

Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A

12 APRIL 2020



SUNDAY MASSES

No Masses until further notice

WEEKDAY MASSES

No Masses until further notice

RECONCILIATION

No Reconciliation until further notice

BAPTISMS

No Baptisms until further notice

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office

ITALIAN MASS

No Masses until further notice

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Giovanni Presiga Gaviria

Pastoral Associate: Carmel Fenton

Parish Secretary: Tracey Caruana

Admin Assistant: Colleen Nicholas

Pastoral Placement: Matthew Dimian

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00am - 3:30pm

PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

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The Bargain Centre is closed until further notice.

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*Wishing all our parishioners a very happy, blessed and safe Easter.
We look forward to a time when we can celebrate Mass with all of you.
Fr Giovanni and the Parish Team.*

EASTER SERVICES

Easter services will be live streamed via our Parish Facebook Page at the following times:

Holy Thursday Mass - 7.00pm.

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 10.00am; Passion of the Lord - 3.00pm.

Easter Vigil - Saturday 7.00pm; Easter Sunday Mass - 10.00am

Please follow this link to watch:

<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartLuddenhamWarragamba/>

EASTER SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Easter is a time to stop – and to pay attention to the things that are especially important in our lives:
our loved ones, our family and friends - and our loving God who holds us in existence,
'in the palm of his hand'.*

*When Easter is over, an excellent way to grow in faith and to develop one's relationship with God
is to be part of our community as we celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays.
You will be most welcome!*

*If you would like to speak with Fr Giovanni or a member of the parish team, please call 4773 4321.
We would love to hear from you!*

**Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary
during the Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary,
You always shine on our path as a
sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health
of the Sick, who at the cross took
part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.

You know what we need, and we
are sure you will provide so that as
in Cana of Galilee, we may return
to joy and to feasting after this time
of trial.

Help us, Mother of Diving Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.

Amen.

Please note that Catholics in the Diocese of
Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass
obligations until further notice. Church buildings
are closed and Masses (both indoors and
outdoors) are to cease.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

If you have a Project Compassion Box, or you would
like to make a donation, please contact Caritas
directly on 1800 024 413 or visit

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/>

Alternatively, you can hold onto your donation box
until after Easter, and we will advise you regarding
returning them.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Charlie Borg, Domenica
Rossetto.

Sick: Jessie Zammit, Cathy Inzitari, Lauren White, John
Wood, Elia Muscat, Diane Hill, Michelle Stait.

**A PRAYER DURING TIMES OF
COVID-19**

In this time of Covid-19, we pray:

When we are uncertain,
O God help us be calm;
When information comes from all sides,
correct or not, help us to discern;
When fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety is the order of the day,
slow us down, O Lord.

Help us reach out with our hearts,
when we cannot touch with our hands
and hugs;

Help us to be connected, when we have
to be socially distant;

Help us to love as perfectly as we can,
knowing that 'perfect love casts out all
fear'.

For the doctors, we pray;
for the nurses, we pray.
For the technicians and janitors and
the aides and caregivers, we pray.

For the researchers and theorists,
The epidemiologists and investigators,
For those who are sick,
And those who are grieving, we pray.

For all who are affected,
All around the world ... we pray
For safety,
For health,
For wholeness.

May we feed the hungry, may we give
drink to the thirsty,

May we clothe the naked and house
those without homes;

May we walk with those who feel they
are alone,


And may we do all that we can do
to heal the sick ... in spite of the
epidemic, in spite of the fear.

Help us, O Lord, that we might help
each other,

In the love of the divine Creator,
In the name of the spiritual Healer,
That is in all and with all,
We pray.

AMEN.

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