

Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 February 2017

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil - Saturday 6.00pm, 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
(3rd Saturday of Month Greendale)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am, Luddenham
Saturday 5pm, 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

3rd 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
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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.

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th February

Mass at Warragamba,
9.00am

Holy Family School
Liturgy, 11.30am

Mass at Luddenham,
7.00pm



Children are invited to participate in our
**Palm Sunday Vigil Mass and
Holy Thursday Mass of the
Lord's Supper.**

Practice will be at Holy Family Church
after school on Fridays,
commencing 16th February.

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.



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Vinnies are asking for donations of toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc) to include in hampers for families in need.

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Thank you for your support.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm,
alternating between
Luddenham and
Warragamba Churches

16 February Luddenham,
23 February Warragamba,
2 March Luddenham,

9 March Warragamba, 16 March Luddenham,
23 March Warragamba.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:

FOUR EVENINGS DURING LENT
7.00-8.15 pm Tuesdays
20 & 27 February, 6 & 13 March
In the foyer of Holy Family Church
Luddenham



Engage in some reflection and sharing with others who are also exploring their faith more deeply. A great way to prepare for Easter!

**Sessions led by Brother Kevin McDonnell cfc,
Christian Brothers, Winbourne, Mulgoa**

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember: Josephine Cuschieri, Sylvia Buttigieg, Nabiha Elias, Michael Buttigieg, Grace Buttigieg (7th ann), Anthony & Theresa Refalo.

Sick: Fr George O'Mara, Elia Muscat, Jessie Zammit, Diane Hill, Margaret Hardy, Michelle Stait.

*9.00am Mass on
Saturday 17th February
will be at Greendale Church*

Entrance Antiphon: Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.

Responsorial Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Next week: 1st Sunday of Lent, Year B. Readings: Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15.

World Youth Day 2019 Information Evenings

Every three years WYD provides an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) to be immersed in the beauty, intensity and adventure of our Catholic faith as we unite with the youth of the world in the presence of Pope Francis. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people of our Diocese on a journey to the host city of Panama in Central America during January 2019. Unique to our Diocese, we will be immersed in a sharing of faith, culture and local experiences in the shadow of ancient pyramids, Basilica's and the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe as we pass first through Mexico. Visit www.parrawyld.org and join us for one of three upcoming information evenings to learn more. All are from 7-8:30pm.

Monday 12 February – St Andrew's Parish, Marayong
 Thursday 15 February – St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
 Tuesday 20 February – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Mary's

Concert with Irish singer David Parkes: 24-25 February

David is a international singer who has performed to over a million people world-wide during the past 25 years in his powerful music ministry. Saturday 24 February, 2pm to 4pm at St. James' Catholic Church, 2 Woolley St, Glebe. Sunday 25 February 2018, 2:30pm to 4pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 26 Swanston St, St Marys. Contact Therese - (02) 9651 3028 or 0422 678 799 or John & Helen - (02) 4733 4274 or 0418 690 159

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

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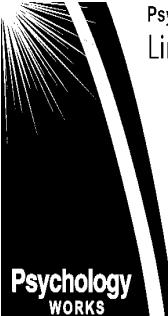
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