



ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

7TH & 8TH 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

Much of our anger is motivated by self-interest,
 as this little story illustrates.

A man lived on the outskirts of a village.
 About thirty feet from his house, a large lime tree grew.
 The tree was somewhat of a village landmark.
 However, it was getting old. It was clearly a matter
 of time before it came crashing down.

Every time there was a storm,
 the man feared for his house and his life.
 One day, unable to bear the strain any longer, he cut the
 tree down. He felt sure the villagers would understand.

But he was wrong.
 ‘Shame on you for cutting down such a
 splendid tree!’ said one.
 ‘You’ve deprived the village of part
 of it’s heritage,’ said another.

Its amazing how worked up people get when
 their own interests are threatened, however marginally.
 But how few get worked up when it’s their
 neighbours interests that are threatened.



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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 - SFX Church
 - 9.00am Year 4 Mass at SCOS Prestons.
Friday - 9.00am St Francis Xavier School Mass
 celebrating Catholic Schools Week

***St Francis Xavier's
50 Years Golden Jubilee***

2015 marks the 50 Years Golden Jubilee of St Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea.

This milestone for the Parish is the opportunity for us to reflect and celebrate. These Celebrations will begin on Pentecost Sunday and conclude the 29th November 2015.

Calendar of Events 2015

<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 Details to be advised.
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.

***Catholic Schools Week at
St Catherine of Siena Primary School***

Wednesday 11 March

- 9.00am - Guided tour for 'Prospective Parents'
- 9.40am - School Showcase - All welcome
- 10.20am - Morning Tea provided and display of local school services.

Friday 13 March

- 9.00am - Whole School Liturgy and School Prayer launch
- 9.30am - Open classrooms K-6
- 10.20am to 11.00am - Picnic Morning Tea Families all welcome

Healing Mass

The Care Group invites the sick and frail to a Healing Mass on **Saturday 21st March at 10:00am** at St Francis Xavier Church followed by Morning Tea in the meeting rooms behind the Church.

If you need transport on this day please place your name and details on the sheets either at the back of the church or in the Piety Stall.

Palms Needed - Palm Sunday

If you would be able to supply palms for Palm Sunday 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 21st March at 10am please contact the parish office.

Easter Saturday - 4th April at 9am

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

Stations of the Cross

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

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

Exposition & Benediction

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

**St Francis Xavier Parish hosts:
*Sydney Alliance Local Leaders Assembly***

Date: SUN 22nd March

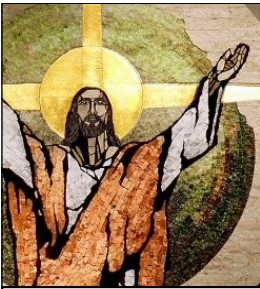
WHEN: BBQ after 9:30am mass 11:30am -12:30pm

WHERE: St Francis Xavier School Hall

WHAT: A week before the NSW election, SFX is hosting community groups from across South West Sydney in an assembly. Come see and hear the candidates in the flesh and hear what their plans are for fixing the urgent social justice issue of housing affordability in Sydney. Issue for Sydney's Catholic families this election. Please help us make our neighbour churches and community welcome by being in attendance at this important event.

Position Vacant

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking applications for the position of Executive Assistant to the Chief of Operations & Finance. For a confidential discussion please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. A copy of the position description is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications close Monday, 23 March 2015.



Recently Deceased

Vincenzo Damiano Alvaro
Pasquale Pantaleo
Fr James Joseph Gallen

Anniversaries

Annunciata E. Giovanni Ranieri
Elaine & Kevin Thebridge
John Chippendale
Fortunata Iorfino
Michael Joseph Murphy
Mary Lynn Murphy
Julia O'Connor
Angelique Jumeau

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
John Bell,	Bill Howlett
Joe Moore,	Lauren Channon
Lucienne Baeta,	Paese Tuiletufuga
Riley Maloney,	Bishop Geoff Robinson
Josephine Caligiuri,	Jim Barrett
Alida Salloum,	Grezzju Grech
Marion Aquilina	Saulius David Balsys
Helen Rizk	Jasmine Maatouk

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

We remember our deceased relatives and friends...

Third Sunday of Lent - Year B - 7th & 8th March 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Solange Fegatilli Shannon Pestana	Shirley Heffernan Vince Carrabs	Jacinta Lemalu Angie Clarkson	Kristina Williams Collette Davies
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek 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	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Martin Manche	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Ryan
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	Rosetta Zaccagnini, Tracie Richardson, Rochelle Hanania & Jasna Sosic			

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B - 14th & 15th March 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Merwyn Monteiro Melwyn Monteiro	George Wright Maureen Wright	Kayley Melham Melinda Melham	Tracie Richardson Greg 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 Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Jane Scott Volunteer Minister	Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	John Nickel	Tony Keir	Joe Mancini	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho			
Children's Liturgy	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery.'

'You shall not steal.'

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.'

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.'

Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

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