



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B  
16TH & 17TH MAY 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*

‘Go, preach the Gospel to all nations.’  
This was the farewell command of Christ.  
He has no body on earth but ours.  
He has no hands but ours to feed the hungry.  
No feet but ours to seek out the lost.  
No ears but ours to listen to the lonely.  
No tongue but ours to comfort the sad.  
No heart but ours to love the unloved.  
Lord, take pity on us, your timid and fearful disciples;  
Give us the courage to witness to you in the world,  
So that they Gospel may be preached,  
And people may find their way into your kingdom.

*May the God, who has called you to  
eternal glory in Christ, strengthen  
and support you with his grace.  
May he confirm your hearts in holiness and  
keep you blameless in his sight.  
May he keep you steadfast in faith and  
courageous in witnessing to the Gospel.*



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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

**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 Feast Day Mass at SCOS Prestons

- 9:00am Communion Service in SFX Church

**Friday**

- 9:00am Mass

## St Francis Xavier's 50 Years Golden Jubilee

### Pentecost Sunday 24 May 2015

Pentecost will start the beginning of our Jubilee Celebrations.

### Jubilee Dinner Dance, 17 July 2015 Dress: Formal

### TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Macquarie Paradiso Function Centre,  
279 Macquarie St, Liverpool.  
(Parking Northumberland St Carpark)

Ticket will be \$50.00 per head.

Pensioners \$40.00 per head.

Pension Cards to be shown at time of purchase.

Limit of 1 tickets per pension card.



To purchase tickets please see Fr Thu or a representative after each weekend Mass or contact the parish office to purchase your tickets. Credit Card payments available

### GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

We are holding a raffle in honour of the 50 years of our parish. Tickets will be sold after each Mass or from the parish office.

**Tickets are \$2.00 each.**

If you purchase a **book for \$20**, you will receive **1 free ticket** which will be added to the barrel. Raffle will be drawn at the Jubilee Dinner Dance on the 17 July 2015.

**“BE IN IT, TO WIN IT.” “Good Luck”**

Sponsors: *Fiji Airways, Warwick Hotel  
Omniche Holidays Brisbane  
Good Guys at the Crossroads  
La Rumbra Restaurant Hoxton Park  
Pasta Italia Restaurant Casula*

### **WYD 2016 Launch & Young Adult Welcome to Archbishop Anthony Fisher Rescheduled to 19 May 2015**

Polish food, Polish dancing, information stalls, a catechesis from the Archbishop and even a spot of fine Polish vodka! The evening will be held at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall on Tuesday 19 May from 7.30pm. The Archbishop will also be presiding at City Silence (the weekly young adult holy hour) in the Cathedral from 6.30pm.

For more information see the event at [www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices](http://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices) or email: [wyd@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:wyd@catholicyouthservices.org)  
#getexcited #bemerciful

### **Pentecost Sunday - 24 May 2015**

There will be a combined morning Mass at 9am. Mass will be held at St Francis Xavier Church to begin our 50 years Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Following Mass please join us for a BBQ and Morning Tea. Thank you.



### **Baptism**

Welcome to the Faith Community,  
*Oscar Nordon Sarkissian  
Emily May Taylor  
Antun Novinc  
Leonardo Pasquale Corigliano  
Keana May Ann Cooney*

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

### **Care Group- Mothers Day High Tea**

**When:** Friday 22 May

**Time:** 10am-12.30pm **Cost:** \$5

**Where:** Parish rooms at back of church

Must register on sheets at back of church or in the Piety Stall by Sunday 17 May for catering purposes.

### **Liverpool Catholic Club Annual Mass 31st May 2015 at 11am**

Mass will be held at All Saints Catholic Church, Liverpool followed by Lunch at the Club. Tickets for the Luncheon are available at the club \$35.00 per person.

### **Scholarships for Post School Education and Career Growth**

**The Criteria for the Scholarships are listed below:**

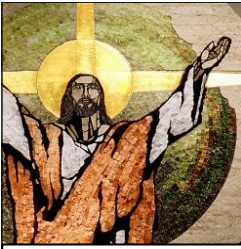
#### **Pre-requisites**

- Practicing Catholic and must belong to St Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea.
- Need based – Scholarship to assist student in further study or career growth.
- Currently must be completing Year 12.

#### **Process**

Students are to apply for the scholarship by the end of **Term 2**. As part of this process they are required to write a letter to Fr Thu and the Parish Council explaining the reasons for their application and how the scholarship would assist in further education or professional growth in their chosen careers.

Fr Thu and an appointed member of the Parish Council Scholarships Sub-Committee will interview the candidates. Please forward your letter to:  
**[admin@sfxlurnea.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxlurnea.org.au)**



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

**Recently Deceased**

Lourdes Gacayan  
Domenico Rapiti

**Anniversaries**

Lise Standley  
Marcel Armel

**Deceased**

Pasquale Pantaleo  
Fortunata Iorfino  
Zhao Yan Sheng

**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,  
Rita Russell  
Maggie Alam Sabbagh  
Fay Nicholes  
Noon Tan

Joyce Mifsud,  
Pat Lord,  
Patricia Kearns,  
Yvonne Howes  
Lauren Channon  
Paese Tuiletufuga  
Saulius David Balsys  
John Bell  
Dominic Mullan  
Juliana Alvaro  
Philomena Filippi  
Maria Papallo  
Ivan Jelavich

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

**Exposition & Benediction**

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

**The Ascension of the Lord - Year B - 16th & 17th May 2015**

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>		<b>6pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm/Intercession</b>	Domenic Acitelli Christina Acitelli	George Wright	Melinda Melham Kayley Melham	Colette Davies	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Cathy Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Jane Scott	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Liam Flanagan	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Phil Coleman	Tony Keir	Graeme Freeburn	John Nickel	
<b>Altar Society</b>	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha				
<b>Counters</b>	Brian & June Baker				
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Renee Lauric				

**Pentecost Sunday - Year B - 23rd & 24th May 2015**

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9AM COMBINED MASS</b>			<b>6pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm/Intercession</b>	Solange Fegatilli Shannon Pestana	Maureen Wright - Choir - Charlotte Hon - George Wright - Choir -	- First Reading - Responsorial Psalm - 2nd Reading - Sequence - Gospel Acclamation	Frank Agostino	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith		Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel	Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Jordan Varghese	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Joe Mancini	Martin Ryan		Annette Flanagan	
<b>Altar Society</b>	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha				
<b>Counters</b>	Doreen & Catherine Coleman				

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what riches he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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