# Sacred Heart Parish

*LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA*

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

**5 APRIL 2020**

**SUNDAY MASSES**
***No Masses until further notice***

**WEEKDAY MASSES**
***No Masses until further notice***

**RECONCILIATION**
***No Reconciliation until further notice***

**BAPTISMS**
***No Baptisms until further notice***

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
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**ITALIAN MASS**
***No Masses until further notice***

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## Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary,
You always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.

You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Diving Love,
to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.

Amen.

Please note that Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligations until further notice. Church buildings are closed and Masses (both indoors and outdoors) are to cease.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

If you have a Project Compassion Box, or you would like to make a donation, please contact Caritas directly on 1800 024 413 or visit https://lent.caritas.org.au/
Alternatively, you can hold onto your donation box until after Easter, and we will advise you regarding returning them.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Charlie Borg, Domenica Rossetto.

**Sick:** Jessie Zammit, Cathy Inzitari, Lauren White, John Wood, Elia Muscat, Diane Hill, Michelle Stait.

## A PRAYER DURING TIMES OF COVID-19

In this time of Covid-19, we pray:

When we are uncertain,
O God help us be calm;
When information comes from all sides,
correct or not, help us to discern;
When fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety is the order of the day,
slow us down, O Lord.

Help us reach out with our hearts,
when we cannot touch with our hands and hugs;
Help us to be connected, when we have to be socially distant;
Help us to love as perfectly as we can,
knowing that 'perfect love casts out all fear'.

For the doctors, we pray;
for the nurses, we pray.
For the technicians and janitors and the aides and caregivers, we pray.

For the researchers and theorists,
The epidemiologists and investigators,
For those who are sick,
And those who are grieving, we pray.

For all who are affected,
All around the world … we pray
For safety,
For health,
For wholeness.

May we feed the hungry, may we give drink to the thirsty,
May we clothe the naked and house those without homes;
May we walk with those who feel they are alone,
And may we do all that we can do to heal the sick … in spite of the epidemic, in spite of the fear.

Help us, O Lord, that we might help each other,
In the love of the divine Creator,
In the name of the spiritual Healer,
That is in all and with all,
We pray.

AMEN.

**PALM SUNDAY MASS**

**At 9.30am this Sunday, Mass will be live streamed via our Parish Facebook Page**.
Please follow this link to watch:
**https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartLuddenhamWarragamba/**

**EASTER SERVICES**

**Easter services will be streamed at the following times**:
Holy Thursday Mass - 7.00pm.
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 10.00am; Passion of the Lord - 3.00pm.
Easter Vigil - Saturday 7.00pm; Easter Sunday Mass - 10.00am

# HOLY WEEK AT HOME - PALM SUNDAY

***Take a green branch from your garden. Gather the family together and, with each person holding a branch, pray together.***

**FAMILY PRAYER**

***All:*** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Leader:*** During Lent, we have been preparing our hearts to celebrate Easter. Today we join Christ as he enters Jerusalem. In the coming days, we will relive the mystery of his death and resurrection. By joining ourselves to Christ, God's grace will lift us up and rescue us.

***Reader:*** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
When they were near Jerusalem, the disciples brought a donkey to Jesus and laid their clothes on its back. Jesus sat on the donkey. A great crowd spread their clothes on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who were following were crying out: *Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.* And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil as people asked, 'Who is this?' and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
***All:*** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

***Spend a few minutes in silence to think about the Gospel. Then talk together about what Jesus will do in Jerusalem in the coming days. What will happen on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday?***

***Leader:*** Let us pray.
Lord, increase the faith of your people and listen to our prayers.
Today we honour Christ our triumphant king by carrying these branches.
May we honour you every day by living always in him, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

***Make your own prayers for those who are sick or in need. Ask God to protect them. Finish each prayer with:***
Lord, hear us.

***All:*** Lord, hear our prayer.

***Leader:*** Let us pray in the words Jesus himself gave us:

***All:*** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

***Leader:*** May God bless us and keep us safe.

***All :*** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Place your green branch beside your bed during the days of Holy Week.***

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