



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

YEAR 1/A

26 March 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

Assistant Principal: Ms Andrea Martin

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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.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Recently deceased:**

Margaret Fowler



**Anniversaries:**

Nicholas Saliba, David Merchant

**Always remembered:**

Michael Buttigieg, Grace Buttigieg, Joseph Muscat, Jim Muscat, Phillippa Muscat, Charles Muscat, Josephine Muscat, Jim Vella, Margaret Elias, Liam Canterella

**Sick:**

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



*Please join us to celebrate the **Passion and Resurrection of Jesus.***

**PALM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS** (1st April)  
6.00pm - Children and Family Mass

**PALM SUNDAY MASS** (2nd April)  
7.30am - Holy Family Church, Luddenham  
9.30am - Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

**HOLY THURSDAY** (6th April)  
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.00pm  
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

**GOOD FRIDAY** (7th April)  
Stations of the Cross, 10.00am  
Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba  
The Passion of the Lord, 3.00pm  
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

**EASTER VIGIL MASS** (Saturday 8th April)  
7.00pm, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS** (9th April)  
8.30am, Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba  
10.00am, Holy Family Church, Luddenham


**REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL**

Jesus is getting near to Jerusalem — it's just over the hill. He has left the relative safety of his home in the Galilee to be with family and friends. He is late, they tell him. They ask him, why did you take so long? You could have saved Lazarus from dying! Jesus, though, has another lesson for his disciples and followers. We are all 'Lazarus' and each of us is the one 'whom Jesus loved'. He comes to us and stands at the doorway of our lives and helps us to see that we need to be freed from the dark places in which we sometimes lose ourselves. Jesus calls the friends of Lazarus to unbind him and set him free. Jesus calls on us to unbind those around us. We all need to be freed from the ties that bind us. We are at all times invited to give and receive the light and life of Christ's healing help and forgiveness.

*My loving Lord,  
it's so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible. Help me to be inspired by his love and guided by his example. Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone, and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness. I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey. Show me how to unlock my heart so that I am less selfish. Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness that will be transformed by you into Easter joy. Amen.*

	THIS WEEKEND			NEXT WEEKEND		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Anyone to Serve	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Colleen Nicholas
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lucas Tolentino Kian Tolentino	Elisa Camilleri	—	Anyone to Serve	Elisa Camilleri	—
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Elaine Luppino Yasmin Tolentino	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Liz Murko Br Vassallo	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Stephanie Marsh Rosemaree Marsh
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	Donna Gauci	Mary Powell	—	Grace Cutajar	Debbie Brown	Angela Franich
<b>Data Projector</b>	Schoenstatt Choir	Lilly Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Janet Borg	Lilly Attard	Gavin/Mel Elmer
<b>Housekeepers</b>	Alice Buttigieg & Lily Buttigieg					





**Stations of the Cross**

7.00 pm

**Every Friday during Lent**

Alternately between  
Holy Family - Luddenham  
and Sacred Heart - Warragamba  
**31 March - Luddenham**

**Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal  
for our Holy Spirit Seminarians**

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds to serve His people. Will you support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community?

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

*Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to become priests.*

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**

**Project Compassion Boxes should be returned by Holy Thursday to be offered in our Offertory Procession as a gesture of the Almsgiving we have carried out during Lent. There will be a basket in the foyer of the Church for your Project Compassion boxes when you return them.**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

This week our young children will receive the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation for the first time. This is a very special celebration for them as they come to experience God's love and forgiveness through this Sacrament.

Please keep them in your prayers.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

**Please note:** Daylight saving ends at 3am, Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Sunday 2 April 2023.

**Clocks will be put back one hour.**

Our vigil Mass on Easter Saturday 8 April will begin at 7.00pm but from the following week, Saturday 15 April the vigil Mass will start 5.30pm.

**OLMC PARRAMATTA MUSICAL – THE LITTLE MERMAID**

You are warmly invited to join us for our College Musical, The Little Mermaid to be held over three nights in May.

Come along before the show and enjoy dinner from a variety of food trucks available from 5.30pm!

**Performance Dates:**

Thursday 18 May, Friday 19 May & Saturday 20 May

**Time:**

7.00pm (food stalls from 5.30pm)

**Venue:**

Edith Angel Hall (enter via Gate 7 Ross Street)

**Parking:**

Free parking at Parramatta Leagues Club

Tickets - \$25 each. To purchase, visit [olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://olmc.nsw.edu.au)



**Tereesa** is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child.

A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children. Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support.



Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

**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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**First Reading**

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 129

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ear be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. **R.**

**Second Reading**

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

John 11:25,26

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel**

John 11,3-7.17.20-27.34-45

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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