



Sacred Heart Parish

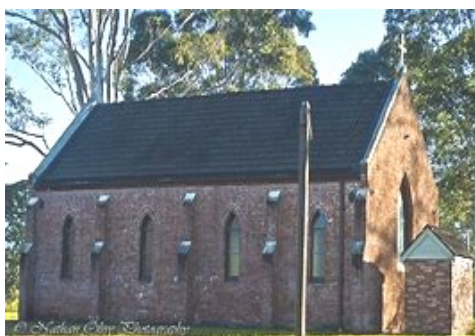
LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 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

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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



PUT JESUS FIRST

It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say, 'Whoever comes to me without hating (family members) cannot be my disciple'. Jesus is using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If that puts us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus.

Thankfully, most of us don't face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today's second reading.

EXPLORING THE WORD

To be a disciple of Jesus involves radical choices! One must be single-minded in one's commitment to Christ and not put anything else in a place of greater importance. The use of the word *hate* is difficult in this passage. Is Jesus really calling his disciples to 'hate' those who love us? Surely we come to know something of the love of God through human love. The problem may lie in the Semitic languages, which lack some of the subtlety of modern idiom. In Hebrew, 'to hate' is the opposite of 'to prefer'. What Jesus is really saying is that we must prefer to seek God rather than to seek earthly love or relationship. It is our relationship with God that is of utmost value. Discipleship comes at a cost, and the cost is the cross! We must be prepared to go the whole way and not leave the task half done. Just as Jesus responded totally to the call of the Father, we too must give our total response to the call to follow him.

- *How might putting Christ first change your relationships with others?*
- *Will choosing to follow Jesus cause difficulties in your relationship with family and friends? How will you deal with this?*

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The cross is the central symbol for all Christians. It was an instrument of torture and ignominious death for the Romans. Despite its association with shame and disgrace, the cross remains the great symbol of hope and vindication for followers of Jesus. It was through his death on a cross that Jesus triumphed over death itself.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries:

Teresa Swain



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:

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		
	<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	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	David Egan	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella
Altar Servers	Ethan and Kian Tolentino	Elisa Camilleri		Mikayla Camilleri Matilda Calderwood	Elisa Camilleri	
Ministers of the Word	Janet Borg Sofia Corbo	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras	Angela Calderwood Georgia Calderwood	Benedetta Massignani Marta Jennings	Carmel Fenton Trish Kelly
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Josephine Grech	Debbie Brown	Angela Franich	Rose Gauci	Moira Bryan	Mary Vella
Data Projector	Liana Corbo	Lily Attard	Mel Elmer	Debbie Walters	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas
Housekeepers	Melinda Mandarano, Vanessa Corbo & Donna Gauci					

Let us care for those who have cared for us through their service



Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for retired clergy

GIVE NOW

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL -

CARING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CARED FOR US.

Our priests devote their lives in service to God and our faith community.

This Father's Day, will you care for them in their retirement, as they have cared for us?

Your kind-hearted donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation's health and wellbeing team to care for the 21 retired clergy in our Diocese and provide our priests with the practical & emotional support needed for a comfortable retirement.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day

Appeal using the envelopes in your pew or at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal Thank you.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2022: THE MOMENT

A National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way.

Ignite Conference 2022 is one of those moments you won't want to miss! This could be the

moment you encounter Jesus for the first time or the hundredth time. It's also a moment to stop to strengthen our faith and come together as a people of faith. This year's speakers at the Ignite Conference include Fr Rob Galea, Therese Mills (MGL), Kym Keady Director of Ignite Youth, Emmanuel Worship and many many more. Ignite Conference is expecting over 3000 registrations across Brisbane and Sydney in 2022. Ignite Conference in Sydney is at **Freeman College, Bonnyrigg from 29-September to 2 October.**

This could be your year! Your moment.

For more information go to www.igniteconference.com.au

CLAIM THE DATE

November 1 Melbourne Cup Luncheon



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

MOUNT DRUITT SOUTH PARISH FETE: 11 SEPTEMBER

The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete will be held on 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. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9832 3896.

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.

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.



First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God?
 Who can divine the will of the Lord?
 The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our
 intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses
 down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down
 the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on
 earth, laborious to know what lies within our
 reach; who, then, can discover what is in the
 heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it,
 had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy
 spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been
 straightened and men been taught what pleases
 you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6,12-14,17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust
 and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
 To your eyes a thousand years
 are like yesterday, come and gone,
 no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
 like grass which springs up in the morning.
 In the morning it springs up and flowers:
 by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
 Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

A Prayer for our Dads

*We bring our dad to you, O God, in prayer.
 May the worries of his heart be eased.
 May his work be meaningful and give him joy.
 May his support of his family be met with
 appreciation, gratitude and respect.
 May he grow old surrounded by love.
 And may he know that as much as he loves his
 children, he too is loved.
 Amen.*

Second Reading

Philemon 1:9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is
 more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to
 you for a child of mine, whose father I became while
 wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending
 him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of
 my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me;
 he could have been a substitute for you, to help me
 while I am in the chains that the Good News has
 brought me. However, I did not want to do anything
 without your consent; it would have been forcing your
 act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know
 you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it
 was only so that you could have him back for ever,
 not as a slave any more, but something much better
 than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me,
 but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well
 as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in
 common means anything to you, welcome him as you
 would me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:29

**Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your
 servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he
 turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me
 without hating his father, mother, wife, children,
 brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot
 be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross
 and come after me cannot be my disciple.
 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a
 tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost
 to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if
 he laid the foundation and then found himself unable
 to finish the work, the onlookers would all start
 making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who
 started to build and was unable to finish." Or again,
 what king marching to war against another king would
 not first sit down and consider whether with ten
 thousand men he could stand up to the other who
 advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not,
 then while the other king was still a long way off, he
 would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same
 way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives
 up all his possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.