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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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 20TH & 21ST 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.

The lights have come on in our streets and in our homes in preparation for Christmas.

Light is a very appropriate symbol of Christmas.

The coming of the Saviour is described in the Scriptures as the coming of a great light, a light that no darkness can overpower.

Lord, may we welcome you as the light of the world. May your light shine in our hearts and be reflected in our words and deeds this Christmas.



Through the grace of His coming, may the Lord free you from sin and from the power of evil. May he free you from fear, and enable you to live in holiness and uprightness all the days of your lives. And may his light scatter your darkness as the rising sun scatters the shadows of the night.

Christmas Mass Timetable

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 - Christmas Day - Mass
times above
Friday - 9.00am Mass

Christmas Vigil Mass

Children's Mass
24 December at 7.00pm
Practice for the children will take place on the 21st December straight after the 9.30am Sunday Mass. Thank you for all your support.



This year, I would like to put up a tree in my heart, and instead of hanging presents, I would like to put the names of all my friends. Close friends and not so close friends. The old friends the new friends. Those that I see every day and the ones that I rarely see. The ones that I always remember and the ones that I sometimes forget. The ones that are always there and the ones that seldom are. The friends of difficult times and the ones of happy times. Friends who, without meaning to, I have hurt, or, without meaning to have hurt me. Those that I know well and those I only know by name. Those that owe me little and those that I owe so much. My humble friends and my important friends. The names of all those that have passed through my life no matter how fleetingly. A tree with very deep roots and very long and strong branches so that their names may never be plucked from my heart. So that new names from all over may join the existing ones. A tree with a very pleasant shade so that our friendship may take a moment of rest from the battles of life. "May the happy moments of Christmas brighten every day of the new year". These are my sincere wishes.

A big thank you to all parishioners who have been involved in various ministries. We are blessed to have so many people who are committing themselves, and give their time and talents to the life and mission of this parish community. We can not survive without your generosity and commitment.

God bless you all

Fr Thu

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Holy and safe New Year.

Every time a hand reaches out to help another..... that is Christmas
 Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding..... that is Christmas.
 Every time people forget their differences and realise their love for each other.....that is Christmas.
 May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understanding closer to the blessing of peace!

Dressing of the Parish Christmas Tree

Every year, a few days before Christmas, we invite children and their families to come and decorate our Christmas Tree in the Church. Please come along on **Monday 22nd December from 4pm till 5pm** to dress the Tree.

HSC Results

We congratulate our HSC students of our Parish who have recently received the results for their HSC Exams this year. God's blessings and best wishes to them on this new phase of their lives.

SVDP Society - Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal will take place throughout December. 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.

St Francis Xavier's Carols by Candlelight

Thank you to all the choirs and volunteers who helped make this night a great success.



We raised \$

To go towards the repayment of the P.A. system in the Church. Thank you to all who came and made this night a memorable one.

Church P.A. System

After a long wait, the church P.A. system has been upgraded and installed. It now has surround sound and the Holy Mass can be heard in every corner of the Church.

All Microphones have been adjusted and they are of very good quality.

Readers and choirs are asked not to change any settings or positions of the equipment. The volumes have been tested and set by the technicians and are all at the correct levels.

Please do not bend or change the lectern microphone as it will pick up your voice no matter how close or far you stand away from it. All have been tested and are working very well.

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.



*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

Wally Frangi

Anniversaries

Jim Costa

Guisseppi Iorfino

Paz Gonzales

Milagros Domingo

Bede Clifford

Filemon Sanson

Deceased

Salvatore Fardella

Gina Fardella Cassaniti

Eileen Gillham

Reg Gillham

Dorothy Lloyd

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis,

Margaret McKenna,

Marcel Bains,

Noah Rewa,

Joseph Fakhoury

John Bell,

Joe Moore,

Lucienne Baeta,

Riley Maloney,

Josephine Caligiuri,

Alida Salloum,

Marion Aquilina

Joyce Mifsud,

Pat Lord,

Patricia Kearns,

Shirley Harmer

Sr. Regina McInerney R.S.M

Carlos Mendoza

Fred Azzopardi,

Philomena Filippi

Yvonne Howes

Bill Howlett

Lauren Channon

Paese Tuiletufuga

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

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 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	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			

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Year B - 27th & 28th December 2014

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Shannon Pestana Solange Fegatilli	Vince Carrabs George Wright	Kayley Melham Melinda Melham	Collette Davies Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Barry Bolton Olga Sipek	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem 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	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Tony Keir	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Manche	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Julie Bakarich & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Brian & June Baker			
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' **(R.)**
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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