



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B  
3RD & 4TH JANUARY 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*

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace. The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.



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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 Communion Service  
**Friday** - 9.00am Mass

## Parish Office Hours for January 2015

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	OPEN 6	OPEN 7	8	9	10
11	12	OPEN 13	OPEN 14	OPEN 15	16	17
18	19	OPEN 20	OPEN 21	OPEN 22	23	24
25	26	OPEN 27	OPEN 28	OPEN 29	30	31

**January 2015** - days open from 9.30am - 5.30pm

From **February 2015** the office will resume its normal hours from  
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Fr Thu will be away in January.

In the case of any emergency and you require a priest while parish office is closed, please call or text Mary-Ann on the Parish mobile number **0450 034 454** and arrangements will be made. Thank you.

### Results for the Christmas Raffles

#### 1st Raffle

Sophie - Turkey  
Elisabeth - Ham

#### 2nd Raffle

John - Turkey  
Joan - Ham

### Notre Dame University Course Information Day

Tuesday, 06 January 2015 from 9.00am – 3.00pm at the University's campus on Broadway, just a short 10 minute walk from Central Station and Railway Square. Apply on the Course Information Day or at [notredame.edu.au](http://notredame.edu.au) as applications for 2015 are still open. To register and for more information visit [www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney](http://www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney).

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## Baptism

Welcome to the Faith Community,  
**Jed Ian Lejarde,**  
**Harry James Alvaro,**  
**Remy Grace Alvaro**  
**& Ruari Michael Coogan.**

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



## 65th Wedding Anniversary

**Congratulations to**  
**Jim & Marcia Shanahan**  
**on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.**  
**Married on the 2nd January 1950.**

*Congratulations to you both  
on this special day;*

*Sixty Five years you've been loving and living;  
Our wishes are for the continuing joy,  
That your love and your marriage keep giving.*

*God Bless you both always.*

**Visiting his grandparents**, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found," he called out.  
"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.  
With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered,  
"I think it's Adam's underwear!"

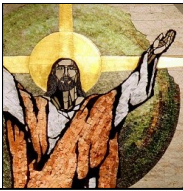
**The children were lined up** in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

**A Sunday school teacher** asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"  
Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping"

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."



We remember our deceased relatives and friends...

**Recently Deceased**

Edith Alegre  
Mary Cauchi

**Anniversaries**

Tomaso Manca  
Ashley Pereira  
Joseph Schuster  
Paul Jumeau  
Angelique Jumeau  
Claude Jumeau  
Myriam Jumeau

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**We pray for those who are sick, especially:**

Fr Bill Davis,	Joyce Mifsud,
Margaret McKenna,	Pat Lord,
Marcel Bains,	Patricia Kearns,
Noah Rewa,	Sr. Regina McInerney R.S.M
Joseph Fakhoury	Philomena Filippi
John Bell,	Yvonne Howes
Joe Moore,	Bill Howlett
Lucienne Baeta,	Lauren Channon
Riley Maloney,	Paese Tuiletufuga
Josephine Caligiuri,	Leandro Fermin
Alida Salloum,	Dolores Fermin
Marion Aquilina	Lourdes Gacayan
Yen Thi Kim Tran	

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

***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	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			

***Baptism of the Lord - Year B - 10th & 11th January 2015***

	<b>SATURDAY 5pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9.30am</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Reader Psalm/Intercession</b>	Domenic Acitelli Jr Nadia Acitelli	Shirley Heffernan Vince Carrabs	Charlotte Hon Jacinta Lemalu	Kristina Williams Collette Davies
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	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 Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lucas Tran Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Jordan Varghese Stephanie Anderson	Volunteers
<b>Acolytes</b>	Phil Coleman	Martin Ryan	Graeme Freeburn	John Nickel
<b>Altar Society</b>	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
<b>Counters</b>	Stephan & Therese Puskas, Cathy Crick			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Children's Liturgy			

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### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;  
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**RESPONSE:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by  
God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a  
revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery.

This mystery that has now been revealed through the  
Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to  
any men in past generations; it means that pagans now  
share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the  
same body, and that the same promise has been made to  
them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during  
the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to  
Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the  
Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have  
come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he  
was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He  
called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the  
people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be  
born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is  
what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him  
privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star  
had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and  
find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have  
found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him  
homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say,  
they set out. And there in front of them was the star they  
had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place  
where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with  
delight, and going into the house they saw the child with  
his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him  
homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him  
gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were  
warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned  
to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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