

Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

20 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.***

ANointing OF THE SICK

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 & 8.30PM VIGIL MASSES ARE
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.*

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember: Jonathan Xerri (20th 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: Janet Borg

Communion Minister: Matthew Dimian

9.30am Mass

Readers: Theresa Lia & John Cutajar

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are having a
Christmas Raffle.

Tickets will be on sale
after Mass.



Friday 1st January is the
**Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God.**
We will have Mass at Holy
Family Church, Luddenham
at 9.30am.

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!

Reaching Beyond 2020



People of all trades and professions are
being requested by communities
abroad seeking to build the capacity of
their organisations and the skills of
their people. Restrictions this year
have made communities' needs acute,
but your assistance will help to develop
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Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just one; let the earth be
opened and ring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Next Sunday - Feast of the Holy Family, Year B.

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.

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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 we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Saviour was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

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