



Sacred Heart Parish

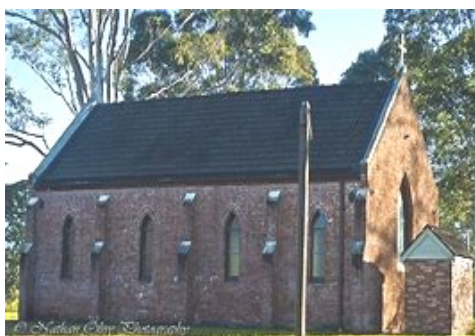
LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18 December 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: 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.



A MAN OF HONOUR

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's word to him. He is an example for us all.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased:



Anniversaries:

Louis Spiteri, Dianne Gillogly

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, Nicholas Saliba, Margaret Elias

Sick:

Trudy Darley-Jones, Jane Azzopardi, 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

EXPLORING THE WORD

In Palestine, the betrothal period was akin to our period of engagement but was somewhat more binding. The couple are considered married but have not yet come to live together. An indiscretion of the nature described by Matthew requires a formal divorce and thus public knowledge. Joseph seeks to spare Mary this public disgrace, but God intercedes and alerts Joseph to the real identity of this child, which is in her 'by the Holy Spirit'. For Matthew, this is the most important point of his infancy narrative. The child Jesus is the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy that the maiden will conceive 'God-with-us'. God has freely chosen to come among people. The second important point in this text is Joseph's response. The anguish and turmoil he must have felt is overcome by his trust in God's ways, and he obeys. He simply 'did what the angel told him to do'.

Through his trust and acceptance of God's will, human history will never be the same because 'God-is-with-us'.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Come help celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We invite the children who come along to the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve to dress as shepherds and angels.



	THIS WEEKEND			NEXT WEEKEND - SEE CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE		
	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>7.30am</i>	<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>8.00am Warr</i>	<i>10.00am Ludd</i>
Minister of the Altar	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton	Michael Tolentino	David Egan	Paul Rohan
Altar Servers	Mikayla Camilleri	Elisa Camilleri		Ethan Tolentino Kian Tolentino		Elisa Camilleri
Ministers of the Word	Janet Borg Sofia Corbo	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Karen Rogan Anthony Sciberras	Child Readers	Br Jeff Regan	Benedetta Massignani
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Josephine Grech	Debbie Brown	Mary Vella	Rose Gauci	Angela Franich	Moira Bryan
Data Projector	Debbie Walters	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Janet Borg	Gavin Elmer	Janet Borg
Housekeepers	Karen Buda & John Cutajar					

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Christmas Eve	Saturday, 24th December
6.00 pm	Children & Family Mass - Holy Family Church, Luddenham
8.30 pm	Mass - Holy Family Church, Luddenham
11.30 pm	Christmas Carols - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Christmas Day Sunday, 25th December

12.00 am	Midnight Mass - Holy Family Church, Luddenham
8.00 am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba
10.00 am	Mass - Holy Family Church, Luddenham



Nativity Christmas Cards
are for sale
today in the Piety Store.
Box of 10 for \$5.00

MINISTRY ROSTERS

The Rosters for our Church ministries are coming to an end and need to be renewed. We invite and encourage anyone wanting to join one of these ministries to ring or email the Parish Office.



FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

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

Please contact Parish Office if interested in helping with our floral arrangements. Training available.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

The Advent | Summer edition of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine* is available in the foyer. Please feel free to take one.

NEW PERMANENT DEACON

We have been blessed with the appointment of a Permanent Deacon to our parish. The Deacon's name is Charles Abela and his appointment here will begin on 2 February, 2023.

BUS FOR MATTHEW'S ORDINATION MASS

Please put your name down on the list in the foyer if you wish to come to Matthew's Ordination with the bus that the parish is organising. Please keep in mind that there is limited parking at the Cathedral. Of course there will need to be enough interest for us to hire a bus so please do not delay in responding.

Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do – every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share – remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. Amen.



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PARRAMATTA

MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV.
BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA
CORDIALLY INVITES

PARISHIONERS OF SACRED HEART PARISH

TO THE MASS OF ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE OF
REVEREND MR ADAM CARLOW
REVEREND MR MATTHEW DIMIAN
REVEREND MR JACK ELKAZZI

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PATRICK, PARRAMATTA
7:30 P.M. THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY A.D. 2023
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

RSVP BY 25 JANUARY 2023
SECRETARY@STPATSCATHEDRAL.COM.AU

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Emmanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

One of the common ways for God to communicate with human beings, as related in the Hebrew Scriptures, is through dreams — Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and Hannah are famous examples.

In this text, God communicates the importance of this child and the integrity of his mother to Joseph using this favoured method.

Being intuitive to the voice of God is an important aspect of faith.

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.