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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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ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 13TH & 14TH DECEMBER 2014

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.

There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy.

Joy is not the same as pleasure.

Pleasure is of the body; joy is of the spirit.

Pleasure is light a flare in the night:

it brightens things up for a while, but dies quickly,
leaving us darker and emptier than ever.

Joy, on the other hand, is like a bright fire in the heart;
even when it dies down, it leaves a warm glow behind it
Joy in the heart is the surest sign of the presence of God.



May the Lord guard you from every danger and help
you to walk always in the way that leads to salvation.

May he inspire you to lead others to Christ
by the way you live.

May you never doubt that God will fulfil the promises
he has made to us in Christ.

Christmas Mass Timetable

Mass of Reconciliation
Wednesday 17th December 7.30pm

Christmas Vigil
Wednesday 24th December at
7.00pm

Christmas Day
Thursday 25th December
Midnight Mass 12.00am
Morning Mass 8.00am, 9.30am
No Evening Mass

New Years Day Mass
9.00am Only



Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am Mass
Wednesday - 9.00am Mass
Thursday - 9.00am Mass
Friday - 9.00am Mass



Carols by Candlelight

19 December 2014

Alcohol Free Zone



Rain, Hail or Shine, the Carols will go on.

Carols will be held on the top carpark of the Parish (for wet weather will be in the hall)

No car access into the Church grounds will be allowed for the safety of Children. Pedestrian gates will be open on the lower and upper gates. Elderly and disabled access please use the upper gates as there will be ushers to escort you to your seats.

Gates will open at 6.00pm for you and your family members to find a seat and enjoy the pre Carols Sausage sizzle, pop corn, ice creams, slushies and fairy floss which can be purchased.

Candles can be purchased on the night also.

Carols will begin at 7.00pm

Seating will be available but please bring along a blanket and pillows for seating in front of stage.

NOTE TO PARENTS:

A strict supervision is required on your children this night. Please keep them close at hand. Thank you.

Weekly Planned Giving

New requests for weekly planned giving envelopes, please collect the foyer of the Church. If you would like to join the planned giving please fill in a Parish census and return to Fr Thu or the Parish Office.

St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal will take place throughout December. All money raised will assist in providing some Christmas cheer to those less fortunate than ourselves.

You are invited to take an envelope from the Christmas Tree and return it with a donation enclosed to a collection plate during the month. Thank you and God bless you for your assistance.

Christmas Vigil Mass - Children's Mass 24 December at 7.00pm

We have had an amazing response of children volunteering to be a part of the Christmas Vigil Children's Mass.

A wonderful story of the Birth of Christ has been organised by the Children's Liturgy teachers.

**Practice will take place over 2 weekends,
14th December and 21st December
straight after the 9.30am Sunday Mass.**

Children are to attend both practices.

Please place these dates in your diary.

Thank you for all your support.

Marriage Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Parishioners and friends who have been celebrating their Marriage anniversaries:

Paul & Shirley Rookes - 50 Years

Vincent & Eleonora Carrabs - 34 Years

George & Maureen Wright - 40 Years

Thien & Van Nguyen - 15 Years

May God bless them and their families on their special occasions.

Rosters for Christmas Masses

If you would like to be a part of the Christmas Midnight or Morning Masses, please fill in your details on the forms at the back of the Church so you can be rostered on.

The Christmas Story Catholic Students Art Exhibition.

Open to the public from Monday, 01 December in the Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral.

Over 90 inspired artwork pieces showcasing the creative talent of young Catholic students from Years 5 and 6 presented in an exhibition - The Christmas Story.

Monday to Thursdays: 10am to 4pm

St Mary's Cathedral Lights Of Christmas 2014.

The unique and spectacular Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral. They will run through to and including Christmas Day night. Each night there will be music entertainment before the projections begin at 8.30pm and go to midnight. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney the presenting partner this year is PAYCE and the theme is SERVICE – giving what we can to our family, friends and the community. Bring your family and friends to Cathedral Square for a free stunning display of laser lights and the true meaning of Christmas.

Catholic Weekly

Issue 14 December 2014

- Archbishop decries 'genocide' of Middle East Christians
- Asylum seeker deal 'an all-time low'
- Maths in death spiral, says fellowship winner
- Dad's the word when it comes to fatherhood
- New bells signal return of Angelus at Marcellin
- We must be more welcoming, says bishop
- Journey 'invaluable for parents': review
- Editorial, letters
- Vista: what's on in your parish and diocese



*We remember
our deceased
relatives and
friends...*

Note:
**No Children's Liturgy
from 21st December
to January 2015.
Liturgy will resume
1st February 2015.**

Recently Deceased

Erwin Gonzales
Fr James O'Meara

Anniversaries

Sylvia Willett
Carol Willett
Angelo Carrozzi
Paz Gonzales
Milagros Domingo
Bede Clifford
Filemon Sansor
Teresa Clare Boler

Deceased

The Souls in Purgatory

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis,	Joyce Mifsud,
Margaret McKenna,	Pat Lord,
Marcel Bains,	Patricia Kearns,
Noah Rewa,	Shirley Harmer
Jami Isaac	Sr. Regina McInerney R.S.M
John Bell,	Carlos Mendoza
Joe Moore,	Fred Azzopardi,
Lucienne Baeta,	Philomena Filippi
Riley Maloney,	Yvonne Howes
Josephine Caligiuri,	Bill Howlett
Alida Salloum,	Lauren Channon
Marion Aquilina	Paese Tuiletufuga

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

Third Sunday of Advent - Year B - 13th & 14th December 2014

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Ben Nguyen Adrian Nguyen Victoria Nguyen	Shirley Heffernan Vince Carrabs	Manulele Minute Charlotte Hon	Collette Davies Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jacqueline Scully Charlie Casha Jacinta Lemalu Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Edmund Alphonso	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Phil Coleman	Tony Keir	Martin Ryan	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B - 20th & 21st December 2014

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Domenic Acitelli Christina Acitelli	Maureen Wright George Wright	Kayley Melham Melinda Melham	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Frances Acitelli Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Jane Scott Volunteer Minister	Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Manche	John Nickel	Joe Mancini
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 61:1-2.10-11
I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **(R.)**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **(R.)**
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians 1 Thes 5:16-24

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all
things give thanks to God, because this is what God
expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of
prophecy with contempt; think before you do
anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every
form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy;
and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit,
soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jn1:6-8.19-28

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one
who is coming after me.*

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the
Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask
him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he
declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well
then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he
said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So
they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back
an answer to those who sent us. What have you to
say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah
prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and
they put this further question to him, 'Why are you
baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah,
and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with
water; but there stands among you – unknown to you
– the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to
undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on
the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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