



50 years
Golden Jubilee

1965 - 2015

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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

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ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 12TH & 13TH SEPTEMBER 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

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this.

His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.'

Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.



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Weekday Mass Times

- Monday** - No Mass
- Tuesday** - 9:00am St Francis Xavier whole School Mass celebrating the 40th Anniversary of their School.
- Wednesday** - 9:00am Mass
- Thursday** - 9:00am Communion Service in the Church
- 9.00am Year 6 Mass at SCOS Prestons.
- Friday** - 9:00am Mass

50 Years Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Diary Dates

Hosted by the Care Group

Special Healing Mass and anointing of the Sick
Saturday **19th September at 10am**
Followed by morning Tea.

Youth Open Air Cinema

Saturday 24th October 2015
More details to come

Final Jubilee Celebrations

Sunday 29th November 2015
Mass 9:30am followed by Carnival in the Park
More details to come.

Watch this space for more details as they arise.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the Children who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. May Sweet Jesus always nourish your lives.

12th September 5pm Mass

Alannah Alam
Gabrielle Barilla
Sean Borro
Ella-Rose Ciarleglio
Jordan Chadrawy
Sharna Escalante
Ella Franzke
Holly Franzke
Jake George
Tara Heyhorn
Brian Le
Sienna Manno
Harry Martin
Charlotte Mendoza
Andi Milligan
Abigail Nguyen
Joanna Ratna
Lukas Salazar
Lachlan Williamson

13th September 9.30am Mass

Leon Spada Anjos
Siena Rose Baudana
Rachel Bown
Domenic Brancato
Lara Caridi
Jacob Cassar
Julian Cop
Annika Groube
Lucas Longo
Shelby Luppino
Alanna Natolo
Christian Podetti
Isabella Polic
Joshua Prkic
Bianca Quilter
Ariana Rivera
Markus Skoljarev
Isabella Stambe

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Parents please keep your children out of the church garden where the statue of Mary is. A lot of care and time has been taken to make this area a prayerful and tranquil place. Children week in and week out are running through this garden and destroying signs that have been newly placed in there and newly planted plants that have been donated or that the parish has paid for.

The families of the children responsible will be asked to either replace or repay any damage caused. So to avoid this from happening, please Keep off the Gardens.



Special Thank you

We would like to thank James and Marcia Shanahan for the wonderful donation of a Pianola, music rolls and their cabinet that they made to the parish.

We look forward to many sing along sessions with it.

Piety Stall

The Piety Stall is "Under New Management". If there is anything in particular that you are looking for please do not hesitate to ask one of the ladies there or contact the Parish office on 9607 8760.

Note to Parents: Please do not let your children take books to read out of this stall or let them take things for free as the St Vincent de Paul Society will need to pay for these items. **They are not for Free.**

Position Vacant:

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Applications are being considered for the position of General Manager, St Mary's Cathedral Precinct. For a confidential discussion and copy of the Information Pack please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close Friday, 25 September 2015.

Priests' Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal

Thank you for all your kind donations. Our parish raised approximately \$3000 for this appeal. God Bless you all.



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Combined Annual Festival Mass **Friday 25th September, 2015 at 7.00pm**

WHERE: St Francis Xavier Church Lurnea
With Principal Celebrant Father Thu Nguyen
Concelebrant Father Pat McAuliffe

Liverpool Regional Council Spiritual Advisor
Light refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass
R.S.V.P. To Tricia by Friday 29th August, 2014
02 9823 1222 Email: triciaf@sydneyvinnies.org



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently Deceased

Len Douglass
Pat Geary
Fred Azzopardi
David McDougal
Consuelo Guinto

Anniversary

Baby Sam Paul Laoulach
Marianne Fonseca
Leon G & Remedios Salvador

Deceased

Mickey & Gabe Mari
Vicente & Chary Suazo
Doris Mary Azzopardi
The Abandoned Holy Souls in Purgatory

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis	Saulius David Balsys
Pat Lord	John Bell
Margaret McKenna	Loreto Maria Salazar
Lauren Channon	Baby Helena Estelle Lang
Noah Rewa	Fr Noel Short
Joseph Fakhoury	Nonet Alvarez
Patricia Kearns	Rafael Luis Bailon
Dominic Mullen	Baby Nguyen
Norma Johnson	Karl Sipek
Allyssa Gerace	Julianna Alvaro
Mavis Freeburn	Kelvin Huitt

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 12th & 13th September 2015

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
	5pm	8am	9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm	Jacqueline Scully Victor Tran	Maureen Wright	Manulele Minute Angie Clarkson	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	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	Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Phil Coleman	Martin Ryan	Martin Manche	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy during First Holy Communion			

Twenty-Fifth Sunday on Ordinary Time - Year B - 19th & 20th September 2015

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
	5pm	8.00am	9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Domenic Acitelli Christina Acitelli	George Wright	Charlotte Hon Jacinta Lemalu	Colette Davies
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Frances Acitelli Jacqueline Scully Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister 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 Greg Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Anthony Bui	Heather Scott	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	John Nickel	Tony Keir	Phil Coleman	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays			

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them

these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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