



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C
9TH & 10TH APRIL 2016**

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

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

“Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life.”

“The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love.” 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

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.

Archbishop Anthony is progressing well with his recovery and attributes much of his improvement to the prayers of so many. However, the road to recovery is long and he remains deeply grateful for any and all prayers during this challenging time. He would appreciate you taking home some prayer cards and praying regularly for him. These are located at the back of the Church. Alternatively, please find prayer below:



O MOST BLESSED MOTHER,
heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially the healing of Archbishop Anthony.

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. *Amen.*

Weekday Mass Times

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

Parish Office

From the **30th March till the 26th April**, the Parish office will open on Tuesday's and Thursday's ONLY as Mary-Ann will be on annual leave. Maria Awad will attend to the office on these days. For emergencies please call the Parish mobile on 0420 800 194 or leave a message on 9607 8760.

Parish Council Elections

Nominations are being called for Parish Councillors. 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.

Carpark Closure

From the **11th April till the 17th April** the ramp to the top carpark will be under construction as a new ramp will be concreted. You will be able to still access top carpark via Wonga Road.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Care Group Activities

Apologies - The Bead Making (Friday 22 April) with Mary-Ann Class has been cancelled. Thank you to all those Parishioners that showed an interest in the activity. A class will be offered again towards the end of the year. In its place why not come along and Catch up with some Craft, Knitting and a Cuppa (10am session only). Gold coin donation.

Friday 20 May - 10am - 1pm Mother's Day High Tea. Any parishioners wishing to attend either of these activities, would you please place your name on the attendance sheets, found at the Piety store or on the bench to the rear of the Church. Thank You.

Craft Group

Mother's Day Stall: Get Mum that very special handmade quality gift - made by the loving hands of caring Parishioners of the Lurnea Parish Craft Group. Items are on sale before and after 3 Masses only: Saturday Vigil 30 April 5pm, Sun 1 May 8am & 9.30am.

Catechist Training

A compulsory Basic 1 Training is scheduled on **Monday 18 April, 10am to 2pm**, to be held in the Parish Centre. Anyone interested in being a Catechist or Helper and would like to attend this training, please contact Bibian 0403 171 528.

Sincerest thanks to all parishioners who helped to make the Easter Liturgies such solemn, prayerful and spiritual gatherings. It would take much space to list all names in each group but please know that your time, efforts and expertise is very much appreciated.

Thank you to those that supported Caritas and its work during Lent by donating through Project Compassion. As a Parish, we donated over \$3,800.00 (still counting). Your generosity will assist those less fortunate.

Parish Pilgrimage to St Mary's Cathedral

At the beginning of this extraordinary Year of Mercy Archbishop Fisher said "My fervent prayer is for all of Sydney's Catholics to experience the loving mercy of God through the graces and initiatives of this Jubilee Year." One of the special graces open to us is the Jubilee Indulgence, gained by passing through the Holy Door of St Mary's Cathedral. The cathedral has designated "mercy stations", sites identified along a pathway through the cathedral, that assists us to contemplate and encounter the mercy of God, including child friendly components. Fr Thu and the Liturgy Committee are planning to organise a parish pilgrimage to the cathedral on a Saturday during this year. Parishioners, who would like to be a part of this special day, please put your names and phone numbers on the form at the back of the church by the end of April so that the Liturgy Committee can organise the date and time.

Walk with Christ Postponed

Due to complications associated with the Light Rail works in the CBD, the decision has been taken to postpone the annual Eucharistic Procession, Walk with Christ, to a time close to the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday 20 November). This will allow us to close the Year of Mercy. We are extremely grateful for the efforts of the personnel at Sydney's Transport Management Centre for the collaborative way in which they have engaged with us and we are hopeful of resolving a suitable route for November.

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May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Recently Deceased
Bishop Ronald Mulkearns

Deceased
Ashley & Claude Jumean
Ashley Pereira
All Souls in Purgatory

Special Intention
Naresh Kumar
Magret Kumar
Damayanti Krishna
Late James Krishna

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP	Baby An Phuc Nguyen
Fr Bill Davis	Kelvin Huitt
Pat Lord	Joyce Mifsud
Margaret McKenna	Saulius David Balsys
Lauren Channon	Mavis Freeburn
Noah Rewa	Illuminada S. Ortanez
Joseph Fakhoury	Basil Maynard
Patricia Kearns	Patrick Carlsen
Dominic Mullen	Mary Azzopardi
John Bell	Michael McKelvie

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

Third Sunday of Easter - Year C - 9th & 10th April 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm	Victor Tran	Estelle Standley	Melinda Melham Kayley Melham	Frank Agostino
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Agnelo Andrade Rosa Andrade Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Jacinta Lemalu Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui	Luca Abel Lawrence Abel Alannah Alam Alyse Alam	Jordan Varghese Kirsten Bilog
Acolytes	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Manche	Phil Coleman	Martin Ryan
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal, Rose Fernandez & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas			
Children's Liturgy	Michelle Keir, Maria Caridi & Janice Tran			

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C - 16th & 17th April 2016

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Christina Acitelli Domenic Acitelli	Amel Isidoro	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister 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	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso Kiara Liu Darren Liu	Anthony Bui	Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Ryan	Martin Manche
Altar Society	Souad Dagher, Malein Abou Fram			
Counters	Brian & June Baker			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy this week.			

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise,

honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
(shorter form)**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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