

Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

7 APRIL 2019

SUNDAY MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am, Luddenham
Saturday 5.00pm, 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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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7pm
Alternating between Sacred Heart
Church, Warragamba and
Holy Family Church,
Luddenham.

Friday, 12 April - Luddenham



Sunday 7th April



*Daylight Saving
Time Ends*

Our Vigil Mass
will be at 5.30pm
commencing on
Saturday 13th April

**Thank you to Brother Kevin McDonnell for
leading our Lenten Bible Study and to
everyone who participated.**

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper



*If you would like to
have your feet washed
at the
Mass of the Lord's
Supper on
Holy Thursday,
please write your name
and contact number on
the sheet in the foyer.*

Reconciliation during Holy Week

Wednesday, 10 April, 7pm,
Holy Family Church, Luddenham.

Saturday, 13 April 5pm,
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Wednesday, 17 April 9.30am,
Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

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

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 10th April, 7pm
Holy Family Church, Luddenham.

HOLY THURSDAY (18th April)

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

GOOD FRIDAY (19th April)

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

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

EASTER VIGIL MASS

(Saturday 20th April)
7pm, Holy Family Church Luddenham

EASTER SUNDAY MASS

10.00am, Holy Family Church, Luddenham
***Please note that there is no Mass at Warragamba
on Easter Sunday***

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Grace Xuereb.

Please Remember: Terry Stubbs (1st ann).

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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Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Next Sunday - Palm Sunday, Year C. Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56.

Bach at St Finbar's on Good Friday: 19 April

The traditional candle light Good Friday service from 7.30pm at St Finbar's, Glenbrook will be a highlight of this year's Lenten Season. Featuring the music of JS Bach and sacred readings, the Blue Mountains Chorale will be joined by Sydney City Organist, Robert Ampt, who will direct the choir as well as perform several Bach works on the organ. RSVP to Judy on 4754 1780.

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.

Vocation Discernment for Young Women: 23 April

A vocation discernment day for women aged 16-29 will be held at Mt Schoenstatt. The theme will be 'Here I Am, the Servant of the Lord' (Luke 1:38). Where is it that God wants me to serve His kingdom on earth? Find answers to this question on 23 April from 10am-4pm.

Venue: Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd., Mulgoa.

RSVP: 17 April to Sr Luka 0439 537 843 or srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in [Mark 12:13-17](#). Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See [Luke 18:9-14](#)).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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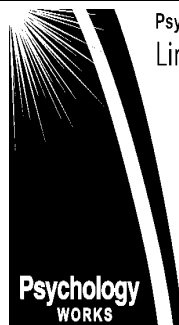
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