



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR 1/A

29 January 2023



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  
Thursday: 9:30am - 4:00pm

## HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Ms Donna Mc Fadzean  
Assistant Principal: TBA  
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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.



## WELCOME to SACRED HEART PARISH - Luddenham / Warragamba

If you are new to Sacred Heart Parish and would like to register as a parishioner or be placed in our emailing list please call the parish office.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently deceased:

Maree Sheredin



#### Anniversaries:

Charlie Borg, Pauline Vella,  
Dermot McCormack, Jim Muscat  
Philippa Muscat, Charlie Chircop,  
Alison Vella, Frank Buttigieg,  
Grace Buttigieg, John Copeman,  
Patrick Donnelly

#### Always remembered:

Anthony & Theresa Refalo,  
Michael Buttigieg

#### Sick:

Margaret Condon, Paul Attard,  
Josephine Bartolo, Mary Attard,  
David Allison Huerta, Michael  
Pace, Patrick Darley-Jones,  
Therese Felli, Emmanuel Bauso,  
Charlie Cutajar, Lee Casaselli,  
Guillermo Delcastillo,  
Rose Lopreiato, Monica Muscat

### EXPLORING THE WORD

The rendering of the Greek term used in this text as 'happy' is rather weak. A better term is 'blessed'.

At the heart of the Beatitudes is Jesus' instruction to his followers to cultivate certain qualities in their lives. To be gentle, to mourn, to thirst for what is right, to be merciful, to be pure of heart and to be peacemakers are signs of the presence of the kingdom of God in our lives. To have such virtues is to be blessed. Jesus teaches that those who suffer some human lack or pain are blessed, not because poverty, pain or sorrow are good in themselves, but because they reveal to us our need for God. Those who are prosperous, comfortable or content find this much more difficult to realise and accept.

The final portion of this text speaks to the experience of the early church, which suffered persecution for the sake of faith in Jesus Christ. Christians today are also called to stand against arrogant secularism, which proclaims that humans do not need God. Even today, people suffer for their faith, but they too are assured that their reward will be great in heaven!

### SYMBOLS & IMAGES

The 'poor' are those who are not smug and self-satisfied. Those who 'mourn' are those who grieve at the effects of sin in the world. The 'meek' are the lowly and powerless in any situation. Those who 'hunger for righteousness' are those who long for justice and peace. The 'pure of heart' are those who seek God alone. The 'peacemakers' are those who work to restore broken relationships. Those who are 'persecuted' are those who are ridiculed for their faith. Taken all together, the Beatitudes describe what a Christian should be like.

	THIS WEEKEND			NEXT WEEKEND		
	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>7.30 am</i>	<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>Vigil</i>	<i>7.30 am</i>	<i>9.30 am</i>
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan	Fiona Clarke	Br Joe Vassallo	Grace Buda	Trish Kelly
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Anyone to Serve	Elisa Camilleri		Mikayla Camilleri	Elisa Camilleri	
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Jacqueline Genovese Tenille Buttigieg	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Yasmin Tolentino Carla Mort	Sylvia Genovese Janet Borg	Benedetta Massignani Terry Debono	Br Jeff Regan Mel Elmer
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	Rose Gauci	Debbie Brown	Mary Vella	Josephine Grech	Moira Bryan	Angela Franich
<b>Data Projector</b>	Debbie Walters	Lilly Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Debbie Walters	Lilly Attard	Gavin Elmer
<b>Housekeepers</b>	Alice Buttigieg & Lily Buttigieg					

Dear parishioners,

The first and significant event of this year will be the ordination of Deacon Matthew Dimian to the Priesthood on 2nd February, 2023 at the cathedral in Parramatta. Those of you who have paid your fare for the bus trip into Parramatta for this event please note that the bus will leave the parish car park promptly at 5.30pm. Anyone late will unfortunately be left behind.

Matthew will be returning to our parish on 11 February to celebrate the Vigil Mass at Holy Family with us. We look forward to welcoming Matthew back and invite you all to help us celebrate this Mass with him and to join him afterwards for a light supper. Please bring a platter of goodies to share on this very special occasion.

*Fr. Giovanni*

### HELP NEEDED



Anyone, male or female, willing to give an hour per month to help with the upkeep of our beautiful church. If you are willing to lend a hand please call the Parish Office.

We also need anyone interested in helping with the flower arrangements for the church at Holy Family. Training will be given if you are interested and have not done this before.



*"The harvest is plentiful,  
but the workers are few."* Luke 10:2

### PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2023

An information meeting for parents of children eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation in 2023 will be held on Thursday 9th February.

To be eligible your child must be baptised and in Year 3+ to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation Year 4+ for First Eucharist and Year 5+ for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You may choose to attend either 9.15am session or 7.00pm session at Holy Family Church.

To fill in the enrolment form please go to:-

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSff4ni1s-OLPTz2-hOto-rpCM4YFWYPdBLmk4x01Kik\\_b6YmQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSff4ni1s-OLPTz2-hOto-rpCM4YFWYPdBLmk4x01Kik_b6YmQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### PERMANENT DEACON

A Permanent Deacon, Charles Abela, has been appointed to our parish from the 2 February, 2023. Charles will be celebrating Mass with us the following weekend.

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Deacons preparing for the priesthood are transitional deacons. Those not planning to be ordained as priests are permanent deacons. Most men ordained as permanent deacons are married men.

Deacons have many roles in the Catholic Church. They are normal ministers of Holy Communion and can celebrate Baptisms, Marriage and Funerals outside of Mass. When a deacon is present at Mass, he normally proclaims the Gospel because he is ordained to be a Herald of the Gospel and his ministry of the Word also includes preaching at Mass.

Deacons may be chaplains in schools, hospitals, prisons, in the military or police forces. Deacons may be pastoral carers in hospitals or nursing homes. Some are teachers or academics.

Most Australian deacons are not paid for their Church work, so they may also work in secular trades or professions.

All deacons, as ministers of the Church, are ordained to empower and encourage the laypeople to take up their role of being missionary disciples – to help people grow closer to the Lord Jesus and to help them to draw others to Jesus.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Our RCIA program for adults desiring to receive the sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist will begin late February.

If you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation please let them know.

They can ring the Parish Office with any enquiries.

### THE BARGAIN CENTRE

The Bargain Centre is now open on Tuesdays as well as Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.00pm.

**First Reading**

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 145:7-10

**R. Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything.

The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom.

As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 5:12

**Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***"Blessed is he who expects nothing,  
for he shall never be disappointed."***

*Alexander Pope*