



ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B 2ND & 3RD MAY 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

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world. Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

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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

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

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Care Group
Anne Hobbs: 9601 - 7061

Weekday Mass Times

Monday	- No Mass
Tuesday	- 9:00am Mass
Wednesday	- 9:00am Mass
Thursday	- 9:00am Kindergarten - Liturgy of the Word SCOS Prestons - 9:00am Communion Service in SFX Church
Friday	- 9:00am SFX School Mass

St Francis Xavier's 50 Years Golden Jubilee

Jubilee Dinner Dance, 17 July 2015
Black Tie event

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Macquarie Paradiso Function Centre,
279 Macquarie St, Liverpool.
(Parking Northumberland St Carpark)

Ticket will be \$50.00 per head.

Pensioners \$40.00 per head.

Pension Cards to be shown at time of purchase.

Limit of 1 tickets per pension card.

Tickets are being sold now. To purchase tickets please see Fr Thu after each weekend Mass or contact the parish office to purchase your tickets. Credit Card payments available from the parish office only.



Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal

This weekend is the CWF appeal which continues to play an important role in providing social, pastoral, advocacy and training programs through its 6 agencies. The CWF is your Catholic charity and we encourage you to give it your generous support.

Couples, families, refugees, migrants, our future priests, Catholic public school children, the deaf and hearing impaired are just some of the people you are helping by supporting the CWF. There is so much which can be done with your donations, so please give generously.

Care Group- Mothers Day High Tea

When: Friday 22 May

Time: 10am-12.30pm **Cost:** \$5

Where: Parish rooms at back of church

Must register on sheets at back of church or in the Piety Stall by Sunday 17 May for catering purposes.

Craft Group News

The Craft Group will hold their Mother's Day Stall this weekend after all Masses except Sunday night.

Please come along and purchase gifts,
Hand Made with Love.

Clancy Catholic College Enrolments for 2016

Families wishing to enrol students for year 7 2016, that all applications need to be returned to the College by Friday 8th May.

Scholarships for Post School Education and Career Growth

On behalf of the Parish of St Francis Xavier, the Parish Council is calling for expressions of interest for the Post School Education and Career Growth Scholarship. The candidate must be completing their Higher School Certificate in 2015 and belong to the St Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea.

The Criteria for the Scholarships are listed below:

Pre-requisites

- Practicing Catholic and must belong to St Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea.
- Need based – Scholarship to assist student in further study or career growth.
- Currently must be completing Year 12.

Process

Students are to apply for the scholarship by the end of **Term 2**. As part of this process they are required to write a letter to Fr Thu and the Parish Council explaining the reasons for their application and how the scholarship would assist in further education or professional growth in their chosen careers.

Fr Thu and an appointed member of the Parish Council Scholarships Sub-Committee will interview the candidates. Please forward your letter to:

admin@sfxlurnea.org.au

Walk with Christ - Feast of Corpus Christi

**Sydney's annual procession of the
Blessed Sacrament. 10 Year Anniversary.**

Sunday 7 June 2015

Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Starts: St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard.

Ends: St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.

Please fill in your Personal Prayer Petitions in the Book of Life in the foyer of the Church.

Exposition & Benediction

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

Bible Course

After Pentecost, on the four Wednesday evenings of June 3, 10, 17 and 24, a short introductory bible course will be held at All Saints Liverpool. Each session will be about 1.5 hours commencing at 7.30pm. All parishioners, especially those involved in parish ministries, are invited. This free course, led by Mr Michael Frew, will provide an overview of the Bible and will help attendees to understand the purpose, authorship, liturgical relevance and importance of the various books making up the Sacred Scriptures and the Church's position with respect to these. A number of themes and literary genres will be examined.



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

Recently Deceased

Fr Adrian Horgan
Andrew Chan
Myuran Sukumaran

Anniversaries

Mirella Flammia
Leo Pereira
Victor Mendez
Gaetana Petralia
Doris Mary Azzopardi
Tony Grant
Michael Papallo

Deceased

The souls in Purgatory

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis, Margaret McKenna, Noah Rewa, Joseph Fakhoury Len Douglass, Lucienne Baeta, Riley Maloney, Josephine Caligiuri, Alida Salloum, Rita Russell Maggie Alam Sabbagh Fay Nicholes	Joyce Mifsud, Pat Lord, Patricia Kearns, Yvonne Howes Lauren Channon Paese Tuiletufuga Saulius David Balsys John Bell Dominic Mullan Juliana Alvaro Philomena Filippi Maria Papallo
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Please note: Names will be removed from the sick list after 2 months, unless parish office is notified. Thankyou

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B – 2nd & 3rd May 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am		6pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Tony Crescini Catherine Coleman	Shirley Heffernan	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Kristina Williams	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Olga Sipek Merwyn Monteiro Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister	
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Jordan Varghese	
Acolytes	Martin Ryan	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	Tony Keir	
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha				
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick				
Children's Liturgy	Rosetta Zaccagnini, Tracie Richardson, Rochelle Hanania & Jasna Sosic				

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B - 9th & 10th May 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am		6pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Victor Tran Jacqueline Scully	Maureen Wright	Manulele Minute Stephanie Anderson	Tracie Richardson	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Agnelo Andrade Rosa Andrade Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso 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 Edmund Alphonso	Jordan Varghese	
Acolytes	Tony Keir	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Manche	Annette Flanagan	
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha				
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho				
Children's Liturgy	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir				

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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