

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR C  
16TH & 17TH JANUARY 2016**

**Jubilee Year of Mercy - Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016**  
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36



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9.30am - 5.30pm



*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.

*Water into Wine*

Jesus brought the wine of God's love into the world.  
Everywhere he went the old was made new.  
For the couple at Cana he changed water into wine.  
For the widow at Nain he changed tears into joy.  
For Zacchaeus he changed selfishness into love.  
For the thief on Calvary he changed despair into hope.  
And on Easter morning he changed death into life.  
Lord, be present with us today and throughout our lives.  
And when through human weakness  
the wine of love is found wanting,  
touch our hearts and strengthen our wills,  
so that we may taste the wine of unselfish love.



*Weekday Mass Times*

**Monday** - No Mass  
**Tuesday** - 9:00am Mass  
**Wednesday** - 9:00am Mass  
**Thursday** - 9:00am Communion Service  
**Friday** - 9:00am Mass

### ***Emergency Parish Contact***

**Mobile: 0420 800 194.**

*Please leave a clear message and a return call will be given.*

Parish office opened: 4th - 29th January:  
Tuesday and Wednesday Only - 9.30am - 5.30pm.

### ***Care Group***

Wishing Parishioners a Happy New Year!  
The Care Group is handful of Parishioners who are a committed to assist newly arrived and longer established Parishioners alike, by offering a friendly hand and smile during life's transitions; big or small - assisting those in need with visitations to loved ones in their home or hospital or just sitting with a Family member or loved one while you go shopping or to the visit the Doctors, or simply meeting up over a coffee and a chat. "Everyone needs a release sometime". They also assist in co-ordinating monthly gatherings, get-togethers, or social events. If you would like to join the Care Group either as a Member or a Guest during the Friday Activities, you will be made most welcome.

The Gare Group *meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month* and hold their *Activities the Friday of the following week* the next activity is:

**BINGO** – with a Valentine’s Day theme  
**February 19<sup>th</sup> 10:15am** (after Mass)

To be held in the rooms at the rear of the Church

***We’ll look forward to seeing you there ☺***

### ***St. Vincent de Paul Society***

We wish to thank all the Parishioners of St Francis Xavier Lurnea – incorporating also St. Catherine of Siena and St. Francis Xavier Primary Schools - for your kind support during this year’s Christmas Appeal. Your generosity with food, personal items, toys and cash donations from the Appeal (\$1120) was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. You brightened many Families Christmases with your generosity this year – **THANK YOU!**

*“Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another . . .”*

*St. Vincent de Paul*

### **2016 PIETY STORE OPERATING HOURS**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and Friday of each month  
(Full Week) - 8:00am**

**Saturday - 4:45pm**

**Sunday - from 7:30am to 11:00am**  
Closed for Sunday night Mass.

*If there is anything in particular you require,  
please contact the Parish Office.*

### ***Morality Tale***

A missionary priest works in rural India among the poor. The monsoons come and the Villagers warn him that the river is rising and he must come with them to the shelters in the hills, but the missionary refuses to go, saying "God will rescue me so that you may have faith." The river keeps rising, the priest climbs on a local roof to stay dry and a rescue boat crew comes, telling him to get in and they will bring him to safety. The priest refuses, saying "God will rescue me so that you may have faith." The river rises and the priest is perched on the building chimney. A rescue helicopter comes to save him, but he says "God will rescue me so that you may have faith."

The priest drowns and stands before God at judgement and says "Lord, I don't understand! I had such faith that you would save me, why am I here so young?"

God says "What? I sent you smart Villagers, a rescue boat and a helicopter. What did you expect, an engraved invitation?"



### ***Catholic Weekly - 17 January***

- True love comes from God, not soap operas: Pope Francis
- Sky dive pilot! It's heavens above – and earth below – for this parish priest
- Christmas attacks: is Mindanao the new Iraq?
- Vigil crowd gathers outside archbishop's hospital
- Streamline my life, or show myself a bit of mercy?
- Archbishop's homily: Shake off the trappings of complacency
- The Magi and the light of the world
- 'Cascade of grace from heaven' at Our Lady of Mercy shrine
- Dear Father, don't tinker with the text or mess with the Mass
- Off-the-cuff Bavarian gems: homilies of a former cardinal
- Vista: what's on in your parish and diocese



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Recently Deceased**

Sarina Cutrupi  
Michael Hamad

**Anniversaries**

Ma Theresa Soh

**Deceased**

Peter Lo Cascio  
Salvina & Carmenu Galea  
Maria & Carmenu Sammut  
Alexander & Maria Borg

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

Fr Bill Davis	John Bell
Pat Lord	Baby Nguyen
Margaret McKenna	Kelvin Huitt
Lauren Channon	Vincent Alvaro
Noah Rewa	Joyce Mifsud
Joseph Fakhoury	Fr Stiven Ledinich
Patricia Kearns	Leonardo Salvador
Dominic Mullen	Marcel Michael
Mavis Freeburn	Saulius David Balsys

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

**Mass Rosters**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 16th & 17th January 2016**

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm</b>	Jacqueline Scully Victor Tran	Estelle Standley	Melinda Melham Kayley Melham	Frank Agostino
<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	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>	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Luca Abel Lawrence Abel Alanna Alam Alyssa Alam	Liam Flanagan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Graeme Freeburn	John Nickel	Phil Coleman	Martin Ryan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
<b>Counters</b>	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy through School Holidays.			

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 23rd & 24th January 2016**

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm</b>	Christina Acitelli Domenic Acitelli	Arnel Isidoro	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Kristina Williams
<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	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Volunteer Minister	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lucas Tran Aidan Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog
<b>Acolytes</b>	Joe Mancini	Graeme Freeburn	John Nickel	Annette Flanagan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
<b>Counters</b>	Brian & June Baker			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy through School Holidays.			

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### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.  
The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

### SECOND READING

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

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit;

another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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