



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

YEAR 1/A

5 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
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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:	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.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased:

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

THE FAST LIFE

*Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.*

- Author Unknown

**"Lent is a new beginning,
a path leading to the certain goal
of Easter,
Christ's victory over death."**

Pope Francis

Today we hear of the Transfiguration of Jesus witnessed by Peter, John and James. We too sometimes experience these Transfiguration moments – both as a disciple of Christ, and in our own personal lives. Some people describe them as "conversion moments" which may occur through a major life event, the witness of another person's life, unexpected mercy received, or a deep encounter with God in prayer. While they aren't the sum of a person's faith, they do strengthen one's loyalty to God and conviction of His truth and love. They help a person persevere through those times when faith can be tested – either dryness in prayer, personal suffering, or persecution. When tempted to abandon what we can't see for what we can, we can think back to those Transfiguration moments and choose to stay with Christ at the Cross, convinced that He will conquer and we will one day see His resurrected form again. These Transfiguration moments can occur in our vocations and jobs as well. We need to treasure those moments of confirmation and joy to push through normal frustration and tedium. We forget so easily. Today, let us remember the Transfiguration moments in our faith, our relationships, and our work, so we might deepen our appreciation for God's active love in our lives.

- Written by Angela (Lambert) Jendro (Adapted)

	THIS WEEKEND			NEXT WEEKEND		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Colleen Nicholas	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan	Fiona Clarke
Altar Servers	Matilda Calderwood	Elisa Camilleri		Anyone to Serve	Elisa Camilleri	
Ministers of the Word	Angela & Georgia Calderwood	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Karen Rogan Anthony Sciberras	Jacqueline Genovese Tenille Buttigieg	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Yasmin Tolentino Carla Mort
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Rose Gauci	Mary Powell	Angela Franich	Josephine Grech	Debbie Brown	
Data Projector	Debbie Walters	Lilly Attard	Gavin Elmer	Janet Borg	Lilly Attard	Theresa Lia
Housekeepers	Esther Buttigieg, Rose Muscat, Moira Bryan					

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.

Australian Bishops Conference

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/>



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PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season.

Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

stations of the cross

7.00 pm

Every Friday during Lent

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



Caritas AUSTRALIA



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg. Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

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.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5,18-20,22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

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

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

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.