



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR 1/A

23 April 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

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HOLY MASS TIMES AND SACRAMENTS

Saturday: 5.30 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.



EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus appears mysteriously to the depressed and disillusioned disciples on the road to Emmaus on the afternoon of his Resurrection. He listens intently to their discussion. The disciples tell him of their shattered hopes and dreams for Jesus, the prophet, who through his great and mighty works and preaching would redeem Israel. Their idea of redemption had been decimated by the death of Jesus. They also believed that the women's story of Jesus' Resurrection was simply an idle tale.

Jesus, still the stranger to the disciples, proceeds to explain through scriptures that fulfilment of the expectation of the People of God for a Messiah had been accomplished through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Upon arriving at Emmaus the disciples welcome the stranger, who has now become the companion on the journey, to stay and prepare to spend the night with them. Jesus remains and takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it and gives it to them. It is at this moment, as the scriptures have been explained to them that their hearts burn, they are transformed and they realise their companion is the Risen Jesus. It is the message of faith nourished by Jesus, the living bread that many believers take from this narrative. Believers are sustained by faith in Jesus that burns within their hearts.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased: Tony Vella, Charlie Vella, Anne Xuereb, Greg Walsh, Robert Michael McCarthy Fr. Bob Maguire

Always remembered:

Michael Buttigieg, Grace Buttigieg, Joseph Muscat, Jim Muscat, Phillipa Muscat, Charles Muscat, Josephine Muscat, Jim Vella, Nick Saliba, Liam Canterella, Horace Azzopardi, Mark Lia, Carmen Azzopardi, Grace Tedesco, Gillian Attard, Giovanna Attard, Charles Attard.

Sick: Michelle Muscat, Michael Pace, Gaetano Mandarano, Mary Attard, Marcia Marmulla, Elia Muscat, Margaret Condon, Paul Attard, Josephine Bartolo, Therese Felli, Emmanuel Bauso, Lee Casaselli, Charlie Cutajar, Rose Lopreiato, Monica Muscat,

SHARING THE TRADITION

'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven.

Those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Jesus' disciples are to continue the work of reconciling all people to God. His power to forgive sins is conferred on the Church. Through Baptism, God's forgiveness becomes available to us, but human beings do not lose their tendency to sin simply because they are baptised. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is there to assist the faithful to acknowledge human sinfulness and seek the forgiveness and reconciliation of God.

	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>
Minister of the Altar	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan	Fiona Clarke	Br. Joe Vassallo	Grace Buda	Trish Kelly
Altar Servers	Anyone to Serve	Elisa Camilleri	Anyone to Serve			
Ministers of the Word	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
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Margaret Buttigieg	Debbie Brown	Mary Vella	Donna Gauci	Moira Bryan	Angela Franich
Data Projector	Debbie Walters	Lilly Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Debbie Walters	Lilly Attard	
Housekeepers	Alice Buttigieg and Lily Buttigieg					

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

Parents Information meeting
Thursday April 27
at Holy Family Church, Luddenham
2 sessions available: 9:15am OR 7pm

Confirmation commitment mass will be the weekend of April 29/30

Choir interest?

Would you be interested in offering your voice to the Lord? We are looking to form a choir to accompany our weekend masses. No talent required, just a willingness to get involved. Please register interest on the form in the church foyer. If you have questions, please see Menard.

HOLY WATER

Holy water will be available during the Season of Easter for you to replenish the bottles you received last year or any other bottles you may want to fill.

The FaithFeed On The Move: 7 May

Have questions about life & faith? Join with others on the search at The FaithFeed live studio audience - hosted by Glenbrook in the Mountains Deanery - all are welcome! The FaithFeed will be on Sunday 7 May at the parish hall after the 6PM mass. Doors open 7:00PM for a 7:30PM start. The night will feature faith stories + live music + activities + great conversation.

Community Thank you!

Thank you to Gloria, Mikayla and Eleanor for offering their time to assist with the flowers and cleaning of the church this week.



ANZAC DAY MASS

Anzac Day Mass (April 25) will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba at 9.00am.



FEAST OF ST GEORGE PRECA

We will be celebrating the Feast of St George Preca on **Sunday 7th May at 11.30am.**

Afterwards we will gather for a meal.

Please bring a plate to share.

St George Preca is the first Maltese saint and the Maltese community of our parish and surrounding parishes should be proud in honouring him here at Holy Family Church, Luddenham.

All are welcome. Please tell all your family and friends.

Let us make this into a special occasion and perhaps tradition.



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Project Compassion Boxes need to be returned ASAP. Please hand them to Father Giovanni or Menard.

Sacred Heart Altar Servers

We are inviting young people who have received their first Holy Communion to serve at the weekend masses. This is a great way to get involved in parish community.

Practice will take place Friday 28th April at 3:30pm at Holy Family Church, Luddenham. Please register interest on the form in the church foyer.

First Reading

Acts 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not

paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:****make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!****Gospel**

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.