



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
YEAR A - 22ND & 23RD NOVEMBER 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.

Reflection

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need.

We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us.

We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong.

He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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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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Care Group
Anne Hobbs: 9601 - 7061

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am Mass
Wednesday - 9.00am Mass
Thursday - 9.00am Year 4 Mass at STCOS Prestons.
Friday - 9.00am Mass



St Francis Xavier Parish Presents

***The Joy of Christmas:
Carols by Candlelight***
19 December 2014



Our Parish and School Choirs will be presenting for your enjoyment, festive Christmas Carols.

Carols will be held on the top carpark of the Parish grounds with Special Guests for the children.

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.

A great night to look forward too so please place it in your diary.

The money raised will go towards the upgrade of the Church sound system and the placement of a Hearing Loop within the church.

So get your singing voices in tune and we look forward to seeing you there.

Care Group News

LURNEA PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Saturday 6th December 11:30am for a 12noon start
Limited seating available. For catering purposes the cut-off date for reservations is Sunday 30th Nov
Please phone; Anne 9601 7061
or Emma 0421 935 024 Thankyou!

November Mass Intentions

For the month of November, the names of your deceased family and friends will be published and placed in the church for the parish community to pray for.

Please do not write in the intentions book.

There will be a basket at the altar for your special intentions to be placed in and then the names will be printed and placed into book.

Please Print clearly so spelling can be correct.

Christmas Vigil Mass

Only 4 weeks to Christmas and preparation for the Christmas Vigil Children's Mass has begun.

If you are preparing to attend the Christmas Vigil Mass and would like your children to participate in the Nativity Story, please place your contact details on the form at the back of the Church with the number of Children who wish to participate and we will contact you with details of practice times and dates. Thank you.

REDEEM: Advent & Christmas Reflections 2014

This pocket-sized Advent and Christmas Reflection books help remind us of the reason for the season and to hopefully draw us closer to God.

They are available for purchase \$4.00 each in the Piety Stall. Please place your payment in the purple box provided near the book not in the Piety Stall Box. Thank you

Catechist Mass

A reminder of our Catechist Mass and dinner coming up beginning at 7pm on Friday 28th Nov. Prayer partners are warmly invited.

All parishioners welcome to the Mass.

Craft Group News

The Craft Group would like to sincerely thank all the parishioners who supported them over the last couple of week. Many beautiful Christmas items were purchased that were hand made. They raised approx \$2000.00 which will go towards the needs of the Church.

The Craft Group's raffle winners are:

1st Prize: Ticket Purple 039 - Nina Abel

2nd Prize: Ticket Purple 026 - Donald Lobo

Invitation

Vicar for Consecrated Life

An invitation for 2 young people of the Parish to attend Mass on Saturday 6 December 2014 at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am.

Each year there has been a Mass for members of consecrated life in the Archdiocese. This year a warm invitation goes out to 2 young members of the parish to attend this Mass, followed by lunch.

Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

If you are interested in attending this Mass please let Fr Thu know after Mass.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS 2014.

The unique and spectacular Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral will this year be launched on

Tuesday 9 December and 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.



We remember our deceased relatives and friends...

Deceased
Teresa Fraser
Holy Souls - deceased Priests and Nuns
Mrs Florence McIntyre

Anniversaries

Mr M.R. Varghese
Thuy Phuc Nguyen

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis,	Joyce Mifsud,
Margaret McKenna,	Martin Bautista,
Marcel Baini,	Mario Sanchez,
Noah Rewa,	Pat Lord,
Jami Isaac	Patricia Kearns,
John Bell,	Rafael Luis Bailon,
Joe Moore,	Shirley Harmer
Lucienne Baeta,	Sr. Regina McInerney
Riley Maloney,	R.S.M
Josephine Caligiuri,	Carlos Mendoza
Alida Salloum,	Fred Azzopardi,
Marion Aquilina	Philomena Filippi

New and updated Rosters

New rosters are available for Altar Servers & Readers. Altar Server Roster has been updated again so please collect the latest one from the Sacristy.

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A - 22nd & 23rd November 2014

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Domenic Acitelli Jnr Nadia Acitelli	George Wright Maureen Wright	Kayley Melham Melinda Melham	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Agnelo Andrade Rosa Andrade Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Donald Lobo	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister 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	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Anthony Bui Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub	Joshua Bui Jordan Varghese Stephanie Anderson Edmund Alphonso	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Manche
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho			
Children's Liturgy	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

First Sunday of Advent - Year B - 30th November & 1st December 2014

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Catherine Coleman Shannon Pestana	Justin Marcellienus Jessica Marcellienus	Jacqueline Scully Charlotte Hon	Collette Davies Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli	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 Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Tony Keir	Martin Ryan	Phil Coleman	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Julie Bakarich & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Brian & June Baker			
Children's Liturgy	Renee Lauric & Marcellienus			

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - *Year A*

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel Ez 34:11-12.15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will

be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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