



Sacred Heart Parish

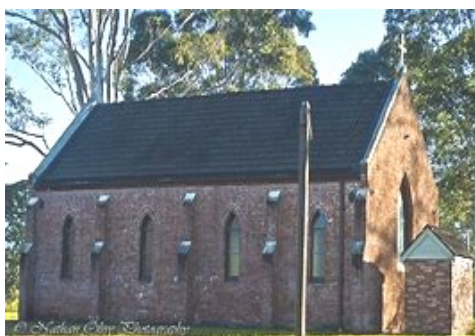
LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 August 2022



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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00 am - 3.30pm

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PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

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

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. Anthony McElhone
Assistant Principal: Amanda Cassar
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
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 Most Sacred Sacrament:
8.20 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.



THE FIGHT AGAINST SIN

Some of the first converts to Christianity were shocked to find that their lives as Christians still contained many difficulties. In some cases, becoming Christian added to their troubles as they met opposition from non-Christian family members. We too face difficulties of one kind or another. Participating in the Eucharist does not eliminate our problems, but gives us the strength and courage we need not to give up in the face of them.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased:

Olivia Newton John, Sam Mercieca

Anniversaries:

Maurie Genovese,
Adele & Silvino Sartor



Always remembered:

Anthony & Theresa Refalo,
Frank & Laurie Buttigieg,
Joe White, John Gauci
Grace & Michael Buttigieg,
Nicholas Saliba, Margaret Elias,

Sick:

Paul Refalo, Monica Muscat,
Michael Pace, Guillermo Delcastillo,
Rose Lopreiato, Lee Casaselli,
Therese Felli, Josephine Bartolo,
Emmanuel Bauso, Alison Megaritty,
Pia Gauci, Fr Chris Riley SDB

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is a difficult text because it challenges our notions of what Jesus was like. The imagery that Jesus uses has a long history in the Old Testament, where we frequently read of people passing through the fire of testing and judgment. John had prophesied about the one who would come bringing a baptism of fire and judgment, but it had never occurred to him that the one who was to come may be the first to undergo that baptism! This rare glimpse into the mind of Jesus reveals an agonising mixture of impatience and reluctance. Convinced that God's redemptive plan requires him to bring upon earth the fiery baptism of judgment—not by inflicting it upon others but by undergoing it himself—he feels handicapped and thwarted until this mission can be accomplished.

The reference to households being divided may well be directed at Luke's community itself. Faith in Jesus could well be the cause of division in families. While predominantly Gentile, Luke's community did have Jewish Christians. Some Jews failed to recognise Jesus as the Messiah, and in the late first century, Jews expelled Christians from their synagogues. To persist in Christian belief would have caused great division.

- *What causes you to have 'a fire in your belly'?*
- *What do you get passionate about?*
- *How do you deal with people who do not understand or accept your faith in Jesus?*

	THIS WEEKEND			NEXT WEEKEND		
	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>7.30am</i>	<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>7.30am</i>	<i>9.30 am</i>
Minister of the Altar	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Colleen Nicholas
Altar Servers	Mikayla Camilleri Matilda Calderwood	Elisa Camilleri		Ethan Tolentino Kian Tolentino	Elisa Camilleri	
Ministers of the Word	Jacqueline Genovese Tenille Buttigieg	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Yasmine Tolentino Carla Mort	Elaine Luppino Janet Borg	Benedetta Massignani Marta Jennings	Theresa Lia John Cutajar
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Margaret Buttigieg	Debbie Brown	Mary Vella	Grace Cutajar	Moira Bryan	Fiona Clarke
Data Projector	Liana Corbo	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Debbie Walters	Lily Attard	Help needed
Housekeepers	Alice Buttigieg & Lily Buttigieg					

HELP WANTED

Volunteers needed to help in the **Bargain Centre** at Warragamba on Tuesdays for as many hours as you are able to give.
One hour, two - nothing is too little.

Many hands make light work.

Also needed are **Data Projector Operators** for all Masses so that a roster can be planned.
Training will be given.

We are also in great need of anyone interested in **Flower arranging** to help with our floral tributes to the Lord at Holy Family Church - Luddenham.



"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Luke 10:2

Please contact Parish Office if interested in helping out in any of the above.

PARTS OF THE MASS - MASS OF WONDER

Please be patient and let us practice the **Mass of Wonder** as a parish so that we can surprise Fr Giovanni on his return with our harmonious voices. It was at his request that we are trying something different. We know that change is difficult but at least let us try.



COMING SOON

Piety Shop at Holy Family Church being refurbished and will be opening soon.

FR ZVONIMIR'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

Date: Sunday 28th August 2022

Time: 10.30 am

Place: St John 23rd Catholic College School Hub

Entry can be via the school gates near the church carpark. Please join us afterwards the Mass for some light refreshments in the School Hall.

RSVP for catering purpose to : secretary@john23rd.org.au

PLEASE NOTE

We did not have enough response to consider hiring a bus so any one interested in going will need to find their own way there.

THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA IS HEADING TO WYD23 IN LISBON

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023.

Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org and register for the upcoming Launch Event featuring Fr Rob Galea on August 18. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org

WEARING OF MASKS AT MASS

In consideration of the most recent NSW health Advice, our Diocese highly recommends that for the safety of our parishioners all worshippers wear a mask in the church.

CLAIM THE DATE

November 1 Melbourne Cup Luncheon



A FIRE WITHIN YOUR SOUL

Is it possible to know that someone has a deep interior life of prayer? Even though this is "interior" and is a spiritual reality, is it possible to sense this externally? Most certainly it is.

In fact, the deeper one's life of prayer the more that this interior life will shine forth for others to see. How about you? What does your soul radiate? When people see you, what do they sense? Certainly our perceptions of people can be wrong at times, but when God is alive in an abundant way, those who have eyes to see will see. Those who are hungry for God will perceive His presence in your life and be fed by Him through you. Reflect upon how radiant your interior life is. And reflect upon whether or not that burning flame within is shining forth for others to see. And if it is not burning brightly and intensely, today is a good day to kindle that fire within.

Lord, I invite You to come live in my soul. I invite You to fan into flame the spark of faith that I have.

May Your love and Mercy become a blazing fire in me so that I may be consumed by You and so that others may sense Your love through me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Daily reflections on Divine Mercy

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4,18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Like many symbols, fire can have both positive and negative connotations. It can be a painful and destructive force to be feared and shunned. It can also be a purifying agent, which burns away that which is unwanted. It is used in the testing of precious metals. In the Australian context, bushfire is the cause of death and destruction, but it also causes the regeneration and new birth of many native species of flora.

Fire is a symbol of passion and is often used in turns of phrase that capture this idea: fire in the belly, for instance, or the fire of one's love.