

# Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**  
**15 DECEMBER 2019**

## **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 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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## CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION

### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday, 17 December 7.00pm, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

### Individual Reconciliation

Wednesday mornings 9.00am  
Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba  
Saturday mornings 9.30am  
Holy Family Church, Luddenham  
Saturday evenings 5.00pm  
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

*Thank you to everyone who donated food items and gifts for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Your generosity will help to make this festive season extra special for families in need.*

### Christmas Cards

Christmas cards will be on sale after Mass for \$4 or \$5 a pack. Stock is limited.

### **Glenbrook Parish Christmas concert: 22 December**

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook's traditional Christmas concert will be held on Sunday 22 December at 7.30pm. Join the great organ in singing carols with the choir and congregation and rejoice in the Hallelujah Chorus with trumpets and timpani. Suggestion Donations – families \$35 and individuals \$15. Bring family, friends and neighbours. For enquiries, please contact (02) 4754 1780.

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Angela Elizabeth Kennedy.

**Please Remember:** Alex Apap, 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:** Jessie Zammit, Cathy Inzitari, Jim Vella, Lauren White, John Wood, Elia Muscat, Diane Hill, Michelle Stait.

*Please join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus*

### Christmas Masses

#### **Christmas Eve**

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Holy Family Church, Luddenham

11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Holy Family Church, Luddenham

#### **Christmas Morning**

8.00am – Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

10.00am – Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Thank you to our Social Committee and everyone who helped organise our Parish Christmas Party and everyone who helped serve food and clean up. Thanks also to everyone who brought food to share and, of course, to everyone who came and joined in our Celebration.

**Thank you to the Schoenstatt Choir** for providing the beautiful music at our Vigil Mass last Saturday, and all our Parishioners who joined them in singing.

### **Catholic Outlook is back!**

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook is back. From Sunday 1 December 2019, you can get your own copy of the revised Catholic Outlook which will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.  
**Copies are in the foyer. Please take one.**

*9am Mass next Saturday,  
21st December, will be at  
Greendale church.*

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, come and save us.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**Next Sunday - 4th Sunday of Advent, Year A. Readings:** Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

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### Palms Australia Orientation Course:

**4 – 12 January 2020**

**Positions are still available for Palms Australia's nine day orientation course from 4 to 12 January 2020 at Hartzer Park, Bowral.**

If you're considering working, volunteering, studying, living, or simply travelling cross-culturally, attending Palms Australia's Orientation Course will ensure your experience reaches its full potential for both yourself and your host community.

For more information, contact the Palms team on 02 9560 5333 or

visit <https://www.palms.org.au/event/pre-departure-orientation-course-january/>

### CEDP High Support Learning Centres

Kirinari, located in Llandilo and Wiyanga, located in Dundas, are purpose built centres for learning that provide an inclusive education for students with a moderate intellectual disability and high support needs. If you have a child or know someone who would benefit from an alternate platform for learning in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, please phone 02 9840 5689 for further information.

ROSTER	14/15 DECEMBER 2019			21/22 DECEMBER 2019		
	VIGIL MASS	7.30 MASS	9.30 MASS	VIGIL MASS	7.30 MASS	9.30 MASS
Acolyte			Tony Vella	Dominic Cocksedge	Paul Rohan	
Junior Servers	Liam Harry			Patrick / Gloria Darbbey		
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