

# Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

EASTER SUNDAY, Year B  
1 April 2018

*HAPPY EASTER*



## **SUNDAY MASSES**

Vigil - Saturday 5.30pm, Luddenham  
7:30am, Luddenham  
9.30am, Warragamba

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Wednesday 9:00am, Warragamba  
Thursday 7.00am, Mulgoa  
Friday 9.30am, Luddenham  
(Adoration from 8.30am)  
Saturday 9:00am, Luddenham  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Month Greendale)

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 9.30am, Luddenham  
Saturday 4.30pm, Luddenham  
Wednesday 9.30am, Warragamba  
Or anytime by appointment.

## **BAPTISMS**

Preparation Class:  
4th Wednesday each month;  
Presentation: 1st Sunday each month.  
*Please contact Parish Office to book.*

## **ANointING OF THE SICK**

1st Wednesday of Month at 9am Mass,  
Warragamba  
1st Friday of Month at 9.30am Mass,  
Luddenham

## **ITALIAN MASS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month 11:00am  
Luddenham

## **PARISH TEAM**

Parish Priest: Fr. Giovanni Presiga Gaviria  
Pastoral Associate: Carmel Fenton  
Parish Secretary: Tracey Caruana  
Admin Assistant: Colleen Nicholas  
Pastoral Placement: Jessie Duan Balorio

## **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

## **HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Principal: Mr. Anthony McElhone  
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# WELCOME

If you are new to Sacred Heart Parish or have not registered as a parishioner, please call or stop by the parish office and consider what we have to offer.

Perhaps you might be interested in joining one of our many liturgical ministries:

Minister of the Word, church cleaning and Pastoral Care for the sick and home visits.

**Thankyou** to our Liturgy Committee, parish team and all our parishioners who helped plan, prepare for and celebrate our Easter Liturgies: Ministers (Acolytes, Junior Servers, Ministers of the Word and Communion), the people who cleaned the church, arranged the flowers and those who donated palms.

On behalf of the Parish Team, I would like to wish all our parishioners and visitors a very happy, joy filled Easter.

*Fr Giovanni.*

Thankyou to  
**Nepean Valley Funerals**  
for donating our Paschal Candles

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY FACILITATORS

We need more facilitator's for our Children's Liturgy. No experience is necessary. You will be given all the material. You will not be facilitating alone - there are always two facilitators.

**Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.**

## **Being and Becoming a WOMAN**

**A Retreat for Young Women on Womanhood following the example of MARY**

**When:** Saturday 14th April 10am -

Sunday 15th April 2pm 2018

**Where:** Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre,  
230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

**Investment:** \$130 - Registration and Payment  
by 8th April

**Contact:** Sr M Julie Brerar - 0408 738 334 or  
[juliebrerar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrerar@gmail.com)



**Our parish Knitting Group is in need of a Spinning Wheel.**

If anyone has one that they could donate or lend to our knitting group, please contact the parish

*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!*

## PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

Our Parish Bargain Centre is located on Weir Rd, Warragamba, next to Sacred Heart Church.

It sells a range of second hand goods, including uniforms for Holy Family School, all the local public schools and some of the high schools.

The Bargain centre is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.00pm and on Saturdays from 9.30am-12.00pm.



*Our Vigil Mass will be at 5.30pm Commencing next Saturday (7th April).*

**Margaret Price's Funeral** will be at 11.30am on Tuesday at Warragamba Church.

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Price, Sr Anita Spenneberg (Schoenstatt Sister).

**Sick:** Lauren White, Lorelei Murko, John Wood, Rena Formica, Elia Muscat, Jessie Zammit, Diane Hill, Margaret Hardy, Michelle Stait.



### **Grief to Grace: 8 - 13 April**

Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griefftograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griefftograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griefftograce.org](http://www.griefftograce.org)

### **Healing After Abortion Retreat: 13 - 15 April**

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Information and a brochure can found at: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au) or call us on our confidential voicemail number 0400 092 555 or email [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au)

**THANK YOU** to all our generous parishioners who worked behind the scenes to make our St Patrick's Day celebration a fun and joyful occasion and to everyone who came along and supported our parish. \$705 was raised from the dinner and \$309.70 from the raffle - a total of \$1014.70



Please remember to return your Project Compassion Boxes as soon as possible.

*Thank you to everyone who organised our Easter Raffle, those who donated prizes and everyone who bought tickets.*

*Bernadette Sant won 1st Prize and Lina Cuscheri won 2nd Prize.*

ROSTER	7/8 APRIL 2018 (Next Week)		
	VIGIL MASS	7.30 MASS	9.30 MASS
Acolyte			Tony Vella
Junior Servers	Georgia Bianca / Braydon		
Ministers Of the Word	Norah Elias Esther Buttigieg	Moira Bryan	Niki Petelo Theresa Lia
Ministers of Communion	Rosemary Penza Susan Cahill	Debbie Brown	Br Jeff Regan Mary Azzopardi

## FROM THE GOSPEL

Why are eggs associated with Easter? Why are they such a powerful symbol of resurrection? The word needs some care. It is not resuscitation, as if Jesus were simply brought back to life, like Lazarus or the widow's son at Nam (see John 9 and Luke 7:11-15). Resurrection is transformation. The symbols of resurrection are many. So then, why eggs and Easter? An egg is totally changed. What is yellow and white liquid becomes alive with feathers and a chirp. If you look at the liquid of eggs alone, you would never tell what they would become. A liquid goo becomes a chicken – a sea gull, crow or magpie. Another Easter symbol is the seed, or acorn. You can look at a seed and never imagine what colour it may turn out to have. Similarly with a caterpillar and butterfly. These are resurrection symbols because they become something else, totally unforeseen and beautiful. And yet there is continuity: the egg becomes a chicken; an acorn becomes an oak-tree; a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

There are also human resurrection symbols: persons recovering from drug addiction or alcoholism become what they have despaired of happening. They are the same persons, but now transformed; they have new life, new hopes, and new possibilities. Another resurrection symbol might be a teenager becoming an adult: he or she is the same, but different with the new beauties of maturity.

The resurrection is an invitation to look around to see transformation, to see what is evil being changed, what is immature becoming adult; what appears inert like an egg or seed sprouting life.

But for the Christian the resurrection has a still richer meaning. St. Paul, clearly repeating a catechetical formula that he had learned, says to the Corinthians: I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures (1Corinthians 15:3-4).

We can tease out this text by looking at accounts of the resurrection. They are quite subtle. The first thing we can see is that Jesus "was raised on the third day." Who raised him? The Father by the power of the Holy Spirit (see Romans 1:3-4; 8:11). When we look at the resurrection appearances we notice that Jesus is not at first recognised by those who loved him and who were his close associates or disciples. The exception seems to be the Beloved Disciple who had special insight (see John 20:8; 21:7). The others come to faith; indeed faith was necessary to identify Jesus. The Risen Jesus is then the same but different. This can be put in another way by saying that Jesus is not resuscitated, but is resurrected.

Christ is risen, and has promised to take us with him. This life is not the end; we too will be transformed in endless life and beauty. Human life is good, but it will end. The resurrection gives hope and meaning to our existence here. In our weakness we will after death be raised in glory. Again there is continuity: it is I (not just my body) that I hope will be raised. As Paul writes: So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body (1Corinthians 15:42-44).

by Christopher O'Donnell, O.Carm (from <http://ocarm.org/en/>)

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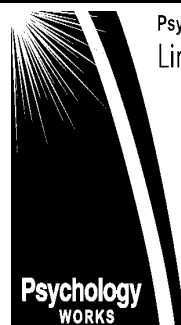
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