



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B
25TH & 26TH APRIL 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

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places? God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

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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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Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9:00am Mass
Wednesday - 9:00am Mass
Thursday - 9:00am Year 2 Liturgy of the Word at
SCOS Prestons
- 9:00am Communion Service
Friday - 9:00am Mass

St Francis Xavier's 50 Years Golden Jubilee

Jubilee Dinner Dance, 17 July 2015 Black Tie event

Macquarie Paradiso Function Centre,
279 Macquarie St, Liverpool.
(Parking Northumberland St Car park)

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.

Tickets are being sold now. To purchase tickets please see Fr Thu after each weekend Mass or contact the parish office to purchase your tickets. Credit Card payments available from the parish office only.



Book of Memories

Book of Memories located in the Piety Stall.
Please look through your photo albums,
whether your young or old, please share your
memories. Thank you

Golden Jubilee Mass 19th July 2015 - 10am

Combined morning Mass at 10am will be
celebrated by the Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

Following Mass,

a Multicultural Festival for all to enjoy.

Welcome

We welcome the Carmelite Fathers from Varroville
who will celebrate Masses for us this weekend.

Walk with Christ - Feast of Corpus Christi

**Sydney's annual procession of the
Blessed Sacrament. 10 Year Anniversary.
Sunday 7 June 2015**

Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Starts: St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard.

Ends: St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.

Please fill in your Personal Prayer Petitions in the
Book of Life in the foyer of the Church.

Confirmation News

CONFIRMATION (Year 6 and above) - TERM 2

Information Night: Tuesday 5 May at 7.00pm

Program begins: Monday 11 May (4 weeks of
group work)

Group 1:

Practice for Sacrament: Wednesday 17 June at 7pm

Sacrament Group 1: Friday 19 June at 7.00pm

Group 2:

Practise for Sacrament: Thursday 18 June at 6.00pm

Sacrament Group 2: Sunday 21 June at 11.30am

Group 3:

Practice for Sacrament: Thursday 18 June at 7:30pm

Sacrament Group 3: Sunday 21 June at 3:00pm

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 or

Adult Faith Formation 2015.

St Teresa of Avila 2: Bishop David Walker DD,
Emeritus Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, will
deliver teachings on St Teresa of Avila. St Teresa, a
Doctor of the Church, has come to be recognised as
one of the great teachers of how to journey to
God. All are welcome! Venue: The Centre for
Christian Spirituality, 14 Frances St, Randwick. *St
Teresa of Avila 2:* The Interior Castle. Dates:
Wednesdays: 29 April, 6 & 13 May 2015,
7.00 – 8.30pm. Course Cost: \$25.

Craft Group News

The Craft Group will hold their Mother's Day Stall
on the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd May after all
weekend Masses except Sunday night.

Aquinas Academy 2015 Courses.

The Academy will be holding courses on spirituality
and the Gospels including retreats throughout
2015 starting from February through to October.

More information can be obtained from
www.aquinas-academy.com .

To register please ring 02 9247 4651 or

Exposition & Benediction

1st Thursday of the Month 7.30 - 8.30pm
to pray for the 2015 Synod on the Family.

Charitable Works Fund

This is the first collection for the CWF for 2015
2nd & 3rd May 2015
Please give generously. Thank you.

<p>St Philomena Association Holy Mass to be held on Saturday, 30 May 2015 at Midday, with confessions from 11.30am. Where: St John Vianney's Catholic Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, one stop past Blacktown. RSVP: by phone or text to Elizabeth on 0423 154 463 or email: epeoples9@gmail.com (Please bring a snack to share).</p>	<p><i>We pray for those who are sick, especially:</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Fr Bill Davis,</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Joyce Mifsud,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Margaret McKenna,</td> <td>Pat Lord,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Noah Rewa,</td> <td>Patricia Kearns,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joseph Fakhoury</td> <td>Yvonne Howes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Len Douglass,</td> <td>Lauren Channon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lucienne Baeta,</td> <td>Paese Tuiletufuga</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Riley Maloney,</td> <td>Saulius David Balsys</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Josephine Caligiuri,</td> <td>Fr Peter Quilty</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alida Salloum,</td> <td>John Bell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Helen Rizk</td> <td>Dominic Mullan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rita Russell</td> <td>Juliana Alvaro</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maggie Alam Sabbagh</td> <td>Eluminada S. Ortanez</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Please note:</i> Names will be removed from the sick list after 2 months, unless parish office is notified. Thankyou</p>	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,	Fr Peter Quilty	Alida Salloum,	John Bell	Helen Rizk	Dominic Mullan	Rita Russell	Juliana Alvaro	Maggie Alam Sabbagh	Eluminada S. Ortanez
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<p><i>The Grace Of Vocation.</i></p> <p>Union and Charity, a series of discernment events held on Saturdays in Sydney for young single women sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. Last event date: 16 May. For further information visit www.rsmofalma.org and to RSVP ring 02 9557 2398 or stjoseph@rsmofalma.org</p>																									

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B - 25th & 26th April 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Domenic Acitelli Jr Nadia Acitelli	Rosa Andrade	Angie Clarkson Stephanie Anderson	Greg Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Katrina Calabrese Vince Calabrese Tony Crescini Aida Crescini Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse Melinda Melham Jane Scott	Tracie Richardson Kristina Williams Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Martin Manche
Altar Society	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
Children's Liturgy	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B – 2nd & 3rd May 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Tony Crescini Catherine Coleman	Shirley Heffernan	Aaron Alphonso Eugene Alphonso	Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Olga Sipek Merwyn Monteiro Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Yvonne Alphonso 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	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Martin Ryan	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	Tony Keir
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	Rosetta Zaccagnini, Tracie Richardson, Rochelle Hanania & Jasna Sosic			

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my
Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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