

# Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

**EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR C**  
**21 APRIL 2019**

## HAPPY EASTER



### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Vigil - Saturday 5.30 pm, 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

### **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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# 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. Call or visit our parish office for more information.

**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.*

*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!*

## Devonshire Tea - Sunday 5th May



Our Parish Bargain Centre will  
be selling  
Devonshire Tea on  
Sunday 5th May,  
commencing at 10.30am.

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.

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

## *Please join us to celebrate the Feast of St George Preca*



**Sunday 5th May  
Mass at 5pm.  
We will have supper  
afterwards.  
Please bring a plate to  
share.**

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Grace Xuereb.

**Please Remember:** Josephine Muscat, Charles Muscat, Pius Muscat, Mary Muscat, 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:** Pat Slater, Joe Pisani, Bruno Fimmano, Agatha Said, Jack Marks, Lauren White, Lorelei Murko, John Wood, Elia Muscat, Jessie Zammit, Diane Hill, Michelle Stait.

## **Bishop's Lenten Appeal**

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Each of the four Gospels reports the discovery of the empty tomb after Jesus' death. At the Easter Vigil each year, we read from one of the Synoptic Gospels. This year we are in Lectionary Cycle C and we read from the Gospel of Luke. On Easter Sunday, the Gospel reading is always taken from the Gospel of John.

In each of the four Gospels, we learn that it was the female followers of Jesus who first went to the tomb. Luke reports that the women from Galilee go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, bringing with them the spices they had prepared. Luke names three women who found the tomb empty: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James.

Upon arriving at the tomb, the women find that the stone has been rolled away from the entrance. They enter the tomb but do not see the body of Jesus. Before the women have drawn any conclusions about this, they see two men dressed in dazzling garments. The women are said to be terrified. When these men speak to the women, they announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead. As if to prove their announcement, the men recall Jesus' own words to them. The women leave the tomb and report to the others what they have seen and heard.

These women disciples were faithful followers of Jesus who had probably served Jesus in many ways during his journeys. Luke tells us that they remained present with Jesus on his way to the crucifixion site and witnessed his death. They came to the tomb that morning expecting to serve Jesus once again by anointing his body. Instead, they were sent to minister in a different way, as messengers to Peter and the apostles.

Yet the apostles do not believe the women. Luke reports that the women's story seemed like nonsense. It is odd that Peter goes to the tomb at all. Perhaps Peter knew these women well enough to give their story credence. Perhaps he remembered something that Jesus had said that led him to hope that the women's story was more than nonsense. Without explaining why, Luke tells us that Peter goes to the tomb to investigate the women's story. He looks into the tomb, sees the burial cloths alone, and then goes home amazed.

We see in Luke's Gospel that the Twelve (who now number eleven because of Judas' betrayal) are identified as separate from the other disciples. These men were identified as Jesus' inner circle; they hold a position of authority in the community of disciples. At the start of his ministry, Luke tells us that Jesus chose the Twelve and named them apostles ([Luke 6:12-16](#)). The word apostle means "one who is sent." During his lifetime, Jesus prepared these apostles to be his witnesses by sending them to heal the sick, to exorcise demons, and to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Peter is singled out from among the Twelve. The authority of Peter and the other apostles will continue to be described in the Acts of the Apostles, which was written by the author of the Gospel of Luke. We can trace our faith in Jesus' Resurrection to these witnesses. Their teaching, their ministry, and their bold proclamation of Christ's saving death and Resurrection are the beginning of the Church's witness to salvation through Christ.

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### **Interfaith Relations after Christchurch: 10 May**

CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend "Christian-Muslim Relationships after Christchurch - Our Responsibility," presented by Rev Dr Patrick McInerney, Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations on Friday 10 May at the IFM Blacktown.

Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486.

### **Divine Mercy Devotion: 28 April**

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will be held at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Starts at 2.30pm 28 April and includes: Blessing of Divine Mercy Image; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Stations of the Cross; Homily and Benediction; Reconciliation until 4pm; Afternoon tea 4.15pm - 5.15pm; Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm.

ROSTER	27/28 APRIL 2018 (Next Week)		
	VIGIL MASS	7.30 MASS	9.30 MASS
<b>Acolyte</b>	Deng Athum		Tony Vella
<b>Junior Servers</b>	Alyssa, Jessica & Gabrielle		
<b>Ministers Of the Word</b>	Liz Murko Guedy Achala	Marta Jennings	Karen Rogan Anthony Sciberras
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Rose Gauci Grace Cutajar	Debbie Brown	Mary Vella Mary Azzopardi

### **IFM Workshop: 24 April**

The second half of life enrichment at the Institute for Mission offers an encouraging workshop for men and women who are over 50 years of age "From Invisible to Invincible - Embracing God's gift of years." Held on 24 April from 10am to 1pm and 1 May from 6pm to 9pm. Registration and questions welcome to Sr Grace 02 9296 6369 or [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au).

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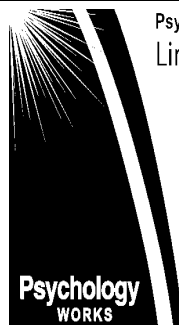
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