



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

YEAR 1/A

26 February 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
DEACON:	Deacon Charles Abela
PARISH SECRETARY:	Bernadette Morton
ADMIN ASSISTANT:	Colleen Nicholas
SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR:	Janet Borg
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00 am - 3.30pm

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PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

16/18 Weir Road, Warragamba

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am - 4:00pm

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Ms Donna Mc Fadzean

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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

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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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Numbers are often significant in the Bible. The number forty denotes an extended period. Thus, in the story of Noah, rain falls for forty days; the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert; and both Elijah and Moses fast for forty days before an encounter with God.
- Lent, a time of fasting, prayer and giving for all Christians, also runs for forty days and is a special time of final preparation for people who will be receiving the sacraments at Easter.
- This gospel comes immediately after the baptism of Jesus.
- The baptism takes place in the lower reaches of the Jordan River, just north of the point where it enters the Dead Sea. This is a particularly desolate and barren region of dry river beds (wadis) and steep, rocky cliffs rising up from the Jordan Valley.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased:

Lina Farrugia, Ignatius Bartolo,
Dianne Colliss

Anniversaries:

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:

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



SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

In the Scriptures, the desert or the wilderness is a place of great deprivation and hardship. We sometimes hear of people undergoing a 'dark night of the soul' or a 'desert experience'. It can be a time of testing. Often these experiences, however, lead to a new understanding of God or a renewed faith, in much the same way that God led God's people through the wilderness to the Promised Land.

PRAYER FOR A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

God, it's so easy to get caught up in doing things for you that I forget to spend enough time simply being with You. Please help me grow in close, intimate relationship with You as I pray for spiritual renewal this Lenten season. Please give me wisdom, discernment, vision and direction so I make decisions that help lead me and those around me into a fuller relationship with You and keep us on track with Your will for our lives, whatever that may be. Amen.

	THIS WEEKEND			NEXT WEEKEND		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
Minister of the Altar	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	David Egan	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Colleen Nicholas
Altar Servers	Mikayla Camilleri	Elisa Camilleri		Lucas Tolentino Kian Tolentino	Elisa Camilleri	
Ministers of the Word	Janet Borg Sofia Corbo	Benedetta Massignani Terry Debono	Carmel Fenton Trish Kelly	Angela & Georgina Calderwood	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Karen Rogan Anthony Sciberras
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Grace Cutajar	Moira Bryan	—	Rose Gauci	Mary Powell	Angela Franich
Data Projector	Schoenstatt Choir	Lilly Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Debbie Walters	Lilly Attard	Gavin Elmer
Housekeepers	Alice Buttigieg, Lily Buttigieg					



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.

DAYS OF PENANCE DURING LENT

Abstinence from meat and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who over the age of 14 are bound to abstain.

On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:-

- a) **Prayer:** eg. Mass attendance, family prayer, a visit to a Church or chapel, reading the Bible, praying the Stations of the Cross and praying the Rosary.
- b) **Self-denial:** eg. Not eating meat, limiting food and drink to give to Project Compassion.
- c) **Service:** eg. Special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

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Clean up Diocese of Parramatta Day: 5 March

Catholic Youth Parramatta and MET – Peace, Justice and Ecology invite you to take action! On Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 5 March, witness to the call to take care of God's creation. Join or organise a group to clean up a site in your local area. Express your interest today by visiting

<https://parracatholic.org/cleanup/>

Stations of the Cross

7.00 pm

Every Friday during Lent

Alternately between
Holy Family - Luddenham
and Sacred Heart - Warragamba
3 March - Warragamba



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow
For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death". Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12,17-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.