this week.
145 children in total will be making their Sacrament.
God bless you all as you receive each sacrament.

NSW 2015 State Election Guide

Archbishop Anthony Fisher has sent a guide for the state election that will be held on the 28th March 2015. This guide shares the policies of major political parties on life issues, marriage, family, religious freedom and education.

Please pick up your guide from the foyer of the Church to help with your voting decision next week.

Adult Faith Formation 2015

St Teresa of Avila 2: Bishop David Walker DD, Emeritus Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, will deliver teachings on St Teresa of Avila. The Centre for Christian Spirituality, 14 Frances St, Randwick. St Teresa of Avila 2: The Interior Castle. Dates: **Wednesdays: 29 April, 6 & 13 May 2015, 7.00 – 8.30pm.** Course Cost: \$25. To register: <http://trybooking.com/GVFO>.



Recently Deceased

Cecil Jaleco
Leandro Fermin
Boutros Bou Fram

Anniversaries

Domenico Stambe
Olimpia Rose Stambe

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,
Noah Rewa,	Patricia Kearns,
Joseph Fakhoury	Yvonne Howes
Len Douglass,	Lauren Channon
Lucienne Baeta,	Paese Tuiletufuga
Riley Maloney,	Jim Barrett
Josephine Caligiuri,	Grezzju Grech
Alida Salloum,	Saulius David Balsys
Marion Aquilina	Fr Peter Quilty
Helen Rizk	

We remember our deceased relatives and friends...

Children's Liturgy

There will be a break from Children's Liturgy from Holy week till the end of School Holidays.

Concludes 22 March and will resume 26 April.

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

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	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Domenic Acitelli Jr Nadia Acitelli	Vince Carrabs Rosa Andrade	Angie Clarkson Charlotte Hon	Frank Agostino Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli Jacqueline Scully Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem 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	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Martin Ryan	Graeme Freeburn	Phil Coleman	Martin Manche
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Brian & June Baker			
Children's Liturgy	Renee Lauric & Volunteers needed for this day			

Palm Sunday - Year B - 28th & 29th March 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Jacqueline Scully Victor Tran	Shirley Heffernan	Eugene Alphonso Aaron Alphonso	Frank Agostino Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Jacinta Lemalu Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Edmund Alphonso	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Joe Mancini	Phil Coleman	Martin Ryan	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
Children's Liturgy	No children's liturgy this week.			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come

for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly,

unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;

but if it dies,

it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;

anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,

wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this
hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I
will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap
of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to
him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this
voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;

now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he
would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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