



Sacred Heart Parish

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR 2/C

5 December 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

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00 am - 3.30pm

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PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

16/18 Weir Road, Warragamba
 Thursday: 9:30am - 4:00pm

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: 6.00 pm (Vigil) at Luddenham
 Sunday: 7.30 am at Luddenham
 9.30 am at Warragamba
 Italian Mass: 11.00 am at Luddenham (3rd Sunday of the month)
 Spanish Mass: 7.30 pm at Luddenham (4th Saturday 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.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Christmas Eve	Friday, 24th December
6.00 pm	Children & Family Mass - Holy Family Church, Luddenham
8.30 pm	Mass - Holy Family Church, Luddenham
11.30 pm	Christmas Carols - Holy Family Church, Luddenham
Christmas Day	Saturday, 25th December
12.00 am	Midnight Mass - Holy Family Church, Luddenham
8.00 am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba
10.00 am	Mass - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

N.B. Parishioners only need to register for the 6.00pm Vigil Mass.

Christmas Reconciliation (2nd Rite)

Tuesday 21st December - 7.00pm - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries:

Josephine Cachia

Always remembered:

Sick:

Fr John Iacono, Monica Muscat,
Guillermo Delcastillo,
Fr Chris Riley SDB, Paul Refalo,
Lucy Andaloro, Stella O'Flaherty,
Alison Megarrrity, Nick Saliba
and all those suffering from the
affects of Covid-19.



ADVENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you sent your messengers to tell of the birth of your Son, that people might believe in him. Open our ears to hear your call, to repent of our sins, and to seek our heavenly inheritance. May we profess Christ until we stand by his grace before the glory of your majesty; Grant this for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Our RCIA program for adults desiring to receive the sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist will begin late January, early February.

If you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation please let them know. They can ring the Parish Office with any enquiries.



	THIS WEEKEND			NEXT WEEKEND		
	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>7.30 am</i>	<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>7.30 am</i>	<i>9.30 am</i>
Minister of the Altar	Domenic Cocksedge		Tony Vella	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Colleen Nicholas
Altar Servers				Mikayla Camilleri Patrick Camilleri		
Ministers of the Word	Angela Calderwood Georgia Calderwood	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Jacqueline Genovese Tenille Buttigieg	Benedetta Massignani Terry Debono	Stephanie Marsh Rosemaree Marsh
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Josephine Grech	Debbie Brown		Margaret Buttigieg	Moira Bryan	
Data Projector	Debbie Walters		Theresa Lia	Debbie Walters		Theresa Lia

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

Thank you to those children who have handed in their auditions. This Sunday is last chance for those who have left it to the last minute.

Practice begins this Thursday after school for anyone wishing to participate, whether you auditioned or not. We will be able to find a suitable role for you.



SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

*Thank you for your generous donations.
These will help spread hope and joy to many this Christmas.
May the spirit of Christmas fill your home with peace, love and joy.*

PARISH CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Tickets - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Prizes are a choice of:-

- FASHION ACCESSORIES BY MIMCO
- COOLER AND PICNIC HAMPER
- TERRAN HAMPER
- and Other Prizes to be won

Please keep your tickets and the raffle will be drawn at the Vigil Mass at Luddenham on 18 December.

HOUSEKEEPERS FOR OUR LORD'S HOUSE

Wanted, anyone, male or female, willing to give an hour per month to help with the upkeep of our beautiful church. If you are willing to lend a hand please call the Parish Office on 4773 4321.

Prepare the Way

The readings today remind us that we should prepare the way for God to enter our hearts and lives.

When we are expecting special visitors, we do our best to prepare our house. We clean and organise things. We throw away things we do not need anymore to avoid clutter. We put things in order. And once those basic things are finished, we polish the new and improved home. This is also what we should do as we prepare for Christmas.

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In the same way that John prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to do our part and **prepare the way for Jesus to enter our lives and our hearts.**

How will you prepare the way for Jesus to come into your life anew this Christmas?

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the arrival of Advent, we are approaching one of the most remarkable and touchable celebrations of our faith. The birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

This celebration brings every year to the whole world a spirit of joy, hope, peace and love.

At Christmas we remember that God enters the world as a child and wants to live among us.

Emmanuel, meaning **God with us**, is another name for Jesus.

During these four weeks prior to the celebration of Christmas, we, in our parish, are invited to prepare for the birth of Jesus in different ways:

- First of all, we are called to express our solidarity and compassion to those who are in need in our community. **St Vincent de Paul**, with your help, are carrying out the collection of food and gifts for families living in vulnerable conditions.
- Second, we are invited to take advantage of the **Second Rite of Reconciliation** scheduled on **Tuesday 21st December** in our parish. This healing Sacrament will allow us to prepare for the coming of Jesus by confessing our sins and reconciling with God and with others around us.
- Third, it has been a tradition in our parish that on **Christmas Eve, at 6.00pm Vigil Mass**, families with children come to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Children are invited to take part in the pageant, carols and the Holy Eucharist.
- Finally, as this is a time to increase our prayer, I invite you to live, within your family, the spirit of Christmas welcoming Jesus who brings to us: understanding, forgiveness, love and peace.

It was my pleasure last Friday to attend the Annual CCD (Confraternity of Christine Doctrine) Mass which honoured Catechists who have done many years of service teaching the children of our state schools about the love of God. Among them were five from our Parish:-

Esther Buttigieg - 35yrs; Mary Vella - 25 yrs;
Carmel Fenton - 25 yrs; Janet Borg - 25 yrs
and Annette Morris - 15 yrs.

Congratulations to them for their dedication.

Fr Giovanni



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 in the joy of your heart.

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

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

Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Communion Antiphon

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**