

# Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR B**  
**27 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  
(3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimittis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

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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.

## Mass Ministers for this weekend

### Vigil Mass

**Readers:** Volunteers needed

**Communion Minister:** Volunteer needed

### 9.30am Mass

**Readers:** Rosemaree Marsh

*God didn't do it all in one day.  
What makes you think you can?*

## 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 self-reliance and sustainable solutions

to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://Palms Australia) will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment

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**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

**Next Sunday:- The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B.** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12