



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
**YEAR B - 27TH & 28TH 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.

*Reflection*

As God's chosen ones,  
 We should clothe ourselves with kindness,  
 Humility, gentleness, and patience.  
 We must bear with one another and  
 forgive one another, just as the Lord has forgiven us.  
 If we are angry, we must not let the sun go down  
 on our anger.  
 Above all, we should clothe ourselves with love,  
 And the peace of God will reign in our hearts  
 and in our homes.

May you treat each other in the same friendly way  
 Christ has treated you.  
 May you clothe yourselves in sincere compassion,  
 kindness and patience.  
 May your love for one another not be mere words but  
 something real and active.



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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** - **New Years Day** - 9.00am Mass Only  
**Friday** - 9.00am Mass

## *A New Year Prayer*

Dear Lord,  
We pray that this New Year  
will bring us closer to You.  
May we take the time to get to know You.  
Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have  
graciously given us and use them to serve You and  
spread Your word.

May we also see and love you  
in all the people we meet,  
so that in turn, they can see You in us.

We know that all human relations take time  
if they are to grow and deepen.  
This is also true of our relations with You,  
the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
which must grow over the course of our lives.

In this new year,  
let us realise that every action of ours  
no matter how great or small  
enables us to be in touch with You.

Let us accept You in our lives,  
in the way it pleases You,  
as Truth, to be spoken,  
as Life, to be lived,  
as Light, to be lighted,  
as Love, to be followed,  
as Joy, to be given,  
as Peace, to be spread about,  
as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives,  
friends, neighbours and all people. Amen.



## *Thank you message from Fr Thu.....*

I would like to express my sincere thank you to  
parishioners who gave me Christmas cards and  
presents. I was overwhelmed by your love, support  
and kindness. Also a big and sincere thank you to  
those who played parts in organising Christmas  
Masses. Each Mass was well attended and organised.

The music and singing was superb.

Congratulations to the Liturgy Committee,  
choir members and musicians,

Children's Liturgy Leaders, acolytes, readers,  
collectors, special ministers and all the children who  
acted in the Children's Christmas Pageant.

I am looking forward to the year ahead with you all.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

*Fr Thu*

## *2014 at St Francis Xavier*

As 2014 comes to an end  
we recall the year gone by.....

**St Francis Xavier Parish welcomed into its Faith  
Community ~ 54 children in Baptism.**

**-135 Children made their First Reconciliation**

**- 133 Children received Jesus in  
First Holy Communion**

**- 105 Children were Confirmed**

**Marriages were scarce but sacred ~ 1 couple,**

**2 Adults received into the Catholic Faith**

**and we farewelled our loved ones  
with 11 funerals.**

The sound system in the church was upgraded and  
Christmas Carols brought our community together.

More friends were made and we farewelled some  
with new beginnings.

As we say goodbye to 2014 we embrace and welcome  
in 2015 with open arms and we look forward to what  
the Lord may bring us.

## *Just For Laughs.....*

### **The Lord's Army**

A friend was in front of me coming out of  
church one day, and the priest was standing at the  
door, as he always was, to shake hands with the  
parishioners. He grabbed my friend by the hand  
and pulled him aside. The priest said to him, 'You  
need to join the army of the Lord.'

My friend replied, 'I'm already in the army  
of the Lord, Father.'

So the priest enquired, 'Then how come I don't see  
you except at Christmas and at Easter?'

My friend whispered back, 'I'm in the secret service.'

### **The Taxi Driver and St Peter**

A priest and a taxi driver both died and went to  
heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates  
waiting for them.

'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and  
followed St Peter to a mansion.

It had everything you could imagine from a  
bowling alley to an Olympic size pool.

'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with  
a bunk bed and a little old television set.

'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the  
priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion?'

After all I was a priest, went to church every day, and  
preached God's word. "Yes, that's true.' St Peter  
rejoined, ' But during your sermons people slept.

When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'



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

**Recently Deceased**

Edith Alegre

**Deceased**

Eileen Michael

Paul Michael

Jim Sivakov

Patronella Bains

Sarkis Bains

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**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,

Sr. Regina McInerney R.S.M

Carlos Mendoza

Fred Azzopardi,

Philomena Filippi

Yvonne Howes

Bill Howlett

Lauren Channon

Paese Tuiletufuga

Lourdes Gacayan

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

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

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm/Intercession</b>	Shannon Pestana Solange Fegatilli	Vince Carrabs George Wright	Kayley Melham Melinda Melham	Collette Davies Kristina Williams
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	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
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tony Keir	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Manche	Annette Flanagan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Julie Bakarich & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Brian & June Baker			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy			

***The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B - 3rd & 4th January 2015***

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm/Intercession</b>	Melwyn Monteiro Merwyn Monteiro	Colin Smith Volunteer Reader	Manulele Minute	Greg Richardson Tracie Richardson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister 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>	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson	Jordan Varghese
<b>Acolytes</b>	Joe Mancini	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Annette Flanagan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Doreen Coleman & Catherine Coleman			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy			

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - YEAR B

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord', Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works! **(R.)**
2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face. **(R.)**
3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke.  
O children of Abraham, his servant,  
O sons of the Jacob he chose. **(R.)**
4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it.

Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the

dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord.

Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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