



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
7TH & 8TH FEBRUARY 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.

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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

Reflection

Today we see three snapshots from the
photo album of life.

Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of a brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure and takes on the guise of drudgery.

At such times suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and life seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented.

Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment.

He came to heal the broken hearted,
to bind up their wounds.

Paul was a messenger of this gospel of salvation and fulfilment. He was so committed to his mission that he empathised with all those who heard his preaching – the slaves, the weak, the broken hearted, all those who knew well the harshness of life. Now it is our turn. We are the disciples who must bring the good news to the broken hearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.

Weekday Mass Times

<i>Monday</i>	- No Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	- 9.00am Mass
<i>Wednesday</i>	- 9.00am Mass
<i>Thursday</i>	- 9.00am Mass
	- 10.30am Clancy College Opening Mass
<i>Friday</i>	- 9.00am SFX Opening School Mass
	- 12.00pm SCOS Opening School Mass

SFX Care Group News

Care Group Meeting
Tuesday 10th February at 9.30am
at the Parish Centre

Come along and join the Lurnea Parish Care Groups
First Gathering for 2015

Chinese NEW YEAR BINGO!

Lots of prizes to be won and some Chinese delights
to nibble on! (traditional English as well)

Friday 20th February at 10am

In the Church meeting rooms

\$5- to cover all games and food

Please place your names on the 'Attendance Sheet'
at the rear of the Church, alternatively
call Ann on 9601 7061 or Emma on 0421 935 024
to book a seat.

Lenten Program 2015

Last Year was a great success with the
introduction of our Lenten Program.

This year we will be following the ARISE Lenten
program from the Archdiocese of Wollongong.

Cost: \$10.00 to cover resources.

To show you interest in attending our Lenten
program, please fill in your details
at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Invitation for Musicians and Singers

An invite for any musicians and singers to join
existing groups for all masses, particularly 8.00am.

Also Musicians meeting on
Thursday 12th February at 7pm.

Please let the Parish office know of your attendance.
Thank you

How to get through the Grief

This will be an ongoing initiative providing support
and suggestions for those grieving the death of a
loved one through listening & talking in a small
group environment. These groups will be facilitated
by Patricia and held at Rookwood and Liverpool
Cemeteries in late February.

Liverpool Cemetery

Condolence Lounge
207 Moore Street, Liverpool

Thursday 26 February

10am – 12pm

Catholic Cemetery Rookwood

Mary, Mother of Mercy Condolence Lounge
Barnet Avenue, Rookwood

Saturday 28 February

10am – 12pm



Congratulations to.....

Janice Tran & Albert Young
on your engagement this Sunday.
God's blessing to you both on the
beautiful union.

*(Janice is a Children Liturgy Leader and
Special Minister of Holy Communion at SFX)*

School Opening Masses

All Welcome

Thursday 12th February at 10.30am

Clancy Catholic College Mass
At Our Lady of Victories Church, Horsley Park.

Friday 13th February at 9.00am

St Francis Xavier Catholic School Mass
At SFX Church

Friday 13th February at 12.00pm

St Catherine of Siena Catholic School Mass
at SCOS Hall, Prestons

*Please Note: Readings of the day will be changed to
more appropriate readings for the school children
and for an opening Mass.*

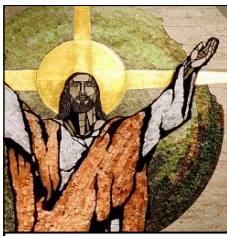
St Francis Xavier Parish Golden Jubilee

Sunday 19 July.

We request any photos that were taken in the parish
over the last 50 years to be forwarded to the Parish
office. These photos will be scanned and returned to
you and then will be used in our commemorative
book that will be published in honour of this great
event. If you can help with any information,
newspaper clippings or any special memories you
may have please forward in an email to
admin@sfxlurnea.org.au

Catholic Weekly Issue 8 February

- My Valentine! How a flower picked in a park led to love and marriage
- Religious liberty is under threat, archbishop tells legal fraternity
- New choirboys scale the heights at St Mary's Cathedral
- 'God rich in mercy' theme or 24 Hours for the Lord
- Introducing Mr Digges, new business manager of the archdiocese
- 'Kill all the Christians' – missionary sister reveals frightening Boko Haram message
- Rome study now an option for ACU students
- The swimming nun dips her toes back in the water
- Vista: what's on in your parish and diocese



We remember our deceased relatives and friends...

Recently Deceased

Fouad Dagher
Gino Ciampa
Fr Ron Harden

Anniversaries

Pedro Reyes
Sebastian Siatoo

Deceased

Augustine & Mary
All Souls

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	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

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 7th & 8th February 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Melwyn Monteiro Merwyn Monteiro	Shirley Heffernan Colin Smith	Melinda Melham Kayley Melham	Kristina Williams Collette Davies
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Barry Bolton Olga Sipek Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem 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	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Blaise Pereira Luca Abel Lawrence Abel	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Joe Mancini	Phil Coleman	Martin Ryan	Martin Ryan
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	Rosetta Zaccagnini, Tracie Richardson, Rochelle Hanania & Jasna Sosic			

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 14th & 15th February 2015

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Nadia Acitelli Domenic Acitelli	Maureen Wright George Wright	Angie Clarkson Charlotte Hon	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Agnelo Andrade Rosa Andrade Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde 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
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Tony Keir	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho			
Children's Liturgy	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **(R.)**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could.

For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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