



# Sacred Heart Parish

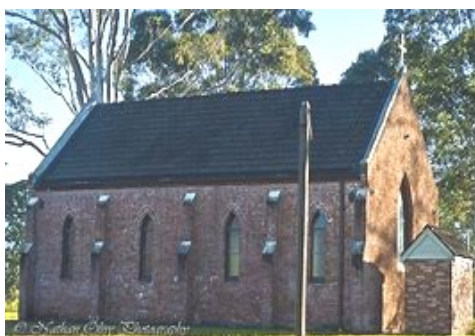
LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 October 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  
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## 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.



## PRAY CONTINUALLY

The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader.

In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray we work constantly for justice, never losing heart.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently deceased:

Joseph Theuma



#### Anniversaries:

Domenic Cilia, Carmela Cilia

#### Always remembered:

Salvatore Lia, 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, Nicholas Saliba, Anthony & Theresa Refalo, John Gauci, Frank & Laurie Buttigieg, Margaret Elias, Grace & Michael Buttigieg, Victor & Victoria Vella, John & Catherine Gauci

#### Sick:

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

### EXPLORING THE WORD

It is unusual for an evangelist to be so explicit about the meaning of a parable, but here Luke tells us that this parable is 'about the need to pray continually and never lose heart'. It is quite likely that those who listened to Jesus tell this story were very familiar with judges who were a law unto themselves and who did not dispense justice according to the demands of God and of Jewish Law. Yet even these will be persuaded to act in the face of persistence. As ever with Luke, it is not the rich and powerful who prevail but the poor or the weak—in this case a widow. How much more, then, will God act? He is not like the wicked judge. He will hear the persistent cry, especially of the poor, and will not delay in answering. The real test of our faith in all this is to accept that God may answer our prayers in ways we do not expect or even desire. Prayer does not equate with making demands of God. Instead it is openness to the presence of God in our lives and a willingness to accept his demands of us, whatever they may be.

- ♦ *What things are you persistent in?*
- ♦ *What does this indicate about what is important to you?*
- ♦ *Is prayer important to you? How do you pray?*

### SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

*The persistence of the widow is at the heart of this gospel passage. Despite her lack of status, she constantly raises her voice in pleading for what she needs, and finally her need is met. So too will God hear the cry of those who call on him. Sometimes, however, God may not answer our prayer in the way we want!*

	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>
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Colleen Nicholas	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ethan Tolentino Kian Tolentino	Elisa Camilleri		Mikayla Camilleri Matilda Calderwood	Elisa Camilleri	
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Angela Calderwood Georgia Calderwood	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Stephanie Marsh Rosemaree Marsh	Jacqueline Genovese Tenille Buttigieg	Benedetta Massignani Terry Debono	Carmel Fenton Trish Kelly
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	Rose Gauci	Debbie Brown		Margaret Buttigieg	Moira Bryan	Mary Vella
<b>Data Projector</b>	Debbie Walters	Lily Attard	Mel Elmer	Debbie Walters	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas
<b>Housekeepers</b>	Esther Buttigieg, Rose Muscat & Moira Bryan					

## MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON



1 November 2022

Holy Family School Hall

Doors open 10.00 am



Come enjoy a fun day,  
with morning tea and lunch.

Games in between and prizes to be won.

*Don't forget your hats and fascinators.*

Cost \$50.00

For catering purposes please put your name on the list in the foyer or contact Rose Gauci on 0419 416 980.

### MELBOURNE CUP DAY RAFFLE

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| 1st Prize | Ladies Watch       |
| 2nd Prize | Ladies Accessories |
| 3rd prize | \$100 Gift Voucher |
| 4th Prize | Hamper             |

\$3.00 a ticket  
\$5.00 for 2

### THE ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, 30 October

Please join us for 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta celebrated by Bishop Vincent followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall.

All couples celebrating a **significant** wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent.

Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) by 21 October.

### PIETY SHOP



The Piety Shop at Holy Family Church has been stocked with gift ideas for Baptism, Christmas 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.

*There once was a man who was asleep one night when suddenly his room filled with light and God appeared to him.*

*The Lord told him He had work for him to do and showed him a large rock explaining that he was to push against the rock with all his might. This the man did, and for many days he toiled from sunrise to sunset; his shoulder set squarely against the cold massive surface of the rock, pushing with all his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling his whole day had been spent in vain.*

*Seeing that the man showed signs of discouragement, Satan decided to enter the picture – placing thoughts in the man's mind, giving him the impression the task was impossible and he was an unworthy servant because he wasn't moving the massive stone. These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man and he started to ease up in his efforts. "Why kill myself?" he thought. "I'll just put in my time putting forth just the minimum of effort and that will be good enough."*

*And this he did or at least planned on doing until, one day, he decided to take his troubles to the Lord. "Lord," he said, "I have laboured hard and long in Your service, putting forth all my strength to do that which You have asked of me. Yet after all this time, I have not even budged that rock even half an inch. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"*

*To this the Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when long ago I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you to push against the rock with all your strength and that you have done. But never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. At least not by yourself. Your task was to push. And now you come to Me, your strength spent, thinking that you have failed, ready to quit. But is this really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled; your back sinewed and brown. Through opposition you have grown much and your ability now far surpasses that which you used to have.*

*Yet still, you haven't succeeded in moving the rock; and you come to Me now with a heavy heart and your strength spent. **I, my friend will move the rock.** Your calling was to be obedient and push, and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom, and this you have done, good and faithful servant."*

**Pray**

**Until**

**Something**

**Happens**





**First Reading**

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 120

**R. Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever. **R.**



*Pray  
continually  
and never  
lose heart.*

**Second Reading**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Hebrews 4:12

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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