



# Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR 1/B

19 September 2021



Holy Family Church - Luddenham



St Mary Church - Mulgoa



Sacred Heart Church - Warragamba



St Francis Xavier Church - Greendale

## PARISH TEAM

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Giovanni Presiga Gaviria  
PARISH SECRETARY: Bernadette Morton  
ADMIN ASSISTANT: Colleen Nicholas  
SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR: Janet Borg  
PASTORAL PLACEMENT: Matthew Dimian

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

TEMPORARILY CLOSED

## CONTACT US

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## PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

16/18 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  
Contact Number: 02 4773 7100

## HOLY MASS TIMES AND SACRAMENTS

Saturday: 5.30 pm (Vigil) at Luddenham  
Sunday: 7.30 am at Luddenham  
9.30 am at Warragamba (*Pre-registration required*)  
Italian Mass: 11.00 am at Luddenham (*3rd Sunday of the month*)  
Weekday Mass: 9.00 am at Warragamba - Wednesday  
7.00 am at Mulgoa - Thursday  
9.30 am at Luddenham - Friday  
9.00 am at Luddenham - Saturday (*except 3rd Saturday*)  
9.00 am at Greendale - 3rd Saturday of the month  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:  
8.30 am at Luddenham - Friday

## BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Baptisms are held 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month by appointment only.  
Marriages by appointment only at least 6 months prior to marriage.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday after 9.00am Mass & from 5.00pm till Vigil Mass

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By appointment. Please contact the Parish Office.



## WELCOME to SACRED HEART PARISH - Luddenham / Warragamba

If you are new to Sacred Heart Parish and would like to register as a parishioner or be placed in our mailing list please call the parish office.

### A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbours, standing before an uncertain future. We pray: may love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon.

By Sister Christine Koelhoeffer, IHM

### PLENARY COUNCIL - OCTOBER 2021

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.



As we make the journey in these weeks towards the first Assembly, we are all called to continue our own journey of prayer and discernment as we look forward in hope to the renewal of the Catholic Church in Australia.

### PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.  
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.  
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.  
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.  
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.  
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently deceased:

John Saliba, Lorenza Gallo

#### Anniversaries:

Pat Leonello (3rd), Joseph & Salvina Bartolo

#### Always remembered:

Arthur Squires, Estefano Mirabito, Kevin Johnston

#### Sick:

Paul Refalo, Monica Muscat, Fr Chris Riley SDB, Nick Saliba, Lucy Andaloro, Alison Megarrity and all those suffering from the affects of Covid-19.



**'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me'** *Mark 9:37*

Please keep the children and youth of our parish in your prayers especially those preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist.

### SMART LOVING BREAKTHROUGH

#### An Online Course for spouses in troubled marriages

If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course.

- ◆ Identify your conflict triggers.
- ◆ Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument.
- ◆ Restore hope with practical relationship strategies.

[smartloving.org/breakthrough](http://smartloving.org/breakthrough)

## Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

“I am with you always” – Matthew 28:20.

The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people.

The website [parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou) contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.



## Aid to the Church in Need

*A Catholic charity under the guidance of the Holy Father*

KEEPING THE FAITH ALIVE

### One Million Children Praying the Rosary

ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign ‘One Million Children Praying the Rosary’ for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)

### MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY - 26 SEPTEMBER

On 26 September, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (also known as Migrant and Refugee Sunday).

Pope Francis invites us to work *Towards an ever wider “we”* and embrace the resilience and contribution of Migrants and Refugees to the church and society.

The “Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees” team invites you to a **Virtual Diocesan Conversation with Refugees** on 26 September from 3pm to 4.15pm. RSVP via [www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee](http://www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee). Find more information and resources at [migrants-refugees.va](http://migrants-refugees.va) and [acmro.catholic.org.au](http://acmro.catholic.org.au)

Dear Parishioners,

In this time of quarantine that we are living in, surely, we have had many challenges to face: changing our routines, facing loneliness, submitting ourselves to many restrictions, limiting our family visits, etc., but the great challenge for those of us who believe in God and his embracing love, is how to keep our faith alive and how to improve our relationship with God even in times of Pandemic.

As Pastor, I encourage you to keep your hope and to walk together as God’s family sharing our faith and our prayer. I invite you to be grateful to God every day and to pray for each other. I keep all of you in my celebration on Sunday: especially the sick, the elderly and the lonely. I personally thank God for your generosity, your calls, your constant support and for taking care of me in many ways.

Please join us in community prayer, using one of the following links to join us for Mass on Sundays at 10.00am:

Direct Mass link - <https://fb.me/e/16075yaQa>

Sacred Heart Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/SacredHeartLuddenhamWarragamba/](http://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartLuddenhamWarragamba/)

Sacred Heart Parish Website - <https://warragambaparish.org.au/>

To contribute to the First Collection - *supporting the Diocesan priests* please donate via Direct Debit to:-

BSB: 067 950

Account #: 000004265

Account Name: Diocesan Clergy

Reference: 6039 - Sacred Heart Parish

To contribute to the Second Collection - *for support of the Parish* please donate via Direct Debit to:-

BSB: 067 950

Account #: 00000412

Account Name: Warragamba Catholic Church

Reference: Your Name or Envelope #

If you or anyone you know is in need of pastoral support please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

*Fr Giovanni*

### SEASON OF CREATION 2021

Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying and taking action for our common home during Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct). For more information, resources, and activities in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit [parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation](http://parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation)



### OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING OFFERING ONLINE TRAINING TO KEEP OUR PARISHES SAFE

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).



**First Reading**

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 53:3-6,8

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

**Unity**

*Unity is when we come together to form something greater than any of us. For many people, the heart of spirituality is a sense of being part of something larger than ourselves, a unity or oneness with our fellow humans and with the vast and intricate Reality in which we have our existence.*

*When people are united by shared values and goals, they can move together, synchronizing their efforts to attain things that none could attain alone.*

*Unity is inclusive. It frees us from the divisiveness of prejudice. We see our commonality without devaluing our differences. A sense of unity can transcend our fear of each other. In unity, the joy of one is the joy of all, and the hurt of one is the hurt of all; the honour of one is the honour of all.*

**Second Reading**

James 3:16 - 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it.

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Thessalonians 2:14

**Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**