

Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

13 December 2020

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 6.00pm at Luddenham

Sunday 7.30am at Luddenham

Sunday 9.30am at Warragamba

***Please contact the parish office to pre-register
for the 9.30am Mass at Warragamba.***

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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Please contact the Parish Office

ITALIAN MASS

3rd Sunday of Month 11:00am
Luddenham

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Giovanni 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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Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Holy Family Church, Luddenham

**THE 6PM VIGIL MASS IS NOW FILLED TO
CAPACITY AND NO FURTHER
REGISTRATIONS CAN BE TAKEN**

Vigil Mass 8.30pm

Holy Family Church, Luddenham

11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Christmas Morning

8.00am – Holy Family Church, Luddenham

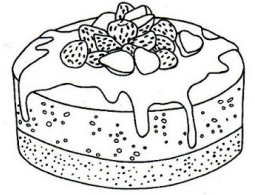
10.00am – Holy Family Church, Luddenham

**PARISHIONERS MUST CONTACT THE
OFFICE TO REGISTER TO ATTEND ALL
OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES.**

**If you book to attend a Mass and then
decide not to come, please let us know so that
someone else can have the place.**

*Please note that, due to Covid restrictions, there will
not be a Christmas Mass at
Warragamba Church.*

THANK YOU to everyone who donated cakes for
our Bargain Centre stall last
Sunday, and to the volunteers
who worked in the Bargain
Centre on the day.
Thanks also to everyone who
bought cakes and goods.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 7PM

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

We will have a Liturgy followed by
individual Reconciliation

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are having a
Christmas Raffle.

Tickets will be on sale
after Mass.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember: Louis Spiteri (4th ann), Jim Vella, Alison Vella, Frank Buttigieg, Phillipa Muscat, Isabelle Said, Joe 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.

Mass Ministers for this weekend

Vigil Mass

Readers: Liz Murko & Br Joe Vassallo

Communion Minister:

9.30am Mass

Readers: Lila Gerhard & Sandy Buhach

Diocese of Parramatta Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times
from parishes across Western Sydney and
the Blue Mountains are available now on the
Diocese of Parramatta website

(www.parracatholic.org),

on Catholic Outlook

(www.catholicoutlook.org)

and on our Diocesan social media channels.

Merry Christmas from the Diocese of
Parramatta!

*Our 9am Mass next Saturday,
19th December,
will be at Greendale Church*

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

Responsorial Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

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 B. Readings: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeals 2020

The Warragamba Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those who donated gifts and goods to our 2020 Christmas Hamper Appeal. Once again, we were able to help needy families in our community.

We would also seek your support with our Christmas Day Collection at each of our Christmas Masses, when monies are collected for the general funds of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Have a holy and safe Christmas and New Year 2021.

Catholic Outlook Magazine Summer 2020/21 Edition

Catholic Outlook Summer edition is out now and free to all parishioners. Read about our amazing HSC students, the new bells of St Patrick's Cathedral and how the new Vatican Ambassador who originates from Castle Hill is settling in. Plus what the symbols of Advent really mean. Pick up your free copy today.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.



Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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