



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
24TH & 25TH 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.

Reflections

There is a story about a holy rabbi.
In the town where he lived, the houses of the rich stood
in an isolated area so that they had to hire men to
watch over their property at night.
Late one evening as the rabbi was coming home he
met a watchman walking up and down.
‘For whom are you working?’ the rabbi asked.
The man told him and then inquired in his turn, ‘And
for whom are you working for, Rabbi?’
The words struck the rabbi like a shaft. ‘I am not
working for anyone just now,’ he barely managed to
say. Then he walked up and down beside the man for a
long time. ‘Will you be my servant?’ he finally asked.
‘I should like to,’ the man replied, ‘but what would be
my duties?’ ‘To ask me that question every
now and then,’ said the Rabbi.
It’s a question each of us might ask ourselves every
now and then: Who or what am I working for?

*One day a man came upon Michelangelo as he was
chipping away with his chisel at a block of marble, and
he asked him what he was doing. ‘I’m releasing the
angel imprisoned in the marble,’ he replied.
A task without a vision (purpose) is drudgery. A vision
without a task is a dream.*



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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

Weekday Mass Times

***Monday** - No Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am Mass
Wednesday - 9.00am Mass
Thursday - 9.00am Communion Service
Friday - 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

From **February 2015** the office will resume its normal hours from Tue - Fri 9.30am - 5.30pm. In the case of any emergency while parish office is closed, please call or text Mary-Ann on the Parish mobile number **0450 034 454**. Thank you.

Catholic Weekly issue of 25 January

- Pope, cardinal sign 'I love you!' to Manila crowd: papal visit in pictures
- Apostle of Sri Lanka canonised: papal visit in pictures
- Chaldeans want to quit Iraq but keep their faith, says new eparch
- Deacons of hope in a blighted land
- Family, faith, hope, home – all hobbit-forming: Archbishop's homily
- From pope's installation Mass to youth apostolate 'engine room'
- Conversation, courtship and cordon bleu cuisine
- Oh, Brother! How a question to a pilgrim led to his profession

SYNOD FAMILY SURVEY.

Just a reminder the 2015 Synod family survey is open to all parishioners. This second survey comprises 30 questions for the consideration and response of the faithful. This can be done electronically at www.sydneycatholic.org/survey2015 or by hard copy to the Life, Marriage and Family Centre, Level 11, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney 2000. All responses need to be received by COB 2 February 2015 so that they can be consolidated and sent to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference before they are sent on to the Synod Secretariat in Rome.

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.

New Rosters Available now

New Rosters for Eucharistic Minister of Communion, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Counters & Children's Liturgy are now available for pick up from the Sacristy.

If you would like to volunteer for these ministries please contact the parish office.

Sara's Place

Sara's Place offers care, support and love to women needing support in pregnancy or those who may be grieving after an abortion. Services are free, compassionate and non-judgmental, and no Medicare is required. Call or drop into the centre anytime Monday to Friday, from 9.30 am to 4.15 pm. Sara's Place is located at 135 Devonshire St, Surry Hills (5 minute walk from Central Station). Telephone 9699 8190, email pregnantalternatives@gmail.com or visit www.sarasplace.org.au.

'DATING & DEGUSTATION'

An event hosted by Catholic Youth Services for young men and women between 25-35 to meet new people whilst sharing the exquisite degustation menu provided by our friends at the Radisson Blu Hotel Sydney. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased via trybooking.com/GNDG. The evening will be held on 14 February 2015, and will consist of a six course degustation menu, drinks on arrival and throughout the night. We encourage all single men and women to come and to bring along a friend. Numbers are strictly limited and RSVP's are due by 06 February 2015. We hope you can join us for an evening of delicious food and wine and many new faces. For more information email events@catholicyouthservices.org.



We remember our deceased relatives and friends...

Recently Deceased

Paul Kerr
Reg Lyong
Ma Therese Soh
Fiorina Gigante

Anniversaries

Claude Jumeau
Myriam Jumeau
Paulino De Guzman
Leanne Marie Beehag

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	Yvonne Howes
John Bell,	Bill Howlett
Joe Moore,	Lauren Channon
Lucienne Baeta,	Paese Tuiletufuga
Riley Maloney,	Leandro Fermin
Josephine Caligiuri,	Dolores Fermin
Alida Salloum,	Lourdes Gacayan
Marion Aquilina	Pat Pantaleo
Tess Estrella Soh	Marion Aquilina

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 24th & 25th January 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Domenic Acitelli Christina Acitelli	Justin Marcellienus Jessica Marcellienus	Jacinta Lemalu	Colette Davies Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Phil Coleman	Martin Manche	Martin Ryan	Graeme Freeburn
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Brian & June Baker			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 31st January & 1st February 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Shannon Pestana Solange Fegatilli	Vince Carrabs	Charlotte Hon Jacinta Lemalu	Colette Davies Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katarina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Jane Scott	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Edmund Alphonso	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	John Nickel	Graeme Freeburn	Tony Keir	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Doreen Coleman & Catherine Coleman			
Children's Liturgy	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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