

# Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

25 March 2018

## 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  
(3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

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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**

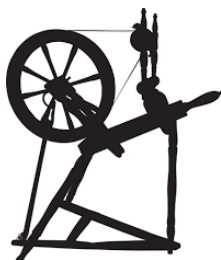
**(Saturday 31st March)**  
7pm, Holy Family Church Luddenham

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS**

9.30am, Holy Family Church, Luddenham  
*Please note that there is no Mass at Warragamba  
on Easter Sunday*

**EASTER RAFFLE**

**Prize is an Easter Hamper**  
Tickets on sale after Mass



**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

**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 Bracar - 0408 738 334 or  
[juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com)



**A huge 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!



Thank you to Mama Rosa for donating the  
lasagne and garlic bread and to Margaret  
Buttigieg for collecting and cooking the  
lasagne on such a hot day. Thanks to Diana  
Young for the cup cakes, face painting,  
shamrock tattoos and green hair spray,  
which the children enjoyed. Thanks to Tony  
Vella for delivering the bread. Thanks to  
Office Works Penrith for donating a hamper.  
**Thank you also to everyone who came  
along and supported our parish.**

**Please remember to return your Project  
Compassion Boxes at any of our  
Easter Liturgies.**



*Daylight Saving  
Time Ends*

Daylight Saving ends on  
1st April (Easter Sunday).  
Our Vigil Mass will be at  
5.30pm commencing  
Saturday 7th April.

**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.**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Price, Sr Anita Spennberg  
(Schoenstatt Sister), Florance O'Connor, Fr George O'Mara.

**Please Remember:** Bruno Cosma Nichele (2nd ann), Salvatore  
Lia, Theresa Lia, Mario Lia, Elizabeth Lia, Angelo Lia, Mary  
Lia, Horace Azzopardi, Carmen Azzopardi, Grace Tedesco,  
Gillian Attard, Giovanna Attard, Charles Attard, Mark Lia.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even unto  
death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Next week: Easter Sunday, Year B.**

### **STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

This support group is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce.

**Next Gathering:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00.

**Registration:** Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

### **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@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539.

For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.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)

## **FROM THE GOSPEL**

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

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	VIGIL MASS	7.30 MASS	9.30 MASS	VIGIL MASS	7.30 MASS	9.30 MASS
Acolyte		John Wood	Tony Vella			
Junior Servers					<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
Ministers Of the Word	<i>Children</i>	Marta, Mary & Margaret	Karen, Tony & Theresa			
Ministers of Communion		Trish Kelly Lorraine Galea	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras			



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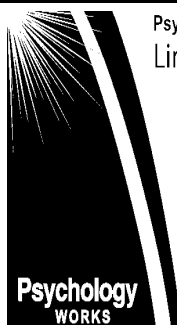
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