

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &
JOSEPH - YEAR C
26TH & 27TH DECEMBER 2015**

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



New Years Prayer

Dear Lord,

We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You.
May we take the time to get to know You.
Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously
given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word.
May we also see and love you in all the people we meet,
so that in turn, they can see You in us.

We know that all human relations take time
if they are to grow and deepen.
This is also true of our relations with You,
the Father and the Holy Spirit,
which must grow over the course of our lives.

In this new year,
let us realise that every action of ours
no matter how great or small
enables us to be in touch with You.
Let us accept You in our lives,
in the way it pleases You,
as Truth, to be spoken,
as Life, to be lived,
as Light, to be lighted,
as Love, to be followed,
as Joy, to be given,
as Peace, to be spread about,
as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives,
friends, neighbours and all people. Amen.

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9:00am Mass
Wednesday - 9:00am Mass
Thursday - 9:00am Mass
Friday - New Years Day - 9:00am Mass Only



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*Bulletin notices to be in by Thurs. 12pm.
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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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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.

2015 at St Francis Xavier

As 2015 comes to an end we recall the year gone by..

St Francis Xavier Parish welcomed into its Faith Community ~ 71 children in Baptism.

-242 Children made their First Reconciliation

- 143 Children received Jesus in First Holy Communion

- 115 Children were Confirmed

**Marriages were scarce but sacred ~ 2 couples,
3 Adults were Baptised and/or received into the Catholic Faith**

and we farewelled some of our loved ones with 10 funerals.

2015 was a year full of celebration as the parish celebrated its Golden Jubilee with many functions throughout the year that made our community join as one.

As we say goodbye to 2015 we embrace and welcome in 2016, the Jubilee Year of Mercy, with open arms and we ask Our dear Lord to make it a blessed year ahead for all.

Just For Laughs.....

A priest told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, Father asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17.

Every hand went up.

Father smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

Two little boys were known to be the town troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands, even from the church.

One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?"

The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?"

The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet.

Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?"

The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!"

A message of thanks.....

We would like to express our sincere thank you to parishioners who went out of their way to bring us Christmas cards and gifts. As each year passes, we both are so overwhelmed by your love, support and kindness. Thank you for a great year.

Christmas Blessings to you all

Fr Thu and Mary-Ann

Also a big and sincere thank you to those who played parts in organising Christmas Masses. Each Mass was well attended and organised.

The music and singing was superb.

Congratulations to the Liturgy Committee, choir members and musicians,

Children's Liturgy Leaders, acolytes, readers, collectors, special ministers and all the children who acted in the Children's Christmas Pageant.

I am looking forward to the year ahead with you all.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr Thu

Emergency Parish Contact

In the case of an emergency in January, i.e. funeral arrangements, please call the office mobile on 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.

Craft Group Raffle Prize Winners

1st Prize: Tuyet Nguyen - Purple A076

2nd Prize: Monica - Purple A059

3rd Prize: S. McGuigan - Red B064

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for your continuous support of our Craft Group.

National Association of Catholic Families: National Conference 2016

Families are invited to attend the National Conference in Kurrajong NSW from April 8-10, 2016. Featuring Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop Peter Comensoli, and an exciting line up of speakers, an opportunity for Catholic families to come together for mutual spiritual, moral and social support in a fun and relaxing holiday environment.

Program caters for the whole family of all ages.

Register: www.trybooking.com/159690

Inquiries: Mary Clare 0435496624



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

James Costa
Josef Schuster

Deceased

Marianne Fonseca
Anthony Fonseca
Beryl Turner
Paul Jumeau
Angelique Jumeau
Claude Jumeau
Myriam Jumeau
The Holy Souls in Purgatory

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

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

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

Mass Rosters

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Year C - 26th & 27th December 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Melwyn Monteiro Merwyn Monteiro	Arnel Isidoro	Eugene Alphonso Aaron Alphonso	Greg Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	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
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aidan Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Luca Abel Lawrence Abel Alanna Alam Alyssa Alam	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog
Acolytes	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
Counters	Brian & June Baker			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy through School Holidays.			

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C - 2nd & 3rd January 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm	Domenic Acitelli Jr Nadia Acitelli	George Wright	Manulele Minute Angie Clarkson	Collette Davies
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli Jacqueline Scully Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Joe Mancini	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Ryan
Altar Society	Judith Paglia, Patsy Cham & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy through School Holidays.			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts

of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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