



50 years
Golden Jubilee

1965 - 2015

ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C 28TH & 29TH NOVEMBER 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.

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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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Reflection

1st Sunday of Advent

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

Dianne Bergant

Weekday Mass Times

- Monday** - No Mass
- Tuesday** - 9:00am Mass
- Wednesday** - 9:00am Mass
- Thursday** - 9:00am St Francis Xavier's Feast Day Mass
With SFX School.
- 7:00pm Catechists' Mass
- Friday** - 9:00am Mass



Sunday 29th November

Mass: 9:30am
St Francis Xavier Church,
Lurnea

Followed by: A Carnival at Paciullo Park,
Calabro Ave, Liverpool.

Parking: *Calabro Ave or Reilly Street or
leave your car in the church and school carpark
and take the 5 minute walk to the park.*

Rides for the young and old,
Food/Drinks, Crafts and
amusements for all.



Christmas Memorial Service

**Monday 7 December at 7pm - North Chapel at
Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery and
Crematorium (Camden Valley Way, Leppington).**

You are invited to join us as we pray for and
remember all the souls we love, but no longer see,
especially those buried and memorialised at Forest
Lawn Memorial Park. Service will be celebrated by

Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest of St Mary
MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and Samantha
Lysaugh (Civil Celebrant Life's Celebrations).
Light supper provided. RSVP (02) 4648 2226 or
oranpark@dow.org.au or 9606 5822.

*Its beginning to look a lot like
Christmas as the Birth of Our Lord
draws near.....*

Carols by Candlelight

Free Carols by Candlelight in the grounds of the
Liverpool Catholic Club on **Sunday 6th December**,
program starts at 6.45pm, carols 7.30pm.

Also live nativity scene and a pen with nursery
animals for the kids. Fireworks display to conclude
the evening. All Welcome.

Carols with the Choirs

An evening of communal carol singing with the
soloists and choirs of the parish of Our Lady of
Mount Carmel and a live band.
Saturday, 12th December at 7:00pm in the Church
of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
Cnr Humphries & Cabramatta Rds, Mt Pritchard.
Come join in the fun and spirit of Christmas.

Welcome to..... Fr Michael Smith who will be
celebrating the 6pm Mass on Sunday 29th Nov.

St Francis Xavier Feast Day Novena

In preparation for St Francis Xavier's Feast Day, we
will be starting a Novena to St Francis Xavier on
Tues. 24th November to Wed. 2nd December 2015.

Times are listed below:

- * Tuesday 24 November to Friday 27th November
- after 9am Mass
- * Saturday 28th November - 4.50pm
- * Sunday 29th November - 9.20am
- * Monday 30th November - 9.30am
- * Tuesday 1st December & Wednesday 2nd
December after 9am Mass.

CARE GROUP - Monthly Morning Tea

Parish Christmas Luncheon
Saturday 5th December

11.30am arrival for a 12 noon start
No Children Please

If you are interested in attending the Parish
Christmas Luncheon, please place your name on the
Sheet provided in the Piety Store.

For catering purposes, final numbers **must** be written
on the sheet provided no later than 6pm Mass,
Sunday 29th December.

Craft Group

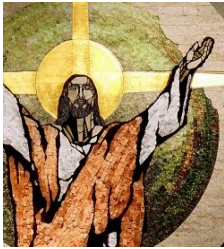
The Craft Group will be holding their annual
Christmas Stall on **Saturday 5th December after
5pm Mass** and on **Sunday 6th December after the
8am and 9.30am morning Masses**. All crafts were
hand made by our very talented Craft Group.
Come along and do a little Christmas Shopping.

St. Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal

Envelopes will arrive soon, so please keep your eye
out! Your support and generosity are very much
appreciated.

Piety Store - Volunteers Required

In order for the Piety Store to remain open and offer
Parishioners a lovely range of cards and gifts, we
require Volunteers to assist in manning the store.
You would be required to open the store 15 minutes
prior Mass and re-open for 15 minutes after the
Mass. If you would like assist us for one Mass per
Month at your chosen Mass, that would be
wonderful, and your assistance would be greatly
appreciated. The Piety Store is CLOSED during
Mass. Please see one of the ladies already manning
the Store and give them your details if you would
like to lend a hand! Thank You.



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Catherine Whitney
Michael Fernandez
Frank Meaney
Edna May Stanley

Deceased

Len Chapman
Iris Chapman
Teresa Fraser
Mirella Flammia

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	Gwen Beehag
Dominic Mullen	Sylvia Baron
Mavis Freeburn	Illuminada Ortanez
Leonardo Salvador	

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

Updated Rosters can be collected from the Sacristy.

First Sunday of Advent - Year C - 28th & 29th November 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Catherine Coleman Tony Crescini	Shirley Heffernan	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Colette Davies
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffiths Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aidan Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Phillip Roncevic Alyssa Harris	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	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

Second Sunday of Advent - Year C - 5th & 6th December 2015

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere
him; to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



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