



Sacred Heart Parish

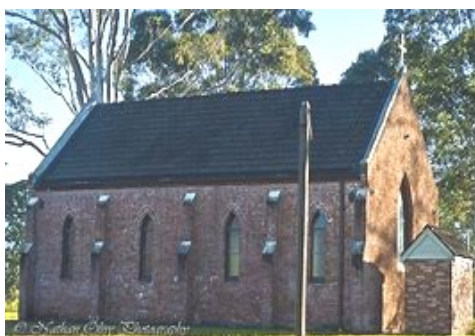
LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27 November 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: 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.



WALK IN GOD'S LIGHT

We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us.

What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light.

If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life.

"Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness."

St Teresa of Kolkata

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased:

Sr Lucy Ann Piel, Alison Megaritty, Vince Formica

Anniversaries:

Vincent, Vince, John & Alex Apap, John Formica

Sick:

Margaret Condon, Paul Attard, Josephine Bartolo, Mary Attard, David Allison Huerta, Michael Pace, Patrick Darley-Jones, Therese Felli, Liam Canterella, Emmanuel Bauso, Guillermo Delcastillo, Lee Casaselli, Rose Lopreiato, Monica Muscat, Fr Chris Riley SDB

ADVENT REFLECTION

We begin the season of Advent today!

We light the first candle on our advent wreaths at Mass and in our homes.

On most wreaths, this candle is purple, which symbolizes prayer, penance and sacrifice.

Advent is a period of waiting, like Lent.

We are called to obtain the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to pray and fast, as we await the arrival of our Saviour. We work to greet Him with a soul free from the stain of mortal sin, and with joyous feasting.

Let us begin our period of preparation now.

For reflection, let us consider how we will prepare for His Nativity.

- ***What extra time may we spend in prayer and contemplation?***
- ***How soon can we obtain the Sacrament of Reconciliation?***



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Children, can you dance, can you sing? Come offer your thanks to God for this gift by honouring the birth of Jesus with your talent.

Children in Year 3 and above are welcome to join us for practice of the Christmas Eve Family Mass. There is something for all - singing, dancing, reading, acting or just dressing up in costume. Practice is every Friday after school - 3.15 - 5.00pm



	THIS WEEKEND			NEXT WEEKEND		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30 am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	David Egan	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella
Altar Servers	Ethan Tolentino Kian Tolentino	Elisa Camilleri		Mikayla Camilleri	Elisa Camilleri	
Ministers of the Word	Jacqueline Genovese Tenille Buttigieg	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Elaine Luppino Janet Borg	Benedetta Massignani Terry Debono	Stephanie Marsh Rosemaree Marsh
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Margaret Buttigieg	Debbie Brown	Angela Franich	Grace Cutajar	Moira Bryan	Mary Vella
Data Projector	Debbie Walters	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Debbie Walters	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia
Housekeepers	Melinda Mandarano, Vanessa Corbo & Donna Gauci					

Christmas Thanksgiving Mass & Gathering

A Thanksgiving Mass and Gathering in gratitude for the year past and all who have shared this year with us in one way or another will take place on **3 December, 2022**. Mass will be followed by a gathering in the school hall and all are welcome. **Please bring a dish to share. Thank you.**

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas will be held at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 6th December at from 7.00pm.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service. No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes on your pews. Thank you for your generosity.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEALS 2022

Can you help St Vincent de Paul spread Christmas hope this year by donating items for our Christmas Hampers and presents?

*Hampers and presents are for individuals and families in the local area of:
Warragamba, Luddenham, Bringelly, Greendale, Silverdale, Wallacia & Mulgoa*

Suggestions for items you might like to include to help us create some useful, delicious and attractive family hampers.

Christmas Cake/Pudding	Long life Milk/Cream/Custard	Christmas Plates/Napkins
Christmas Decorations	Tins of Shoulder Ham	Pasta /Rice
Jam/Honey	Vegemite	Hot Chocolate/Milo
Jellies	Tin Fruits	Tin Vegetables
Savoury Chips	Gravox/Gravies	Lollies/Sweets
Sweet & Savoury Biscuits	Salsa	Soft Drinks
Long Life Fruit Juice	Cordial	Breakfast Cereals

Notes on Hampers

- Kindly ensure all food items are well short of the expiry date
- We are unable to accept and distribute food items containing nuts

Notes on Presents

- Kindly take a tag from the Christmas trees at Luddenham or Warragamba
- Tags have the approximate age of the child/teen/adult the gift is aimed at
- Generally Gift vouchers (of any versatile type) are more welcomed by teens
- Please wrap the gift (if possible but not absolutely necessary) with the appropriate tag attached



General

Please place donations for hampers and presents in the boxes provided in the foyer of Luddenham and Warragamba churches.

All items can be donated from Saturday November 26th to Monday December 12th.

This deadline has to be met as items have to be brought to our packing site at Warragamba (checked wrapped etc) then our volunteers commence the packing process and deliver on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th.

Christmas Cards

A limited number of packets will be available for this year. A generic Australian pack of 10 cards (5x2) cost \$5 and a new set (5x2) of Children designed holy cards costs \$7. The traditional nativity scene cards are not available this year. The packs will be on sale after masses for the next couple of weekends until sold out.

Blessings and thanks in advance for your help with this appeal and those of the past.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it;
and they will say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'
He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2,4-5,6-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.
'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Advent has a past, present and future dimension. We look back to the events of Bethlehem when Christ first entered the world; we reflect on Christ's presence today and we look forward with joy to the future coming of Christ. Today's Gospel reminds us that we must be ready for that coming.