



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

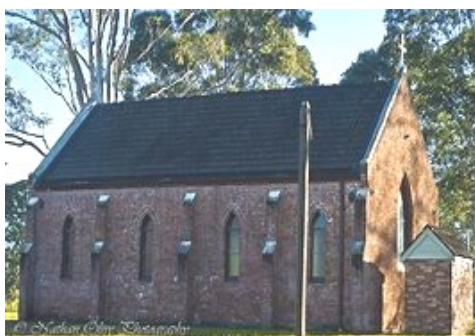
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR 1/A

5 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

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00 am - 3.30pm

## CONTACT US

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32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham  
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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: Andrea Martin  
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.



## 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.

# Works of Mercy

## THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

## THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Comfort the afflicted.
5. Forgive offenses.
6. Bear wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently deceased:

Dianne Colliss, Charlie Attard

#### Anniversaries:

Pauline Vella, John Condon,  
Dermot McCormack

#### 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



### THE ROLE OF DEACON CHARLES ABELA IN OUR PARISH

Deacons have many roles in the Catholic Church. Deacon Charles will be able to celebrate Baptisms, Marriage and Funerals outside of Mass. When present at Mass, he will normally proclaim the Gospel and also do the Homily. Deacon Charles will participate in our Baptism Program, Sacraments Process and also RCIA when we have candidates. Most of all Deacon Charles is ordained and looking forward to empower and encourage us to take up our role of being missionary disciples – to help us grow closer to the Lord Jesus and to help us to draw others to Jesus.

	THIS WEEKEND			NEXT WEEKEND		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Br Joe Vassallo	Grace Buda	Trish Kelly	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Mikayla Camilleri	Elisa Camilleri		Ethan Tolentino Kian Tolentino	Elisa Camilleri	
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Sylvia Genovese Janet Borg	Benedetta Massignani Terry Debono	Br Jeff Regan Mel Elmer	Elaine Luppino Yasmin Tolentino	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Theresa Lia John Cutajar
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	Josephine Grech	Moira Bryan	Angela Franich	Margaret Buttigieg	Mary Powell	Mary Vella
<b>Data Projector</b>	Debbie Walters	Lilly Attard	Gavin Elmer	Debbie Walters	Lilly Attard	Gavin Elmer
<b>Housekeepers</b>	Esther Buttigieg, Rose Muscat, Moira Bryan					

### CONGRATULATIONS FATHER MATTHEW

Fr Matthew Dimian will be celebrating the Vigil Mass Saturday coming, 11 February at Holy Family. We look forward to welcoming Fr 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.

### 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.

*Please inform anyone you may know that has children eligible for the sacraments this year.*

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVDP Society would like to thank the Parish for your support. The Christmas Collection totalled \$2736.00. Food and present donations allowed Hampers and Gifts to be distributed to 14 poor families in our Parish. Some surplus was given to Emerton/Mt Druitt to help families in their area. St Vincent De Paul support families with food throughout the year. Your generous support allows us to help families at Christmas and throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.



### 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.

### Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2022 to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)

Hello parishioners of [Sacred Heart Parish](#).

My name is Charles, and I was ordained as a Permanent Deacon on the 10th of December 2022 by Bishop Vincent at St Patricks Cathedral Parramatta.



Both my wife Alicja and I, feel truly honoured to be appointed to serve Sacred Heart Parish.

A little bit about who I am. I was born in Pieta, Malta as the eldest identical twin on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1967. My twin brother's name is Joe and I also have a younger brother Darren. My family immigrated from Rabat Malta to Australia in December 1969, and I was raised in the suburb of Toongabbie. I moved to Castlereagh in the year 2000 and have been parishioner of Corpus Christi Cranebrook ever since.

I am now a Permanent deacon but am still working full time. I have been working for the last 25 years as a mechanical engineer in the mining industry. This has initially taken me around Australia and overseas commissioning machinery on mine sites. I am now working in a support role for a Finnish company, sizing the machines for mine sites. This means I can work predominantly from home, and this enables me to have more balance in my life.

Regarding my faith journey, I grew up a Catholic. My faith fell away during my university years, and I began my journey back to my faith with a trip to the Holy Land and Rome for World Youth Day 2000. It turned out to be a conversion experience where I began my journey back with a deep desire to know more about God. I was able to sense the Lord strongly in the sacraments and this further developed as a deep desire to serve. I discerned being a priest but the call to be married was stronger. Years later I met my Polish wife Alicja, at a Catholic summer school of evangelisation in 2013. We were married in that same year. I responded to an advertisement in 2016 and was accepted to begin formation for the diaconate in January 2018.

I can relate my journey back to the paralysed man who was carried by four men of strong faith and lowered through a roof. Then he was then healed by Jesus. For me, these men of faith represent the people who prayed for me to come back to my faith and in the Lord's mercy, gave me back my faith which was lost. I carry this in my heart to also strongly pray for those who have fallen away from their faith so that they can be back on the path to true happiness in Christ.

I look forward to share more with you in the future and growing together as a community.

God Bless you all.

Deacon Charles Abela

**First Reading**

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 111:4-9

**R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

John 8:12

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

*To understand this text, it is important to place it alongside the Beatitudes that immediately precede it (you could read these together first). In that text, the virtues to be cultivated by followers of Jesus are outlined, but the danger with taking the Beatitudes on their own is that faith can become contented peacefulness and somewhat inward-looking. To avoid this risk, Matthew follows the Beatitudes with this text, which teaches disciples about the task of Christians in the world. They have been given the gifts; they are the salt of the earth. But if they just see their blessedness and rest there, they risk becoming 'tasteless' and good only to be 'trampled underfoot'. Instead, the disciples are urged to place their light high on a hill and to let it shine for all to see. They are witnesses to God's living presence, not just for the nation of Israel but for all the world. In seeing the way that Christians live and act - their 'good works'—others will be drawn to God through their active witness to faith. Others will come to give praise to God in heaven.*

*This is an amazing responsibility, and Jesus acknowledges that some salt may lose its taste and some lights be hidden. The challenge for Christians, new and old, is not to take the gift of faith for granted and let it become tasteless; not to keep the light confined to private moments but to allow others to see the difference faith makes so that they can know the presence and power of God.*