Sacred Heart Parish LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 11 October 2020

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 6.00pm at Luddenham Sunday 7.30am at Luddenham Sunday 9.30am at Warragamba <u>Please contact the parish office to pre-register</u> <u>for the 9.30am Mass at Warragamba</u>.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 9.00am at Warragamba Thursday 7.00am at Mulgoa Friday 9.30am at Luddenham (Eucharistic Adoration from 8.30am) Saturday 9.00am at Luddenham (3rd Saturday of Month, Greendale)

RECONCILIATION By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

BAPTISMS By appointment. Please contact the parish office to book.

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ITALIAN MASS 3rd Sunday of Month 11:00am Luddenham

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PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Giovani Presiga Gaviria Parish Secretary: Tracey Caruana Admin Assistant: Colleen Nicholas Pastoral Placement: Matthew Dimian

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

Principal: Mr. Anthony McElhone Assistant Principal: Miss Jodie Van As

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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 ministries, such as Minister of the Word or church cleaning.

COVID-19 RESTRICTION REMINDERS

In order to comply with government regulations, all places of worship must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. This plan is displayed in the foyer of the church. Please take some time to read it.

Please sit in positions marked "PLEASE SIT HERE".

Please ensure you have recorded your name and contact details on the sheet in the foyer and sanitise your hands before and after. Remember to keep social distance while waiting to sign.

The wardens will walk through the church with a collection plate should you wish to make a donation. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THE PLATE ALONG THE PEW.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Please come forward for communion one pew at a time and ensure social distancing of 1.5m between each other.

Please do not gather in the foyer or in the car park after Mass. Please ensure social distancing of 1.5m is adhered to as you leave the church.

The Diocese of Parramatta <u>highly recommends</u> all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to <u>wear a mask</u> to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

On Sunday 18th October Our Parish Bargain Centre will be open and cakes will be on sale. The Hobby Hut are having a Car Boot Sale.

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FACE MASKS FOR SALE

We have face masks in adult and child sizes for sale. They are made with two layers of pure cotton fabric. The cost is \$10.00 each. All profits go to our parish.

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Next Sunday - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Readings: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy. *From lovolapress.com*

<u>All Souls' Day Mass</u> Monday 2nd November, 7.00pm Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Please note that, due to Covid restrictions, we will not have our annual All Souls' Mass at Greendale this year.

> Next Saturday (17th October), our 9am Mass will be at Greendale Church.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

<u>Recently deceased:</u> Amerigo Gerace, Deidre McCabe, Diane Hill, Frans Fenich.

<u>Please remember</u>: John Grima (4th ann), Amanda Khoury, Wahib Khoury, Carmen & Dominic Cilia, 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.

<u>Sick:</u> Bernard Gauci, Riet Vanderburg, Olivia Mararek, Fr Chris Riley, Jessie Zammit, Cathy Inzitari, Lauren White, Elia Muscat, Michelle Stait. There is a petition in the foyer. St Vincent de Paul Society is asking the NSW Government to deliver more social housing in order to reduce homelessness and housing stress.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing after Abortion Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held 4 to 6 December 2020. Rachel's Vineyard has created a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. To enquire about these programs, call their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Mass Ministers for this weekend

Vigil Mass Readers: Tenille Buttigieg Communion Minister: Matthew Dimian

<u>9.30am Mass</u> Readers: Karen Rogan & Anthony Sciberras

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