

Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B

7 January 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
(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
Thursday : 9:30am - 4:00pm
Saturday : 9:30am - 12:00pm

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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.

Gospel Reflection

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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Something to think and pray about this week

Transition is the bridge that leads from the no longer to the not yet. Nobody can predict what that bridge is going to look like. It may be obvious and sturdy, and we may find it easily through the fogs of our bewilderment. Or it may be rickety and clearly unsafe, and we hardly dare entrust our weight to it. The point is, however, that we have to cross the bridge, and as we risk that crossing, we will discover that the bridge itself is our guide and mentor, and it has everything to teach us about the path that lies ahead, beyond the transition. In fact, we will learn much more on that bridge, about ourselves, about life, and about God, in our transitions than on all the smoother pathways that we journey.

- Excerpted from *The Other Side of Chaos* by Margaret Silf

9am Mass on Saturday 20th January
will be at
Greendale Church

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Mary Paganin, Robert Borton, Robert Maher, Gordon Lynel, Fr Brian Rooney, Vincent Vella.

Please Remember: Charlie Borg, John Gauci.

Sick:

Elia Muscat, Jessie Zammit, Diane Hill, Margaret Hardy, Chiara Di Francesco, Michelle Stait.

ROSTER	6/7 JANUARY 2018			13/14 JANUARY 2018		
	VIGIL MASS	7.30 MASS	9.30 MASS	VIGIL MASS	7.30 MASS	9.30 MASS
Acolyte		John Wood				Tony Vella
Junior Servers	Kaitlyn / Liam Jesse Favotto			Jesse Penza Alyce		
Ministers Of the Word	Tenille Buttigieg Br Kevin	Marta Jennings	Lila Gerhard	Norah Elias Esther Buttigieg	Moiria Bryan	Niki Petelo Theresa Lia
Ministers of Communion	Trish Kelly Grace Cutajar	Mary Powell	Karen Rogan Anthony Sciberras	Rosemary Penza Susan Cahill	Debbie Brown	Br Jeff Regan Mary Azzopardi

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Next week: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. Readings: 1 Sam 3:3-10; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42.