



50 years  
Golden Jubilee

1965 - 2015

# ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### YEAR B 3RD & 4TH OCTOBER 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.

### Reflection

by Fr Michael Tate

One of the differences between human beings is that between male and female. These distinctive ways of being human are surprisingly able to be integrated into a unity. In today's gospel, Our Lord is saying that when a man and a woman cleave to each other in faithful commitment, that is 'a Paradise moment' as they are incorporated into a new unity which paradoxically enhances the difference.

Same sex partners can, of course, bring many virtues and loving dimensions to their relationship: enduring friendship, care in troubled times, joy. But they cannot embody the celebration of difference in the way a heterosexual couple do in their new unity. That latter deserves its own title: Marriage.

Marriage is not a creation of the Church, but the Church celebrates this 'Paradisaal' unity by way of Sacrament. What happens when that unity is fractured? Our Lord teaches: '... what God has united, man must not divide'. This was counter cultural in the Jewish and Roman societies of his day, as it is in the Australia of today.

But we all know of instances where the sad trauma of this dividing has occurred. Is the Church sufficiently a place where an injured party can find the healing presence of God? Can we have pastoral practices which give the 'medicine of immortality' to a wounded party within the communion of the Church? We could pause a moment to pray for the Church to be a minister of grace to help hold men and women together in the gender-enhancing unity of marriage, and to be a minister of mercy when that unity is fractured.



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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



### Weekday Mass Times

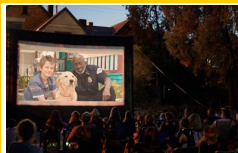
*Monday* - No Mass  
*Tuesday* - 9:00am Mass  
*Wednesday* - 9:00am Mass  
*Thursday* - 9:00am Mass  
*Friday* - 9:00am Mass

## 50 Years Golden Jubilee Celebrations

### Final Jubilee Celebrations

Sunday 29th November 2015

Mass 9:30am followed by Carnival in the Park  
More details to come.



### Family Open Air Movie Night

St Francis Xavier Parish will be holding an Open Air Movie

Night on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm in conjunction with our Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Tickets will be \$8 each or  
Family of 4 - \$28      Family of 5 - \$36

Tickets will include: Movie, Sausage sizzle, drinks and popcorn. Movie still to be decided. This event will be held at St Francis Xavier School on the grass area. Tickets can be purchased through the Parish office (Cash or Credit)  
*Come along to this wonderful experience.*

**Note:** Money raised from the raffle tickets will subsidise the extra costs of this evening.

### Catholic Mission Appeal

*I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink*

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal.

This year we are invited to reach out and support the life-saving work of Catholic Mission in Madagascar - to help provide clean water and sanitation facilities, as well as formation and spiritual support to children in desperate need. Please come prepared next week weekend and give generously.

There will be a guest speaker from Catholic Missions who will speak across all Masses.

Freecall: 1800 257 296

[Catholicmission.org.au/water](http://Catholicmission.org.au/water)

### St John of the Cross:

**Ascent of Mt Carmel & Dark Night of the Soul**  
Presented by Bishop David Walker at *The Centre for Christian Spirituality*, 14 Frances St Randwick.

Dates: Wednesday's 14,21,28 October & 4,11 November 2015, 7.00-8.30pm.

Course Cost: \$50 Limited Spaces- Bookings Essential. To register:

<http://trybooking.com/IVKR> or Ph: 9398 2211



### Baptisms

Welcome to the Faith Community,

*Aubree Bernadette Mason,  
Adelynn Bonnie Mason &  
Sofia-Snow Isabella Cancellara*

who are going to be Baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to their parents, and their extended family. God Bless you all.

Celebrating



### 60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Phil and Doreen Coleman who celebrated their Diamond Jubilee (60 Years) of marriage last Thursday 1st October.

May God bless them and their family on this special occasion.

### CARE GROUP - Monthly Morning Tea

#### October – Arts and Crafts

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 10am

Learn how to make Hand-made Christmas decorations and crafts

\$5 will cover the costs of your materials and Morning Tea is provided

#### November – Picnic in the Park

– Details to follow

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 10am

#### December – Christmas Luncheon

Details to follow

### Welcome back

Welcome back to all our teachers and students to Term 4. May the last term of the year be filled with great learning.

### HSC Students

Please pray for our Year 12 students who are preparing for their HSC exams at the moment. May the Holy Spirit guide them and give them wisdom to do well at their exams and have a bright future.

### Respect for Life

4th October 2015

Respect Life Sunday is celebrated annually in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney as an opportunity to pray for greater love and respect for human life from conception until natural death.

Brochure: Life is Changed, Not ended  
Bereavement and Grief in the Catholic Tradition.

Please pick up a brochure in the foyer of the Church.



*May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Recently Deceased**

Beatriz Garcia  
Guy Christian Hope  
Eugenia Bantug

**Anniversary**

Vincenza Mighetti  
Giuseppe Mighetti  
Conсорcia De Guzman  
Salvatore Firdella  
Felix Yap Snr

**Deceased**

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	Nonet Alvarez
Lauren Channon	Rafael Luis Bailon
Noah Rewa	Baby Nguyen
Joseph Fakhoury	Karl Sipek
Patricia Kearns	Julianna Alvaro
Dominic Mullen	Kelvin Huitt
Allyssa Gerace	Shirley Willison
Mavis Freeburn	Bruno Inangeri
Vincent Alvaro	

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

***Twenty-Seventh Sunday on Ordinary Time - Year B - 3rd & 4th October 2015***

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm</b>	Melwyn Monteiro Merwyn Monteiro	Shirley Heffernan	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Frank Agostino
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Olga Sipek Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussalem 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	Anthony Bui	Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Liam Flanagan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Phil Coleman	Martin Ryan	Tony Keir	John Nickel
<b>Altar Society</b>	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Brian & June Baker			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays			

***Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 10th & 11th October 2015***

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm</b>	Domenic Acitelli Jr Nadia Acitelli	Maureen Wright	Angie Clarkson Manulele Minute	Kristina Williams
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Agnelo Andrade Rosa Andrade Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Jane Scott	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Jordan Varghese
<b>Acolytes</b>	John Nickel	Tony Keir	Phil Coleman	Annette Flanagan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Doreen Coleman & Catherine Coleman			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis  
The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:  
'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'  
This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.  
The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.**

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 will be 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  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom

everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.

**Alleluia!**



### GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark  
Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.'  
Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'  
People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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