



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C
27TH & 28TH FEBRUARY 2016**

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

“The mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality through which he reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child.”

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

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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.

Reflection

*Days pass and the years vanish,
and we walk sightless among miracles.*

*Lord, fill our eyes with seeing,
and our minds with knowing.*

Let there be moments

*when the radiance of your presence
illuminates the darkness in which we walk.*

*Help us to see, wherever we gaze,
that the bush burns, unconsumed.*

*And we, clay touched by your hand,
will reach out for holiness and exclaim in wonder,
‘How filled with awe is this place,
and we did not know it.’*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night in the Church during Lent
from 12th February to 18th March.

Start: 7.00 pm

Please come and join us in prayer.

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9:00am Mass

Wednesday - 9:00am Mass

Thursday - 9:00am Communion Service in Church
- 9:00am Year 5 Mass at St Catherine of Siena's School Hall at Prestons.

Friday - 9:00am Mass

“12 Hours for the Lord”

Our Parish will be spending 12 hours for the Lord with all night prayer and adoration in the church from **Friday 4th March, 7:00pm to Saturday 5th March 7:00am** with Holy Mass

Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer are just a few ways to spend this time with Our Lord.

Tea and Coffee will be provided. ALL WELCOME.

The Blessed Eucharist will be exposed overnight. We ask that people attending this all night vigil, to please place your names on the sheet provided at the back of the Church so we can complete a roster for the 12 hours. The roster will compose of one hour intervals and any hour you can spare for the Lord would be much appreciated.

Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo A Day Of Mercy Retreat.

Retreat day to reflect on the Gift of Mercy in our lives. Includes reflections on mercy, silence and prayer. Saturday, 05 March from 9am - 4pm.
Cost: \$30 Morning and afternoon tea provided, bring your own lunch. For more information visit www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats or 02 42360533.

Frankly Magazine

Our Frankly Contributors have offered personal stories, insights and reflections on how to bring peace to your soul, your home and your relationships. Enjoy your free copy from the foyer of the Church.

Sacramental Team

We are looking for 4 active members of our Parish Community to volunteer to join our Sacramental Team. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mary-Ann at the Parish office on 9607 8760 for further details.

Care Group News

Healing Mass Saturday 12th March 2016 - 10am

Please join us for some light refreshments afterwards in the school hall. All welcome

EASTER RAFFLE - 3 tickets for \$1
Tickets on sale in front of the church after Masses.

Parish Council Elections

Nominations are being called for Parish Councilors. 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

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.

Letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher

My dear people,

During my time of convalescence I have been reflecting on the suffering of many people. All of us will have been touched during these months of the Royal Commission by the dignity and bravery shown by many witnesses, particularly the survivors of child sexual abuse. They want the truth at last to be heard; they want it to be heard with compassion and a clear commitment to justice for all.

As we approach the third appearance of Cardinal Pell before the Royal Commission I hope that the Cardinal will be heard respectfully, as I hope and pray all witnesses will be. We can all be tempted to jump to conclusions after media headlines but it is always better to withhold judgement until we have heard all the facts.

It is everyone's right to a fair and transparent process free of particular agendas, other than truth.

I ask you to join me in praying to Jesus Christ - the Suffering Servant - for the work of the Royal Commission and for all men, woman, and children who suffer.

+Anthony Fisher OP
Archbishop of Sydney



Good Samaritan
Catholic College

OPEN DAY

Saturday MARCH 12 2016
11.00am – 1.00pm

Presentation in the College Hall
at 11am.

401 Hoxton Park Road,
Hinchinbrook
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Journeying with Compassion



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Anniversary

Michael Joseph Murphy
Julia O'Connor

Deceased

Sarina Cutrupi
Brother Darcy Murphy CFC
Sr Mary Lynn Murphy

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	Romualdo Sansor
Patricia Kearns	Joey Alano
Dominic Mullen	Mavis Freeburn
John Bell	Gianno Punla
Michael McKelvie	

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

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C - 27th & 28th February 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm	Victor Tran	Estelle Standley	Angie Clarkson Manulele Minute	Tracie Richardson
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	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Luca Abel Lawrence Abel Alanna Alam Alyssa Alam	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Ryan	Martin Manche	Phil Coleman
Altar Society	Judith Paglia, Patsy Cham & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
Children's Liturgy	April Stewart & Rosetta Zaccagnini			

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C - 5th & 6th March 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Domenic Acitelli Christina Acitelli	Arnel Isidoro	Jacinta Lemalu Charlotte Hon	Frank Agostino
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 Volunteer Minister	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aidan Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog
Acolytes	Graeme Freeburn	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Tony Keir
Altar Society	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy this week.			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

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

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glorify to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glorify to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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