

Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

6 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

Ph: 4773 7100

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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.*

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

*Thank you for sharing the miracle of Christmas
with families in need.*

*Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation
and CatholicCare thank you for your kind-hearted
generosity and support.*

*For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate,
please visit*

yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

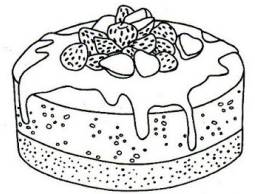
PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember: Mark Lia (8th ann), Jim Vella,
Alison Vella, Frank Buttigieg, Phillipa Muscat,
Isabelle Said, Joe Muscat.

*Our Parish Bargain Centre will be open on
Sunday 6th December and
cakes will be on sale.*

*Donations of cakes are
welcome.*

*Please bring them to the
Bargain Centre on the day.*



ADVENT RECONCILIATION

**TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 7PM
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**

We will have a Liturgy followed by
individual Reconciliation

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeals 2020

*Can you help St Vincent de Paul spread Christmas
hope this year by donating items for our Christ-
mas Hampers and presents?*

*Hampers and presents are for individuals and
families in the local area of:*

*Warragamba, Luddenham, Bringelly, Greendale,
Silverdale, Wallacia & Mulgoa*

**Donations must be received by Monday
December 7th.** This deadline has to be met as Items
have to be quarantined for some days prior to our
volunteers commencing the packing process and
then the delivery program.

Blessings and thanks in advance for your help with
this appeal and those of the past.

*Don't blame a clown for acting like a
clown. Ask yourself why you keep
going to the circus.*

Mass Ministers for this weekend

Vigil Mass

Readers: Saide Massih

Communion Minister: Matthew Dimian

9.30am Mass

Readers: Karen Rogan & Anthony Sciberras

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, Behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Next Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B. Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8.

Parish Advertisement - Liturgical, and Sacramental Coordinator, Part Time

The parish of Sacred Heart, Luddenham-Warragamba invites applications for the position of Liturgical, and Sacramental Coordinator.

The role of Liturgical, and Sacramental Coordinator will entail providing pastoral support to the Parish Priest and team by coordinating the sacramental, and liturgical programs.

The successful applicant would need to:

- have the ability to facilitate and support liturgical, and sacramental related programs;
- have practical and theological knowledge of Catholic rituals and practices;
- have a strong commitment to the Catholic faith;
- demonstrate an ability to relate to a variety of people and develop sound working relationships with other members of the Parish team;
- have a professional manner and excellent people skills;
- have sound computer skills, attention to detail and a well ordered approach to work

To apply or to receive a copy of the complete role description please email

parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org

Applications must include a cover letter, resume, and names and contact details of at least two referees, one of whom includes your parish priest. Applicants may be required to have the right to work within Australia and undertake a national police or working with children check.

Closing date for applications is: 6 December 2020

Position Vacant

Sacramental Coordinator

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes

Applications close

Thursday 10 December

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.



Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

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