



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
17TH & 18TH JANUARY 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.

True Story

A young teenager named Robbie spent several months in hospital. For much of the time he had nothing to do but listen to the radio. Among the DJs who helped him while away the hours there was one he particularly liked. He was on late at night when Robbie often couldn't get to sleep.

This DJ came across as both cheerful and friendly. Robbie felt as though he was talking directly to him. The DJ helped to keep him in touch with the outside world. Listening to him, he didn't feel lonely.

The youngster thought: I'd like to do that for people. He made up his mind to become a DJ. He became a DJ, a very popular one, in fact.

Our pain and suffering can allow us to be called by God to become instruments of compassion and messengers of hope to others.

Reflection - God's Call

God's call is mysterious;
It comes in the darkness of faith.

It is so fine, so subtle,
That it is only with the deepest silence within us
That we can hear it.

And yet nothing is surer or stronger,
Nothing is so decisive and overpowering as that call.
God's call is essentially an appeal to our hearts.

St Teresa of Lisieux says:
'If God has not got your heart, he has got nothing.'

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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

<i>Monday</i>	- No Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	- 9.00am Mass
<i>Wednesday</i>	- 9.00am Mass
<i>Thursday</i>	- 9.00am Communion Service
<i>Friday</i>	- 9.00am Mass

Parish Office Hours for January 2015

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	OPEN 6	OPEN 7	8	9	10
11	12	OPEN 13	OPEN 14	OPEN 15	16	17
18	19	OPEN 20	OPEN 21	OPEN 22	23	24
25	26	OPEN 27	OPEN 28	OPEN 29	30	31

January 2015 - days open from 9.30am - 5.30pm

From **February 2015** the office will resume its normal hours from Tue - Fri 9.30am - 5.30pm

Fr Thu will be away in January. In the case of any emergency and you require a priest while parish office is closed, please call or text Mary-Ann on the Parish mobile number **0450 034 454** Thank you.

Catholic Weekly issue of 18 January

- Brunei: the Grinch that banned Christmas
- Changing times for Sydney's most distant parish
- Did Mary turn back the Germans in the Battle of the Marne?
- 'You have nothing to tell me?' Surprise call for new cardinal
- Archbishop 'ready to die for my flock'
- Hope for 'new era of peace' in Sri Lanka
- Archbishop Oscar Romero 'died for his faith' - step towards sainthood
- Maronites plan first national youth conference

SYNOD FAMILY SURVEY.

2015 Synod family survey is open to all parishioners. This second survey comprises 30 questions for the consideration and response of the faithful.

This can be done electronically at www.sydneycatholic.org/survey2015 or by hard copy to the Life, Marriage and Family Centre, Level 11, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney 2000. All responses need to be received by COB 2 February 2015 so that they can be consolidated and sent to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference before they are sent on to the Synod Secretariat in Rome.

Working with Children's Check

An **URGENT** request for all Working with Children's Check for Acolytes, Catechist, Children's Liturgy Team & Sacramental Team.

Please go to: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

Once you receive your WWC number please forward to the parish office with your Date of Birth.

This is very important the office receives all your Working with Children's Check Numbers by the 27th January as you will no longer be able to continue in your ministry if we have not verified you with our parish.

Please do not ignore this request as the Government agencies have a closing date for all Church related work.

If you do not know what to do please contact Mary-Ann at the Parish office for help.

SFX Volunteers Needed

We are looking for new volunteers in our parish. If you have any time available for the following Ministries please fill in your details on the form at the back of the church.

- Readers
- Extraordinary Minister of Communion
- Counters
- Liturgy Committee
- Sacramental Team
- Altar Servers
- Altar Society

If you would like to know a little more about any of the ministries or help out in the parish with one of your many talents please give the parish office a call.

Counseling Course

The St John of God Institute of Counseling, established in 1969, offers a course designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counseling principles. Participants can learn new skills in dealing with daily personal challenges and the issues that arise within families, the school environment and in the workplace. It is conducted on Tuesday evenings within the school term between 7.30pm - 9.45pm at Holy Cross College, Victoria Road, Ryde commencing on Tuesday 3 February 2015. The cost for the course is \$450.00 for the year with an early bird offer of \$400.00 if paid in full by the end of February 2015. For enquires please contact: Michael Hill - 9869 3774 or 0410 774 432; Carol Harding - 9639 0096 or 0408 705 848; Jannelle Carlile - 0431 598 004; or Email: counselling1969@gmail.com



We remember our deceased relatives and friends...

Recently Deceased

Paul Kerr
Teofilo Redubla
Yen Thi Kim Tran

Deceased

Teresa Pereira

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis,	Joyce Mifsud,
Margaret McKenna,	Pat Lord,
Marcel Bains,	Patricia Kearns,
Noah Rewa,	Sr. Regina McInerney R.S.M
Joseph Fakhoury	Yvonne Howes
John Bell,	Bill Howlett
Joe Moore,	Lauren Channon
Lucienne Baeta,	Paese Tuiletufuga
Riley Maloney,	Leandro Fermin
Josephine Caligiuri,	Dolores Fermin
Alida Salloum,	Lourdes Gacayan
Marion Aquilina	Pat Pantaleo

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 17th & 18th January 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Tony Crescini Catherine Coleman	George Wright Maureen Wright	Kayley Melham Melinda Melham	Greg Richardson Tracie Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Barry Bolton Olga Sipek	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Graeme Freeburn	Joe Mancini	John Nickel	John Nickel
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 24th & 25th January 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Domenic Acitelli Christina Acitelli	Justin Marcellienus Jessica Marcellienus	Jacinta Lemalu Melinda Melham	Colette 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 Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Phil Coleman	Martin Manche	Martin Ryan	Graeme Freeburn
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Brian & June Baker			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**



SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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