



# Sacred Heart Parish

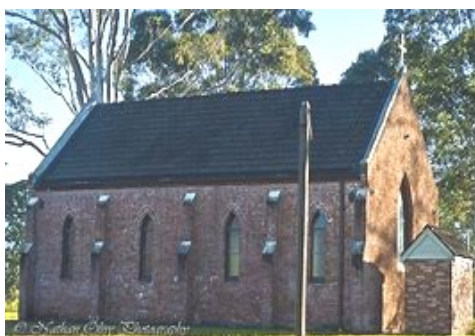
LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 September 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

## CONTACT US

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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 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.

ONLY weekday Masses suspended



## PARABLES OF MERCY

The parables in today's gospel all speak of the mercy of God. When we stray from the right path, God comes looking for us, not to condemn us but to offer us forgiveness. If we are contrite, God will lift us up and carry us back to the community, as a shepherd carries a stray sheep back to the flock. What great rejoicing there will be in our reunion with God and with the community.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's gospel consists of three parables about that which was lost being found. The final one is the well-known story of the 'prodigal son' or, more correctly, 'the loving father'. The image of God presented in these parables challenges some popular notions of God being omnipotent and removed from his creation. Instead, Jesus tries to portray something of his own intimate relationship with a God whom he knows as Father. The images of a shepherd who is prepared to risk the safety of the flock in order to go to search out just one sheep, of a woman who puts a great deal of time and energy into the recovery of one small coin and the father who extravagantly welcomes back a son who has treated him very badly tell of the extravagance of God's love for all, especially those who are the lost ones of society. The great rejoicing at the culmination of each parable speaks to us of the unconditional love of God and his pleasure at our positive response to his invitation to the feast.

- *In what ways do these three parables offer either comfort or challenge to you?*
- *What have been your own experiences of overwhelming joy?*

### SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The image of God as Father is often used in Scripture. It conveys both authority and deep love. Jesus uses the intimate term *Abba* (meaning 'Papa' or 'Daddy') when praying. These parables tell us something of the intimate love of the Father for all his children, especially the lost ones.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently deceased:

#### Anniversaries:

#### Always remembered:

Theresa Lia, Mario Lia, Elizabeth Lia, Angelo Lia, Mary Lia, Horace Azzopardi, Carmen Azzopardi, Grace Tedesco, Gillian Attard, Giovanna Attard, Charles Attard, Mark Lia, Joe White, Anthony & Theresa Refalo, Frank & Laurie Buttigieg, Nicholas Saliba, Grace & Michael Buttigieg, Margaret Elias, Victor & Victoria Vella, John & Catherine Gauci, John Gauci

#### Sick:

Patrick Darley-Jones, Monica Muscat, Paul Attard, Mary Attard, Emmanuel Bauso, Guillermo Delcastillo, Therese Felli, Rose Lopreiato, Lee Casaselli, Josephine Bartolo, Michael Pace, Alison Megaritty, Fr Chris Riley SDB



	THIS WEEKEND			NEXT WEEKEND		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30 am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	—	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Colleen Nicholas
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Mikayla Camilleri Matilda Calderwood	Elisa Camilleri		Ethan Tolentino Kian Tolentino	Elisa Camilleri	
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Angela Calderwood Georgia Calderwood	Benedetta Massignani Marta Jennings	Carmel Fenton Trish Kelly	Jacqueline Genovese Tenille Buttigieg	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Br Jeff Regan Lila Gerhard
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	Rose Gauci	Moira Bryan	Fiona Clarke	Margaret Buttigieg	Mary Powell	Fiona Clarke
<b>Data Projector</b>	Debbie Walters	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Debbie Walters	Lily Attard	Mel Elmer
<b>Housekeepers</b>	Alice Buttigieg & Lily Buttigieg					

### PIETY SHOP

The Piety Shop at Holy Family Church is being stocked with gift ideas for Baptism, Eucharist and other special occasions.

Come and see the selection of gifts available.

If there is anything in particular you would like that we haven't stocked in the shop please call the office and leave your order.



### MOUNT DRUITT SOUTH PARISH FETE: 11 SEPTEMBER

The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete will be held this Sunday 11 September at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mt Druitt, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Activities include a While Elephant stall, jumping castle, chocolate wheel and showbags. Bring the family, come enjoy the day.



### Diocesan Season of Creation Mass: 18 September

The Diocese of Parramatta's Laudato Si' Action Team and Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt invite you to a Diocesan Season of Creation Mass on Sunday 18 September at 10.30am at Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt-Emerton (252-254 Luxford Rd, Emerton), followed by morning tea. To RSVP and for any inquiries, please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### 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](http://www.parrawyd.org)

Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today!

For all enquiries contact James Camden,

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### GLENMORE PARK PARISH

#### ST PADRE PIO FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for their parochial feast of St. Padre Pio. The parish will be holding a Triduum Novena and Mass to St Padre Pio from 22 – 24 September. On 25 September at 10am, there will be a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Solemn Feast Mass, Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio and other festivities.

For enquiries, please call the parish office on (02) 4789 2232 or email [glenmorepark@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenmorepark@parracatholic.org).

### BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity with the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal in support of our retired priests. Your gift helps care for those who have cared for us.

If you missed this special collection and wish to donate you can go to [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)

### HELP STILL NEEDED

Volunteers needed to help in the Bargain Centre at Warragamba on **Thursdays**.

*Please contact Parish Office.*

### THANK YOU

We extend warm thanks to Father Joe, Father PJ and Father Ever from St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith for their support of Father Giovanni in his absence. We enjoyed having you all here and hope you enjoyed your time with us.

Thank you.

### World Day of Migrants and Refugees - "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees": 25 September

The Diocese of Parramatta's "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" Team invites you to a family friendly event on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday 25 September in Blacktown. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm by Bishop Vincent Long at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown, followed by an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Please register at [www.shorturl.at/ahxyZ](http://www.shorturl.at/ahxyZ) or call 0476 873 519.

### BARGAIN CENTRE RAFFLE

The Bargain Centre Raffle was drawn last Thursday. Winner is Jodi Cooper. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported this fundraiser. \$96.00 was raised.

**First Reading**

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand?

Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 50:3-4,12-13,17-19

**R. I will rise and go to my father.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice, a contrite spirit;  
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**

**Second Reading**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

2 Corinthians 5:19

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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