

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C
9TH & 10TH JANUARY 2016**

Jubilee Year of Mercy - Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36



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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.

Sharing in the Lord's Ministry

Lord Jesus, touch our eyes
so that we may see the signs of your presence
in our lives and in the world.

Touch our ears
so that we may hear your word.

Touch our tongues
so that we may profess our faith.

Touch our hands
so that we may give and receive.

Touch our feet
so that we may walk in your paths.

Touch our minds
so that we may understand your ways.

Touch our wills
so that they may be in tune with your will.

Touch our hearts
so that we may bring love to our brothers and sisters,
to the praise and glory of God.

Amen.



Weekday Mass Times

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

Wise Words.....

The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 cups of Coffee.

A Professor stood before his Philosophy class and had some items in front of him.

When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They all agreed it was.

The Professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled in the open areas between the golf balls.

He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They all agreed that it was.

The Professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "YES".

The Professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand.

The students laughed.

"Now" said the Professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life.

* The golf balls are the important things - your faith, your family, your children, your health, your friends and favourite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

* The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.

* The sand is everything else - the smaller stuff.

If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the golf balls and the pebbles. The same goes for life.

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important for you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

Pray.

Play with your children.

Take time to get medical check ups.

Take your partner out to dinner.

Play another 18.

There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal."

Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled.

"I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Emergency Parish Contact

Mobile: 0420 800 194.

Parish office opened: 4th - 29th January:
Tuesday and Wednesday Only - 9.30am - 5.30pm.

2016 Piety Store Operating Hours.....

1st and 3rd Tuesday and Friday of each month
- 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.

Volunteers needed at SFX Parish for 2016

If you can dedicate your time during a Mass of your choice as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Altar server, Children's Liturgy, Piety Stall,

OR

Help our in other ministries once a month, Altar Society, Care Group, St Vincent De Paul Society

OR

Join our Liturgy Committee or Sacramental Team.

If you are interested, please contact Mary-Ann at the Parish Office on 9607 8760 for more details.

Free e-book for your computer or e-reader/tablet/I-phone:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-2

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader (or tablet), offers the Gospel for every day of this Liturgical Year C-2 (Sundays Year C, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel.. This Liturgical Year C -2 has now begun and will continue till November of 2016. The e-book contains the Gospel passages not only for this present but for any C-2 Liturgical Year in the future, together with their reflections. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher, the Archbishop of Sydney. Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-2 may be accessed at the following address:
www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

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.

Recently Deceased

Oscar Espinosa
Filomena Fiel

Anniversaries

Paul Leslie Kerr

Deceased

Salvina Galea
Carmenu Galea
Maria Sammut
Carmenu Sammut

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	Vincent Alvaro
Joseph Fakhoury	Joyce Mifsud
Patricia Kearns	Fr Stiven Ledinich
Dominic Mullen	Leonardo Salvador
Mavis Freeburn	

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

Mass Rosters

The Baptism of the Lord - Year C - 9th & 10th January 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Catherine Coleman	Shirley Heffernan	Charlotte Hon Jacinta Lemalu	Tracie Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem 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	Lucas Tran Aidan Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Phillip Roncevic Alyssa Harris	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog
Acolytes	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	John Nickel	Joe Mancini
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal, Rose Fernandez & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas, Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy through School Holidays.			

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 16th & 17th January 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm	Jacqueline Scully Victor Tran	Estelle Standley	Melinda Melham Kayley Melham	Frank Agostino
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek 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	John Nickel	Phil Coleman	Martin Ryan
Altar Society	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy through School Holidays.			

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of
right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and
light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: The Lord will bless his people with
peace.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

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SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.
'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'
Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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