



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B
11TH & 12TH APRIL 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

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord.
Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer
to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community
of believers who follow the example of Jesus.

Even non-believers recognised something marvellously
different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed:
These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth
of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God
preached by others has often brought us out of
darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth
of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only
instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin.
Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine
forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and,
thereby, with the rest of the believing community.

Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of
Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched.

Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the
wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the
community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the
dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds
may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord
has identified with them and has made them his own.



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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

Prayer Group:
Thursdays..... 7.30pm - 8.15pm

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Weekday Mass Times

<i>Monday</i>	- No Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	- 9:00am Mass
<i>Wednesday</i>	- 9:00am Mass
<i>Thursday</i>	- 9:00am Mass
<i>Friday</i>	- 9:00am Mass

St Francis Xavier's 50 Years Golden Jubilee

Jubilee Dinner Dance, 17 July 2015

Macquarie Paradiso Function Centre,
Macquarie St, Liverpool.

Ticket will be \$50.00 per head.

Pensioners \$40.00 per head

The night will include:

- * **3 Course Meal:** * **Beverages:** unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks
- * **Entertainment**
- * **Travel in time** - the history of our parish.

Tickets will go on Sale after Easter, so start gathering your family and friends to make up tables of 8 and come along to this eventful night.

The parish will subsidise the difference with each ticket sold, as we were charged \$55.00 per head.

Book of Memories

Don't forget to share your memories with us in the Book of Memories located in the Piety Stall.

Please look through your photo albums, whether your young or old, please share your memories. Thank you

Golden Jubilee Mass 19th July 2015 - 10am

This is one of the Main celebrations for the Parish's Golden Year. There will be a combined morning Mass at 10am. Following Mass, a Multicultural Festival for all to enjoy.

Watch this Space for more details as each event is announced.

Caritas - Project Compassion.

Thank you for your donations to Caritas Australia. Through your kind generosity **St Francis Xavier's Parish raised approx. \$3000.00** to help the less fortunate than ourselves. God Bless you all.

Centenary Of Anzac Vigil Mass Of Remembrance.

The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance,
**St Mary's Cathedral on
Friday, 24 April at 5.30pm.**

The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of members of the Australian Defense Force. All are welcome to attend and to pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defense of Australia.

Care Group New Sing along and Card Bingo

When: 24 April 2015, Time: 10am - 12.30pm

Cost: \$5.00 Morning Tea included

Where: In the meeting rooms behind the church.

Everyone welcome

Walk with Christ - Feast of Corpus Christi

**Sydney's annual procession of the
Blessed Sacrament. 10 Year Anniversary.
Sunday 7 June 2015**

Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Starts: St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard.

Ends: St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.

Please fill in your Personal Prayer Petitions in the Book of Life in the foyer of the Church.

Catholic Adult Education Centre

NEW COURSES for 2015 (Term 2)

Courses include: The Eucharist & Moral Life in Christ from 20 April – 8 June, Monday evenings; Knowing and Living with Creation, one day intensive 18 May; and Maronite History, 20 April – 25 May, Monday evenings. With the exception of Maronite History, all courses will be held at The Catholic Centre, Keating St, Lidcombe.

Enquiries – (02) 9646 9010 or study@caec.com.au.

Six day directed retreat

The Mount Carmel Retreat Centre.

A silent retreat with a spiritual director to accompany you. **When:** April 27 – May 3

Presenter: Team of Directors

Cost: \$660 (concessions apply)

Where: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, 2566

Contact: 02 8795 3400,

email: retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Wanted - Musicians

**Rendu Rhythms – Liverpool Region
St Vincent de Paul Society**

If you are a guitarist, keyboard player anybody with their own 'portable' musical instrument as well as singers, we'd love you to join our emerging ensemble - a driver's licence is preferable, but not essential.

When: Wednesday 8th April 2015 6.00pm

Where: St. Vincent de Paul Liverpool

Regional office Humphries roads,

Mount Pritchard (Cnr Cabramatta rd)

What do I bring: your instrument and some samples of the music you like to play! For more information email peter.bonwick@vinnies.org.au Or Kim.Heckenberg@vinnies.org.au



May the souls
of the faithful
departed rest
in peace.

Recently Deceased

Conrad Sheff
Anniversaries
Cath Sweeney
Mary Lynn Murphy

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis, Margaret McKenna, Noah Rewa, Joseph Fakhoury Len Douglass, Lucienne Baeta, Riley Maloney, Josephine Caligiuri, Alida Salloum, Helen Rizk Rita Russell	Joyce Mifsud, Pat Lord, Patricia Kearns, Yvonne Howes Lauren Channon Paese Tuiletufuga Saulius David Balsys Fr Peter Quilty John Bell Dominic Mullan Juliana Alvaro
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Exposition & Benediction

1st Thursday of the Month 7.30 - 8.30pm
to pray for the 2015 Synod on the Family.

Children's Liturgy

There will be a break from Children's Liturgy from Holy week till the end of School Holidays. Resumes 26 April.

Please note: Names will be removed from the sick list after 2 months, unless parish office is notified. Thankyou

Second Sunday of Easter - Year B - 11th & 12th April 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am		6pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Shannon Pestana Solange Fegatilli	Vince Carrabs	Kayley Melham Melinda Melham	Collette Davies	
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 Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffiths Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister	
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Jordan Varghese	
Acolytes	Graeme Freeburn	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha				
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho				
Children's Liturgy	No children's liturgy this week.				

Third Sunday of Easter - Year B - 18th & 19th April 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am		6pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Melwyn Monteiro Merwyn Monteiro	George Wright	Charlotte Hon Jacinta Lemalu	Frank Agostino	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli Jacqueline Scully Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mary Grace Isidoro Volunteer Minister	
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Edmund Alphonso	Jordan Varghese	
Acolytes	Martin Manche	Martin Ryan	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha				
Counters	Brian & June Baker				
Children's Liturgy	No children's liturgy this week.				

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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