

Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

11 March 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
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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*Please join us to celebrate the
Passion and Resurrection of Jesus.*

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 27th March, 7pm
Holy Family Church, Luddenham.

HOLY THURSDAY (29th March)

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

GOOD FRIDAY (30th March)

Stations of the Cross, 10am
Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

The Passion of the Lord, 3pm
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

EASTER VIGIL MASS

(Saturday 31st March)
7pm, Holy Family Church Luddenham

EASTER SUNDAY MASS

9.30am, Holy Family Church, Luddenham



ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday 17th March

St Patrick is the Patron of Ireland. Legend says he used a shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity - the 3 leaves of the shamrock representing 3 separate parts of the same being: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day with a Children's Mass at 6pm. At the conclusion of Mass, we will share a meal together in the school hall. During the night, there will be a number of green activities for the children, including face painting. Parishioners of all ages are invited to wear an item of green as we celebrate St Patrick's Day as a community.

Cost \$15 adults, \$8 children. Includes dinner.

For catering purposes, please write your name and contact number on the sheet provided, or contact the Parish Office on 4773 4321 or Rose Gauci on 0419 416 980.



Stations of the Cross

**Every Friday during Lent at 7pm,
alternating between
Luddenham and
Warragamba Churches**
16 March Luddenham,
23 March Warragamba.



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.

**Our 9am Mass next Saturday
will be at Greendale Church.**

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: READING THE BIBLE IN
THE CHURCH**

**Through Lent with Mark and John
RESURRECTION AND THE ABRUPT
ENDING OF MARK'S GOSPEL (Mar 13)**

Engage in some reflection and sharing with others who are also exploring their faith more deeply. A great way to get to know Jesus better!



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

**Tuesday Evenings March 6 & 13
7.00-8.15 pm**

In the foyer of Holy Family Church Luddenham.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Joseph Hachem, Fr George O'Mara, Pio Muscat, Alice Carneiro Silva.

Please Remember: Bruno Nichele (2nd ann), Josephine Azzopardi (6th ann), Michael & Grace Buttigieg, Anthony & Theresa Refalo.

Sick: Margaret Price, John Wood, Rena Formica, Elia Muscat, Jessie Zammit, Diane Hill, Margaret Hardy, Michelle Stait.

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Next week: 5th Sunday of Lent, Year B. Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33.



Congratulations to the very talented ladies from our parish knitting group, who won prizes at the Luddenham show: Jane Borg (baby's outfit pictured on left), Elizabeth Beukers, Catherine Foster, June Roots and Ilona.

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FROM THE GOSPEL

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation. In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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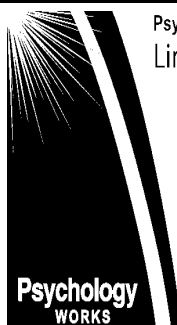
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