



*50 years
Golden Jubilee*

1965 - 2015

ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 1ST & 2ND AUGUST 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

God provided a mysterious food called manna for the Israelites during their sojourn in the desert. However, they were told not to stockpile the manna, but to gather only what they needed for one day.

This was meant to teach them to trust in God's providence on a daily basis.

No matter how difficult life may be, for those who trust in God, and live a day at a time, the manna of his help falls every day.

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul. Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.' That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

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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

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday

- No Mass

Tuesday

- 9:00am Mass

Wednesday

- 9:00am Mass

Thursday

- 9:00am Communion Service in Church

- 9:00am Year 4 Mass at SCOS Prestons

Friday

- 9:00am Mass with Year 1 & 5 Students
from SFX school.

50 Years Golden Jubilee

As a part of our Golden Jubilee Celebration, the month of August we will be holding 2 events.

St Catherine of Siena Primary School

St Catherine of Siena School will be celebrating Mass with the Parish on **Sunday 16th August at the 9.30am Mass** for our Golden Jubilee. Please come along and join in our special celebrations and morning tea following, hosted by STCOS School.

Trivia Night

The Parish will be hosting a **Trivia Night on the 22nd August 2015 after the 5.00pm Mass.**

Gather a group of family and friends to make up teams of 8. Ages from 10 years and up.

Cost will be \$10 per person. (Entry and dinner)
Fun Night Planned with plenty of prizes.

To show your interest, please place your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

Put on your thinking caps and come along

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

15th August 2015 - Mass Times

Friday - 7.30pm

Saturday - 9.00am

National Vocations Awareness Week

02 – 09 August.

This Sunday is the beginning of Vocations Week.

Today we are invited to explore our identity and mission as Christians: "The Christian should be a luminous person; one who brings light, who always gives off light! A light that is not his, but a gift from God, a gift from Jesus." Pope Francis.

Confirmation Photos

Collection of Confirmation photos will take place on the **2nd August after the 8am & 9.30am Masses** in the foyer of the Church and on the **6th August from 6.30pm -8pm** from the Parish Office. Please make arrangements for pick up on these days. Thank you.

First Holy Communion

Over the next 4 weeks, 145 Candidates will be preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. At each Mass Fr Thu will ask the children who are receiving the Sacrament to come up and collect tokens off him as part of their preparation and understanding of the Sacrament.

We ask you to keep these candidates in your prayers. May Our Lord always guide them and bless them.



Baptisms

Welcome to the Faith Community,
Tidankay Kamara, Tanatswa Nyanyíwa,
Makanaka Nyanyíwa, Mufaro Nyanyíwa,
Connor Ghanem & Chanel Ghanem
who are going to be Baptised this Sunday.
Congratulations to their parents, and their extended family. God Bless you all.

Rite of Acceptance

At the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday we welcome
Amanda Patricia Yi and Jodie Anne Nesci
who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation which will take place next Saturday at this Mass. We ask God to bless Amanda and Jodie and continue to guide them in their future to live as Catholic Christians.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal.

This weekend our parish is having CWF Collections in all Masses. The Assessment Committee for CWF of the Archdiocese of Sydney has increased our quota from \$21,000 to \$27,300 per year or from \$7,300 to \$9,100 per appeal.

As you know the CWF is used to fund a number of agencies including Catholic Care, Seminaries, Chaplaincies, Youth Services etc.... We ask you to be generous in helping us to fulfil our commitment. Any donations above \$2.00 is 100% Tax deductible. Credit Card payments also available. Thank you.

Mass For Pregnant Mothers.

Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the Annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 23 August at 10.30am. Morning tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall.

RSVP and enquiries can be directed to
LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8404.

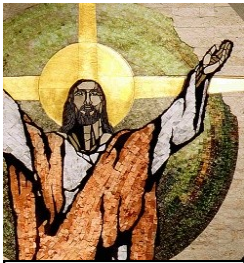
Organ Donation and the Catholic Church Australia 2015

Fr Brian Lucas from the Catholic Bishops Conference encourages families to discuss the matter of organ and tissue donation. He says that from the perspective of Catholic medical ethics, organ donation is an act of generosity; view his statement at

<http://donatelife.gov.au/catholic-faith-0> .

Monday, 3 August, marks the beginning of Donate Life Week 2015 and everyone is invited to the launch Monday at 10.30am at 39-41 Harris Street, Fairfield. The day will include community speakers, performances and refreshments.

RSVP swsmedia@sswahs.nsw.gov.au or 8738 6848.



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Anniversary

Pasquale Pantaleo
 Nazih Chahine
 Eleanor Rigney
 Romeo Torres
 Aurea Fermin
 Hernando Mortola
 All Souls

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis	Saulius David Balsys
Pat Lord	Len Douglass
Margaret McKenna	John Bell
Lauren Channon	Noon Tan
Noah Rewa	David McDougal
Joseph Fakhoury	Ana Jaksic
Patricia Kearns	Daniella Khalif
Lois Vigar	Isabella Khalif
Michael Punay	Loreto Maria Salazar
Dominic Mullan	Baby Helena Estelle Lang
Norma Johnson	Fr Noel Short

Please note: Names will be removed after 2 months, unless office is notified.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 1st & 2nd August 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am		6pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Victor Tran Jacqueline Scully	Paul Johnson	Melinda Melham Kayley Melham	Kristina Williams	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta 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	Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Jordan Varghese	
Acolytes	Martin Ryan	Tony Keir	Graeme Freeburn	John Nickel	
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha				
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho				
Children's Liturgy	Rosetta Zaccagnini, Tracie Richardson & Jasna Sosic				

Nineteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time - Year B - 8th & 9th August 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am		6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Domenic Acitelli Christina Acitelli	Maureen Wright	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Greg Richardson	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Jane Scott	Tracie Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan	
Acolytes	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Graeme Freeburn	Annette Flanagan	
Altar Society	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha				
Counters	Brian & June Baker				
Children's Liturgy	Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir				

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires.

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Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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