



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA

## PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B

### 23RD & 24TH 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*

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same?

Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments?

Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

Dianne Bergant



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Bulletin notices to be in by Thurs. 12pm.  
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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 Year 3 Liturgy at SCOS Prestons

- 9:00am Communion Service in SFX Church

**Friday**

- 9:00am Mass

## St Francis Xavier's 50 Years Golden Jubilee

**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*

## ***URGENTLY NEEDED***

Readers for Sunday 8am and 6pm Masses.  
If you are available to read at these Masses please call the Parish office on 9607 8760 or place your name on the sheet at the back of the Church. Thank you.

## ***Liverpool Catholic Club Annual Mass*** **Next Sunday - 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.



## ***Confirmation News***

Please keep in your prayers all our Confirmation Candidates who are preparing to receive the Sacrament in a few weeks time. The candidates are in the process of completing an assignment as to why they chose the saints name they did for Confirmation. These will be placed at the back of the Church for the parishioners to keep them in their prayers.

## ***St Vincent De Paul Society***

Our “Winter Appeal” will take place on the weekend of the 12th & 13th June. A leaving collection will be held after each Mass to raise funds to help us assist those in need in our local area. The cooler weather brings added problems to many families, and so we appeal to your generosity to help those less fortunate. Thank you.

## ***Rome Pilgrimage Tour*** **3 June 2015 Departure.**

There are some vacancies still available on the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's Rome Pilgrimage Tour which departs on 03 June 2015. The 7-night tour package includes return economy airfares, accommodation at Domus Australia, all breakfasts and dinners, and all tours including admission. For full details go to [www.romepilgrimages.com](http://www.romepilgrimages.com) or phone 1800 819 156.

## ***Mustard Seed - Advanced Movie Screening***

‘The Good Lie’ Starring Reese Witherspoon.  
An inspirational film about a group of Sudanese refugees given the chance to resettle in America, where their encounter with an employment agency counsellor forever changes all of their lives.  
At The Mustard Seed Bookshop, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe - on Thursday, 4 June 4 at 7.30pm. Book your tickets (\$5 each) by phone on 9646 9000. Tickets are strictly limited!

## ***St Francis Xavier Parish Scholarships***

### **Pre-requisites**

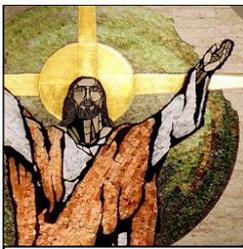
- Practicing Catholic and must belong to St Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea.
- Need based – Scholarship to assist student in further study or career growth.
- Currently must be completing Year 12.

### **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**

Ivan Jelavich  
Fr Peter Quilty

**Anniversaries**

Andrew Joseph  
Adelaida Joseph  
Norma De Vera Benito  
Lourdes de Leon Pastor

**Deceased**

Alberto Manila  
John I. McPhee

**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
Len Douglass,	Lauren Channon
Lucienne Baeta,	Paese Tuiletufuga
Riley Maloney,	Saulius David Balsys
Josephine Caligiuri,	John Bell
Alida Salloum,	Dominic Mullan
Rita Russell	Juliana Alvaro
Maggie Alam Sabbagh	Philomena Filippi
Fay Nicholes	Maria Papallo
Noon Tan	David McDougal

*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.

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

	SATURDAY 5pm	SUNDAY		
		9AM COMBINED MASS		6pm
<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	Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	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 Most Holy Trinity - Year B - 30th & 31st May 2015**

	SATURDAY 5pm	SUNDAY		
		8am	9.30am	6pm
<b>Reader Psalm/Intercession</b>	Merwyn Monteiro Melwyn Monteiro	Shirley Heffernan	Angie Clarkson	Greg Richardson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Domenic Acitelli Frances Acitelli Jacqueline Scully Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Jacinta Lemalu Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Edmund Alphonso	Liam Flanagan
<b>Acolytes</b>	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Graeme Freeburn	Annette Flanagan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Stephen & Therese Puskas and Cathy Crick			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Rosetta Zaccagnini, Tracie Richardson, Jasna Sosic			

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### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions.

If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses,  
because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:

All he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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