



ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C
30TH & 31ST JANUARY 2016

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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

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.

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

A Loving Person

Jesus fulfilled the ideal of love Paul speaks about.

He was never in a hurry,
 and was always kindness itself.

He never envied anybody,
 and never boasted about himself.

He was never snobbish, or rude, or selfish.

He did not take offence easily,
 nor did he keep on talking about the wrong things
 other people did.

He preferred to remember the good things
 and to rejoice in them.

He was tough - he could face anything.
 And he never lost trust in God, or in people.

He never lost hope; he never gave in.

He never stopped loving.



Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9:00am Mass

Wednesday - 9:00am Mass

Thursday - 9:00am Communion Service

Friday - 9:00am Mass

Parish News...

Welcome Back Fr Thu.

We look forward to a Blessed year ahead.

New School Year

We welcome back all the children and their families to another school year. We look forward to guiding your young spiritually with Jesus in their hearts through the Holy Mass and Class Liturgies.

Prayers to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for Students

Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

Send your spirit upon these students
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that they may devote themselves to their
studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all
knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for Teachers

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth
and teaches us in your ways.

Look upon these teachers.

Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle
patience and endeavour always to bring the truth to
eager minds. Grant that we may follow Jesus Christ,
the way, the truth and the life, forever and ever.

Amen.

2016 PIETY STORE OPERATING HOURS

**1st and 3rd 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.*

Recently Deceased... Sarina Cutrapi

A 30 day Mass for Sarina Cutrapi will be held on the
9th February at 7pm
at St Francis Xavier Church, Lurnea.

Irish Christmas in July

Camden Civic Centre
31 Oxley Street, Camden

Saturday 2nd July at 3pm
COST \$10

Performance by: **CELTIC THUNDER**

Only 300 seats available. Bookings taken until
Sunday 31st January. Please call: Jean 9601 8507
or Kate 0478 088 242

Lurnea Parish Care Group

First Activity for 2016 so come along and join us!

BINGO – with a Valentines theme

Friday 19th February - 10am All Welcome.

\$5 – covers the cost of all games and refreshments

Diocesan News...

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 14 February (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m.

Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

Men's Weekend

The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive.

The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission.

The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders.

It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

20 - 21 February 2016

St Joseph's Parish Moorebank - 231 Newbridge Road

For more information contact:-

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Registration forms are available in Church foyer.



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently Deceased

Marcel Sarkis Baini

Anniversary

Domingo Timonera Sr.
Conchita Anderson

Deceased

Peter Lo Cascio
Salvina & Carmenu Galea
Maria & Carmenu Sammut

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis
Pat Lord
Margaret McKenna
Lauren Channon
Noah Rewa
Joseph Fakhoury
Patricia Kearns
Dominic Mullen
John Bell

Baby Nguyen
Kelvin Huitt
Vincent Alvaro
Joyce Mifsud
Fr Stiven Ledinich
Saulius David Balsys
Romualdo Sansor
Joey Alano
Mavis Freeburn

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

Mass Rosters

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 30th & 31st January 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm	Solange Fegatilli Shannon Pestana	Maureen Wright	Angie Clarkson Manulele Minute	Greg Richardson
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	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Phillip Roncevic Alyssa Harris	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	No Children's Liturgy through School Holidays.			

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 6th & 7th February 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Merwyn Monteiro Melwyn Monteiro	Paul Johnson	Charlotte Hon Jacinta Lemalu	Tracie Richardson
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	Charlie Casha Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Volunteer Minister
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	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	Rosetta Zaccagnini & April Stewart			

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

SECOND READING

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

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not

resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.'" And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away. The Gospel of the Lord.

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