



ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

28TH FEBRUARY & 1 MARCH 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

We all have dreams for the future,
dreams about success and well-being.

We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means. © Dianne Bergant CSS

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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
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Weekday Mass Times

Monday	- No Mass
Tuesday	- 9:00am Mass
Wednesday	- 9:00am Mass
Thursday	- 9.00am Communion Service - SFX Church - 9.00am Year 3 Liturgy of the Word at SCOS Prestons.
Friday	- 9.00am Mass

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

Catechist Recruitment Weekend 28 February & 1 March

Anyone interested in becoming a catechist please contact Jodie on 0418 630 124 or email Jodie_021@hotmail.com

St Francis Xavier Parish hosts: Sydney Alliance Local Leaders Assembly

Date: SUN 22nd March

WHEN: BBQ after 9:30am mass then 11:30am -12:30pm

WHERE: St Francis Xavier School Hall

WHAT: A week before the NSW election, SFX is hosting community groups from across South West Sydney in an assembly. Come see and hear the candidates in the flesh and hear what their plans are for fixing the urgent social justice issue of housing affordability in Sydney.

Whether its kids who'll never move out, rising costs of mortgages or rent or homelessness – the cost of housing is *the* issue for Sydney's Catholic families this election. Please help us make our neighbour churches and community welcome by being in attendance at this important event

Catholic Schools Week at St Catherine of Siena Primary School

Wednesday 11 March

- 9.00am - Guided tour of the school for 'Prospective Parents' or community.
 - 9.40am – School Showcase
- (All welcome – prospective parents and current families)
- 10.20am - Morning Tea provided and display of local school services.

Friday 13 March

- 9.00am – Whole School Liturgy and School Prayer launch
- 9.30am - Open classrooms K-6
- 10.20am to 11.00am - Picnic Morning Tea (Families are warmly invited to bring a rug/chairs and to join their children for a Picnic Morning Tea on the school grounds).

Congratulations to the following long serving Catechists.....

Bibian Querubin - 5 years
Joanne Aquilina - 10 years
Barbara Elliot - 15 years
Cora Paras - 15 years
Maureen Wright - 30 years

A very special thank you to Maureen Wright, in appreciation for the many years co-ordinating the Catechists. Thank you.



Baptisms

Welcome to the Faith Community,
Savannah Rose Bakopoulos
&
Emilio Genua

who are going to be Baptised this Sunday.
Congratulations to their parents, and their extended family. God Bless you all.

Upcoming Marriage

Dean Peter Calabrese

&

Katherine Therese Daly

to be joined in Holy Matrimony
on Saturday 21 March 2015 at Our Lady Of Mt Carmel Catholic Church, Mt Pritchard.

God bless this Beautiful Union



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OPEN DAY
Sunday 15 March 2015
10.00am to 12.30pm
Enrolling now for Years 7-11 in 2016



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.

**FOR ALL CATECHISTS,
CHILDREN'S LITURGY,
SACRAMENTAL TEAM AND
ACOLYTES.**
**FINAL CALL FOR ALL
WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S
CHECK. NEED TO BE
REGISTERED ASAP.**



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

Journeying with Compassion



Anniversaries

Branko Petkovic
Rocco Cecere
Angela Cali

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

*May the souls of the faithful
departed rest in peace.*

Lent 2015 - Project Compassion "Food for Life"

Please donate to Project compassion 2015. Please take a Project Compassion box or weekly envelopes and contribute to this great cause during Lent.

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
Helen Rizk	

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

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

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Domenic Acitelli Christina Acitelli	Colin Smith Rosa Andrade	Charlotte Hon Manulele Minute	Greg Richardson Tracie Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	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
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Graeme Freeburn	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
Children's Liturgy	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

Third Sunday of Lent - Year B - 7th & 8th March 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Solange Fegatilli Shannon Pestana	Shirley Heffernan Vince Carrabs	Jacinta Lemalu Angie Clarkson	Kristina Williams Collette Davies
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Olga Sipek Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Charlie Casha Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Martin Manche	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Ryan
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	Rosetta Zaccagnini, Tracie Richardson, Rochelle Hanania & Jasna Sosic			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied.

'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies.

All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

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SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them.

Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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