# Sacred Heart Parish

# LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

# 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

19 JULY 2020

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm at Luddenham Sunday 7.30am at Luddenham Sunday 9.30am at Warragamba

Please contact the parish office to pre-register for the 9.30am Mass at Warragamba.

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Saturday 9.00am at Luddenham (3rd Saturday of Month, Greendale) Wednesday 9.00am at Warragamba Friday 9.30am at Luddenham (Eucharistic Adoration from 8.30am)

#### RECONCILIATION

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

#### BAPTISMS

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## PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Giovani Presiga Gaviria
Pastoral Associate: Carmel Fenton
Parish Secretary: Tracey Caruana
Admin Assistant: Colleen Nicholas

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

#### PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

Weir Road, Warragamba

Tuesday: 9:30am - 4:00pm Thursday: 9:30am - 4:00pm Saturday: 9.30am-12.00pm

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#### **ITALIAN MASS**

3rd Sunday of Month 11:00am

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#### **COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE**

As advised in Ad Clerum (5/20) Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are from 20 March 2020 dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181.) There is no change to this dispensation at this stage.

On 30 June 2020, NSW Health issued a revised COVID-19 Safety Plan for places of worship that must be adhered to effective 1 July 2020.

Public Masses are permitted. Capacity of the Mass must not exceed one person per 4 square metre of space (excluding people assisting with the service). As such Luddenham Church can safely seat up to 90 worshippers. Warragamba Church can safely seat up to 30 worshippers. 1.5 metres physical distance should be kept between people in the Church. However, members of the same household may sit together. Please adhere to signs on the Church pews/seats in relation to seating. Please avoid gathering in groups after Mass.

There should be no procession of gifts, no passing of hymn books or collection plates.

The Sign of Peace should be omitted or given without any hand-to-hand contact.

The Parish must record the contact details of people attending a religious service. If attending as a family group from the same household, one adult contact name and number or email is sufficient. These records must be kept for at least four weeks and produced on request to the Chief Health Officer. This applies to Masses, weddings, funerals, memorial services, rosary groups, and all other events held at the parish.

Please continue to contact our office to register to attend our 9.30 Mass at Warragamba.

You do not need to register to attend the Vigil and 7.30am Mass at Luddenham, however, names and contact details of those attending still need to be recorded.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

#### **Planned Giving (2nd Collection)**

If you are unable to attend Mass, but would like to contribute to our Planned Giving, **Donations** can be made via the Diocesan website:

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Luddenham Parish.

Any gift will nurture the spiritual vitality of our parish and will ensure that we can continue to provide Christian pastoral care that brings hope and joy to our community.

A very warm welcome to Matthew Dimian.

Matthew is a seminarian in the Parramatta Diocese and is on Pastoral Placement in our Parish.

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little

ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Next Sunday - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Readings: 1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52.

# **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Romans 8:26-27

#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

<u>Recently Deceased</u>: John Wood, Doris Hodgson, Paul Sciberras, Dennis Petith, Val Lovejoy, Jolly Fabre (Sr Luisa-Maria's father), Carmen Caruana (Cath Duncan's mother).

Please remember: Mabel Zammit (3rd ann), Antoinette Debono, Charlie Borg, Phyllis Deguara, Rochelle Kharrat, Peter Spiteri, Louis Spiteri, Josephine Muscat, Charles Muscat, Mary Chircop, Jim Vella, Alison Vella, Isabelle Said, Pius Muscat, Laurie Buttigieg, Grace Buttigieg, Michael Buttigieg (17th ann), Frank Buttigieg, Salvatore Lia, Theresa Lia, Mario Lia (38th ann), Elizabeth Lia, Angelo Lia, Mary Lia, Horace Azzopardi, Carmen Azzopardi, Grace Tedesco, Gillian Attard, Giovanna Attard, Charles Attard, Mark Lia.

<u>Sick:</u> Riet Vanderburg, Olivia Mararek, Brian Tracey, Fr Chris Riley, Jessie Zammit, Cathy Inzitari, Lauren White, John Wood, Elia Muscat, Diane Hill, Michelle Stait

#### **Positions Vacant**

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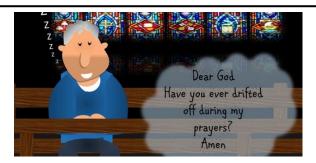
HR Project Officer – Payroll and Talent (Permanent position) - Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited

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Head of People and Culture – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

**Applications close Tuesday 28 July** 

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment



### Mass Ministers for this weekend

#### Vigil Mass

Reader: Diana Young & Saide Massih

Communion Minister: Trish Kelly/Susan Cahill

#### 9.30am Mass

Readers: Karen Rogan & Tony Sciberras

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