



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

### 21ST & 22ND FEBRUARY 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.

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*(Please type/print your message clearly).*

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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

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## Reflection

In pruning a fruit tree,  
 the aim is not to inflict damage on the tree,  
 but to rid it of dead or superfluous branches,  
 so that it can produce more and better fruit.

Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time.  
 There may be things in our lives that sap our energy,  
 and diminish our spiritual fruitfulness.

What do we need to prune ourselves this lent,  
 so that we may become more fruitful branches of  
 Christ, the true vine?



May God's word be a lamp for your steps  
 and a light for your path.

May the Lord keep your feet from stumbling  
 and your heart from straying.

May the Lord strengthen you against evil, and enable  
 you to live in the freedom of the children of God.

**Please join in singing with our choirs during all Masses.**  
**St. Augustine: "The one who sings prays twice"**

### Weekday Mass Times

<b>Monday</b>	- No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	- 9:00am Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	- 9:00am Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	- 9.00am Communion Service - SFX Church - 9.00am Year 2 Liturgy of the Word at SCOS Prestons.
<b>Friday</b>	- 9.00am Mass

### *Lenten Program 2015*

The Lenten Discussion Group will begin Tuesday  
**24th February 2015 at 7:00pm**  
in the Church meeting rooms.  
If you would like to join this group you are most  
welcome to show up on the night. We ask for a \$10  
donation to cover the costs of the recourses.  
Thank you.

### *Stations of the Cross*

Stations of the Cross will begin on  
**Friday 27th February at 7.30pm** and will conclude  
on the 27th March in the church.

### *Exposition & Benediction*

1st Thursday of the Month  
7.30 - 8.30pm  
To pray for the 2015 Synod on the Family.  
**Begins: Thursday 5th March 2015**

### *Readers*

**Readers Training will be held on  
Saturday 28th February at 10.30 am in Church**  
If you would like to join the Readers Ministry at  
weekend Masses please fill in the form at the back of  
the church with your details.

### *Catholic Weekly Issue 22 February*

- Libyan slaughter: Pope mourns 'our brothers in blood'
- Layman, cleric will replace retiring chancellor
- Fr Ron, a holy man in tune with God
- Diaconate, driving – they're my cup of tea, says Aruna
- Question of taste: Should it be 50 Shades of PREY?
- Self-denial? Yes. But always rapt in the alms of the lord
- Pope names our new apostolic nuncio
- Download Xt3's new Lenten app
- Vista: what's on in your parish and diocese

### *For Men of all ages: 'On Fatherhood.....A day of reflection and fellowship for Men.'*

A number of reflections provided by members of  
Schoenstatt Men's Fellowship on the Fatherhood of  
God and being a father. Mass will be celebrated and  
the sacrament of confession will be available.

Morning & afternoon tea & BBQ Lunch

Hosted by the Life, Marriage & Family Centre.

Where: Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill.

When: Saturday, 14 March 2015, 8:00am - 4:00pm.

Donation: \$10.00

Please direct registrations and inquiries to  
[lmfcentre@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lmfcentre@sydneycatholic.org)

### *Catechist Recruitment Drive Weekend*

#### **28th February & 1st March at all Masses**

Become a Catechist or a Catechist helper.  
One day a week for 30-45 mins only in a classroom.  
Please contact Jodie on 0418 630 124 or  
email [Jodie\\_021@hotmail.com](mailto:Jodie_021@hotmail.com) for more information.

#### *Note to all current Catechists:*

All Catechists please attend one of the Masses on the  
28th Feb or 1st March for you to be commissioned in  
for the 2015 year. Also please hand in your Working  
with Children's Check Number to Mary-Ann at the  
parish office asap as you will not be able to continue  
in this ministry if you don't. Thank you.

### *Morning Tea Roster*

The last Sunday of every month after the 9.30am  
Mass a morning tea is held outside the church as a  
social occasion. If you would like to host one of  
these morning teas please place your details on the  
form at the back of the church. Thank you.

### *Lent 2015 - Project Compassion "Food for Life"*

This Lent, as we renew our faith and commitment  
to the good news of the Gospel, we can learn,  
pray and act for a fairer distribution of the world's  
abundant food resources.

Please donate to Project compassion 2015 and help  
people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they  
need to build healthy families and grow food for life.

Please take a Project Compassion box or  
weekly envelopes and contribute to this  
great cause during Lent.

### *Reminder to all Catechists.....*

Prestons Public School  
and Lurnea Public  
School will start  
scripture this week,  
books will be available  
to pick up Tuesday...

Dalmeny resumes 9th  
march...

### *Request for Envelopes:*

Parishioners who have  
requested envelopes  
by filling out the parish  
census, please collect  
from the Sacristy.



Good Samaritan  
Catholic College

### **OPEN DAY**

Saturday MARCH 14 2015  
11.00am - 1.00pm

Presentation in the College Hall  
at 11am.

401 Hoxton Park Road,  
Hinchinbrook

[www.goodsamaritan.nsw.edu.au](http://www.goodsamaritan.nsw.edu.au)

*Journeying with Compassion*



**Recently Deceased**  
Mr Michael (Mick) Comensoli

**Anniversaries**

Michael Fernandez  
Don Manuel Dissanayake  
Adib Boulos  
Leo Maloney  
Bill Liversedge  
Leo Pereira  
Carl Carlsen  
Ruth Carlsen

*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,
Noah Rewa,	Patricia Kearns,
Joseph Fakhoury	Yvonne Howes
John Bell,	Bill Howlett
Joe Moore,	Lauren Channon
Lucienne Baeta,	Paese Tuiletufuga
Riley Maloney,	Bishop Geoff Robinson
Josephine Caligiuri,	Jim Barrett
Alida Salloum,	Grezzju Grech
Marion Aquilina	Saulius David Balsys

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

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

***First Sunday of Lent - Year B - 21st & 22nd February 2015***

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm/Intercession</b>	Catherine Coleman Jacqueline Scully	Jessica Marcellienus Justin Marcellienus	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Colette Davies Kristina Williams
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Jane Scott	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Edmund Alphonso	Liam Flanagan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Phil Coleman	Martin Manche	Martin Ryan	Tony Keir
<b>Altar Society</b>	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Brian & June Baker			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Renee Lauric & Karen Marcellienus			

***Second Sunday of Lent - Year B - 28th February & 1st March 2015***

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<b>Reader Psalm/Intercession</b>	Domenic Acitelli Christina Acitelli	Colin Smith Rosa Andrade	Charlotte Hon Manulele Minute	Greg Richardson Tracie Richardson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Jordan Varghese
<b>Acolytes</b>	Graeme Freeburn	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Annette Flanagan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

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### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan.

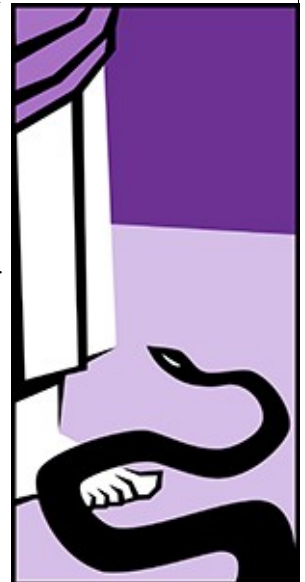
He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee.

There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come'

he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand.

Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison.

Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building

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