



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

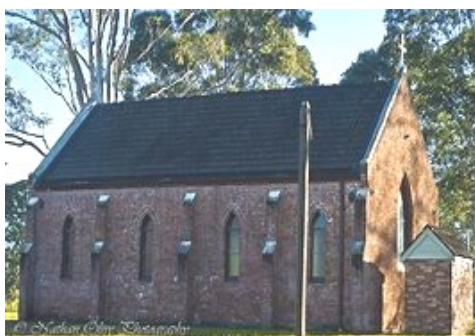
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR 1/A

7 May 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  
PASTORAL PLACEMENT: Menard Gaspi

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00 am - 3.30pm

## CONTACT US

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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  
Contact Number: 02 4773 7100

## 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.



**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,  
Margaret Elias, Nick Saliba,  
Liam Canterella

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, Monica Muscat,  
David Allison Huerta, Guillermo  
Delcastillo, Trudi Darley-Jones



**EXPLORING THE WORD**

Today's gospel draws our attention to the time when Jesus will depart from the disciples (the Ascension is two weeks away). When Jesus is gone, the disciples must continue the task which he has begun.

One can imagine their fear and uncertainty in being left with such a monumental challenge. Philip's question, 'Lord, how can we know the way?', shows their fear clearly enough. But help is available.

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is both the map and the destination. Disciples are called to adopt Jesus' life-style, his approach to God, to others, to all creation.

In living as Jesus did, living the life of faith, the disciples will know the truth and will have life. This life of faith and living the way of Jesus, God's way in the world, will enable the disciples, not only to continue the work of Jesus, but to perform even greater works.

**Parish Project 2023**

Concluding the survey of the parish in October 2022, the decision has been made to relocate the Blessed Sacrament Tabernacle to the centre of the Church sanctuary at Holy Family Church, Luddenham.

This project has been approved by the Parish Finance Committee and the Diocesan Council, and is now ready to commence preparations. Please keep this initiative in your prayers. We invite you to consider making a financial contribution to this parish project.

Any assistance is very much appreciated.

*From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal:  
'In accordance with the structure of each church and legitimate local customs, the Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, readily visible, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer.'*

(GIRM 314)



	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	Tony Vella	Trish Kelly	Grace Buda	Carmel Fenton
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Anyone to Serve	Anyone to Serve	Anyone to Serve	Anyone to Serve	Anyone to Serve	Anyone to Serve
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Elaine Luppino Yasmin Tolentino	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Liz Murko Br Joe Vassallo	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Stephanie Marsh Rosemaree Marsh
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	Grace Cutajar	Mary Powell	Mary Vella	Rose Gauci	Debbie Brown	Angela Franich
<b>Data Projector</b>	Debbie Walters	Lilly Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Debbie Walters	Lilly Attard	Therese Lia
<b>Housekeepers</b>	Karen Buda, John Cutajar					





This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century this tradition of devoting 30 days to Mary called Tricesimum, which was also known as "Lady Month." May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. As we celebrate Mothers in May, we also remember our heavenly mother.

### Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Parramatta seeks to engage in a process of listening, dialogue, and discernment to learn and understand the path to becoming a more synodal church. To be synodal means to 'walk together' guided by the Holy Spirit.

Two common questions we are asked are -

#### **'What is a Synod?' and 'Why should I be involved?'**

A Synod is an event where clergy, religious, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. But before the "main event" in October, there is a big process of collating feedback from as many people as possible. It's a big task, but an important one as we want to hear everyone's perspective on the future and life of our Church here in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

This is the first ever Synod for our Diocese, but it's not out of the blue. For the last few years, there have been many national and international Synods, as well as the Australian Plenary Council. And now it's time for us as a Diocese to come together and be part of this transformative process and event that leads to renewal in the Church's life.

So, **how can you be involved?** From May through to July, we will be hosting events or consultations to collect submissions. There will be regional Consultations hosted by your Deanery Pastoral Councils.

These listening sessions help to determine the agenda for the Diocesan Synod and will help to formulate 'action items' for the Synod to discuss and make decisions upon. These decisions are only for the Diocese of Parramatta.

The bishop invites you all to attend, participate, share, listen, reflect and discuss. If not at the Deanery Consultation then in your own homes, workplaces, friendship circles and community groups. *Whose voice have we not heard?* By visiting our website, you can learn more about how to submit your thoughts and ideas, as well as apply to be a member of the Synod.

### FEAST OF ST GEORGE PRECA

We will be celebrating the Feast of St George Preca this **Sunday 7th May at 11.30am at Holy Family Church.**



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 to honour him here at Holy Family Church, Luddenham.

### FROM THE WRITINGS OF SAINT GEORGE PRECA

#### I propose that with the help of God:

1. I will never complain about anything.
2. I will appreciate and practice silence which is valuable.
3. I will always be patient towards others and every situation.
4. I will do penance with patience and deeds of mercy.
5. As soon as I recognise a bad action I will avoid it.
6. I will never repay any hurt with vengeance.
7. I will never do unto others what I would not want done to me.
8. I will do my utmost to always please God.
9. I will not be eager or anxious to attain perfection.
10. I will always seek advice before making a serious decision.
11. I will not desire anything that the world values.
12. I will prepare my soul for a good death through Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

### 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.**

Please register interest on the form in the church foyer or see Menard.

### 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 willingness to get involved. Please register interest on the form in the church foyer. If you have questions, please see Menard.

## First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For 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.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone

rejected by the builders has proved to be the key-stone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

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The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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The Gospel of the Lord.

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