



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C  
12TH & 13TH MARCH 2016**

**Jubilee Year of Mercy - Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016**

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36

“Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life.”  
“The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows  
merciful and compassionate love.”

Pope Francis

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Bulletin notices to be in by Thurs. 12pm.  
(Please type/print your message clearly).



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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

**St Vincent De Paul** 9823 1222

**Care Group**

Anne Hobbs: 9601 - 7061

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.

**Mercy**

The quality of mercy is not strain'd;  
it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
upon the place beneath.

It is twice blest:

it blesseth him that gives and him that takes.

‘Tis mightiest in the mighty;

it becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.

It is enshrined in the hearts of kings.

It is an attribute of God himself.

And earthly power doth then show likest God’s  
when mercy seasons justice.

Therefore, though justice be thy plea, consider this -  
that in the course of justice none of us should see salvation.

We do pray for mercy,

and the same prayer doth teach us all

to render the deeds of mercy.

*William Shakespeare*

**Holy Week & Easter Mass Times**

- Palm Sunday** - Weekend Mass times as per usual
- Holy Thursday** - Mass - **7.30pm** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm
- Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross - **10:00am**  
- The Passion of Our Lord - **3:00pm**
- Easter Saturday** - Reconciliation 10am to 11am, 4pm to 5pm  
- Easter Vigil - **7:30pm**
- 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 in Church  
- 9:00am Year 2 Liturgy at St Catherine of Siena’s School Hall a Prestons.
- Friday** - 9:00am Mass



**Stations of the Cross**

Friday nights in the Church during Lent till 18th March at 7.00 pm  
Please come and join us in prayer.



## Welcome

St Francis Xavier's Parish welcomes all new families into our Faith Community. We extend a warm welcome to these families who will be celebrating Mass with us on Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 9:30am.

## 12 Hours for the Lord.

On the 4th - 5th March we spent 12 Hours with Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We spent 12 Hours in prayer, song and adoration. Approximately 25 parishioners spent the whole night in the church and others were coming in at all hours of the night just to spend an hour with our Lord. Thank you to all the organisers of this evening and God Bless you all.

## Parish Council Elections

Nominations are being called for Parish Councillors. In line with the Parish Constitution, half the Council is spilled every 18 months. This means that there are 4 positions on the Council that are open to election.

The election will take place **4-5 June** at each Mass. Nominations from interested Parishioners should be directed to the Parish Office via email at [admin@sfxlurnea.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxlurnea.org.au)

Nominations to include a short account of why you want to be on the Council and a picture of yourself.

Other Important dates:

- **29 May** - Parish Meeting (AGM) after 9.30am Mass
- **22 June** - First meeting of new Council.

## The Centre For Christian Spirituality

has an upcoming faith formation event Pierre de Caussade – Self Abandonment to Divine Providence presented by Bishop David Walker at 14 Francis St, Randwick.

Wednesday nights: 13, 20 & 27 April 2016  
7.00 – 8.30pm. Course: \$30 Books \$15.

Direct Bookings: 9398 2211 or [sally@thecentre.com.au](mailto:sally@thecentre.com.au).

## Position Vacant

Catholic Education Office, Wollongong. Applications are being considered for the position of Manager, School Properties Office. Information about this role can be viewed on [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) or contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close Wed. 30 March 2016

## Palm Sunday & Holy Week

### 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 or place your name on the list at the back of the church and we will send out our team of volunteers.

### Helpers Needed:

If you are able to help trim palm trees on please see Graeme Freeburn or contact the Parish Office.

### Holy Thursday

If you would like to volunteer for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Men and Woman are welcome.

### Ministers for the Triduum Needed

If you would like to be involved in the Masses over Holy Week, please place your name on the lists provided at the back of the Church.

## April Care Group Activity

### Rosary Bracelet making with Mary-Ann

**Friday 22nd April** (during School holidays)

Two sessions available: 1st: 10am - 12pm  
2nd: 1pm - 3pm

All equipment and beads supplied - Cost:\$10

Activities for Children available from 4+  
NO Children under the age of 4 please

Morning/afternoon tea provided

Final numbers required April 12th

Please leave your details on the list provided at the Piety Store or contact the Parish Office.

### WANTED!

Any unwanted Wool for Care Group craft days  
Any colour, any style. Please leave at the Piety Store for collection – Thank you!

### 2016 Future Activities

**April** – Rosary Bracelet Making with Mary-Ann

**May**– The High Tea – Guest Speaker

**June**– Chitty Chat - Morning Tea – knitting, craft & board games session

**July** – Sausage Sizzle - Card & Board Games

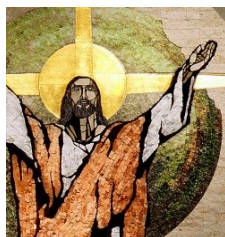
**August** – BINGO

**September** – Father's Day - Trivia

**October** – ‘Oktoberfest’

**November** – Chitty Chat - Morning Tea – knitting, craft & board games session

**December** – Parish Christmas Luncheon – Saturday 3rd December



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

### Recently Deceased

Fr Francis Martin (*Sydney's oldest priest passed away, aged in his 100th Year*)  
Nimal Wijesooriya  
Elias Bou Fram

### Anniversary

Giovanni & Annunziata Ranieri  
Josephine Esperida  
Michael Richard

### Deceased

Sarina Cutrupi  
Paul, Angelique, Claude,  
& Myriam Jumeau

### We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis	Baby An Phuc Nguyen
Pat Lord	Kelvin Huitt
Margaret McKenna	Vincent Alvaro
Lauren Channon	Joyce Mifsud
Noah Rewa	Saulius David Balsys
Joseph Fakhoury	Mavis Freeburn
Patricia Kearns	Gianno Punla
Dominic Mullen	Illuminada S. Ortanez
John Bell	Basil Maynard
Michael McKelvie	Patrick Carlsen

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

### *Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C - 12th & 13th March 2016*

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm</b>	Shannon Pestana Solange Fegatilli	Maureen Wright	Kayley Melham Melinda Melham	Kristina Williams
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Phillip Roncevic Alyssa Harris	Liam Flanagan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Martin Manche	Graeme Freeburn	Phil Coleman	Martin Ryan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Graeme Freeburn			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

### *Palm Sunday - Year C - 19th & 20th March 2016*

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm</b>	Melwyn Monteiro Merwyn Monteiro	Paul Johnson	Eugene Alphonso Aaron Alphonso	Greg Richardson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Agnelo Andrade Rosa Andrade Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem 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
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lucas Tran Aidan Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Luca Abel Lawrence Abel Alanna Alam Alyssa Alam	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog
<b>Acolytes</b>	Graeme Freeburn	Tony Keir	Joe Mancini	John Nickel
<b>Altar Society</b>	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
<b>Counters</b>	Brian & June Baker			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy this week.			

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### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the  
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I  
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have  
Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying  
for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that  
comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that  
comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based

on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of  
his resurrection and to share his sufferings by  
reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I  
can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead.  
Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won,  
but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for  
which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my  
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won.  
All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead  
for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for  
the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in  
Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.

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

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he  
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people  
came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.  
The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who  
had been caught committing adultery; and making her  
stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,  
'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of  
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the  
Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.  
What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test,  
looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent  
down and started writing on the ground with his finger.  
As they persisted with their question, he looked up and  
said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him  
be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down  
and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this  
they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest,  
until Jesus was left alone with the woman,  
who remained standing there. He looked up and said,  
'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'  
'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,'  
said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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