

SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1/A 24 September 2023



Holy Family Church - Luddenham



St Mary Church - Mulgoa



Sacred Heart Church - Warragamba



St Francis Xavier Church - Greendale

PARISH TEAM Parish Administrator: Deacon: Parish Secretary: Admin Assistant: Sacramental Coordinator: Pastoral Placement:

PARISH OFFICE HOURS CONTACT US Fr. Shinto Francis Deacon Charles Abela Bernadette Morton Colleen Nicholas Janet Borg Menard Gaspi

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: Assistant Principal: Contact Number

Ms Donna Mc Fadzean Ms Andrea Martin 02 4773 7100

HOLY MASS TIMES AND SACRAMENTS

| Saturday: | 5.30 pm (Vigil) at Luddenham | | | | | |
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| 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) | | | | | |
| | 0.00 am at Groondala, 2rd Saturday of the month | | | | | |

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: Trudy Darley-Jones, Victor Sultana.

Please Remember:

Alex Apap, George Zammit, Adele Sartor, Silvino Sartor, Maurice Genovese, 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.

Sick:

Tony Xuereb, Jane Attard, Lynne Clarke, Gaetano Mandarano, Mary Attard, Marcia Marmulla, Elia Muscat, Paul Attard, Josephine Bartolo, Therese Felli, Emmanuel Bauso, Lee Casaselli, Charlie Cutajar, Monica Muscat, David Allison Huerta, Guillermo Delcastillo.

Our Parish Bargain Centre is opened on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 4pm. We sell pre-loved clothes, books, DVDs CDs and bric-a-brac. Come in and grab a bargain or just drop in for a cuppa and chat. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Congratulations to the children in our parish who made their First Holy Communion last weekend and those who are receiving First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devasting earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died, and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water, and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at <u>www.caritas.org.au</u>

| | 23/24 SEPTEMBER | | | 30 SEPTEMBER/1 OCTOBER | | |
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| | Vigil | 7.30 am | 9.30 am | Vigil | 7.30 am | 9.30 am |
| Minister of the Altar | Br Joe Vassallo | Paul Rohan | David Egan | Michael Tolentino | Grace Buda | Fiona Clarke |
| Ministers of the Word | Alicja Abela Mel Elmer | Benedetta Terry | Br Jeff Regan Colleen Nicholas | Elaine Luppino Yasmin Tolentino | Marta Jennings Christian Pervan | Carmel Fenton Trish Kelly |
| Data Projector | Schoenstatt Choir | Lily Attard | Theresa Lia | Deb Walters | Lily Attard | Colleen Nicholas |
| Housekeepers | 25-29 September: Karen Buda & John Cutajar | | | 2-6 October: Melinda Mandarano & Vanessa Corbo | | |

9 WEEK NOVENA TOWARDS THE DIOCESAN SYNOD WEEK 7 REFLECTION: HUMILITY

Humility is the ability to know how to "inhabit" our humanity, this humanity beloved and blessed by the Lord, and to do so without despair but with realism, jou and hope. Humility means recognising that we should not be ashamed of our frailty. Jesus teaches us to look upon our poverty with the same love and tenderness with which we look upon a little child, vulnerable and in need of everything. Lacking humility, we will look for things that can reassure us, and perhaps find them but we will surely not find what saves us, what can heal us. Seeking those kinds of reassurance is the most perverse fruit of spiritual worldliness, for it reveals a lack of faith, hope and love; it leads to an inability to discern the truth of things....All of us are called to humility, because all of us are called to remember and to give life. We are called to find a right relationship with our roots and our branches. Without those two things, we become sick, destined to disappear. Jesus, who came into the world by the path of humility, has opened a way for us; he indicates a way and shows us a goal.

Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Roman Curia, Benediction Hall, Thursday 23 December 2021.



Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 29 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 29 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at <u>marriage@parracatholic.org</u> or phone (02) 8838 3460 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

Ordination of Father Tom Green

On Thursday September 21, Bishop Vincent ordained Fr. Tom Green to the priesthood for the Diocese of Parramatta. In front of family, friends, brother priests, and the diocese, Fr. Tom dedicated his life to Jesus Christ and the church. Fr. Tom grew up in the mountains and joined the seminary in 2016. He is the younger brother of Fr. Jack Green who was ordained in 2018.

Please keep Fr. Tom in your prayers as he begins this new chapter of his journey to serve our diocese.

I was blessed to share a year in the seminary with Fr. Tom before he departed to serve at Blacktown Parish.

It is an inspiration to see a classmate finish their seminary formation to begin ministry as a priest. Gives us all a little bit more hope 🖨.

Please continue to pray for the seminarians of the diocese and more vocations to the priesthood.

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Catholic Care Circle of Security Education Program: Starts 11 October

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen the parent-child relationship. The sessions will run each Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm from 11 October to 29 November. The cost is \$105, with discount or free training offers available to eligible families. To register and for enquiries, please call (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au

Catholic Care Keeping Kids in Mind Education Program: Starts 16 October

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, in partnership with CatholicCare Broken Bay, CatholicCare Sydney and CatholicCare Wollongong, are running a five-week online program via Zoom on supporting children following family separation. The course begins with a pre-session on 16 October from 6pm to 7pm, with a session each Monday from 6pm to 8.45pm from 23 October to 20 November. The cost is \$10 for workbooks and minimum postage fees. All participants must participate in a pre-group interview. For enquiries, please contact (02) 8843 2500 or email <u>enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au</u>

First Reading

Psalm 94

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R**.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R**.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me

something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

ADVENT SCRIPTURE TALKS

On each Wednesday before the Sundays of Advent, Br Barry Donaghue will host four presentations in preparation for the commemoration of the birth of Jesus.

Dates: Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20 Time: 7.30-9.00pm Place: Edmund Rice Centre, Winbourne Cost: Donation

The talks will be based on the Advent Scriptures, including time for questions, reflection and discussion.

For catering purposes, please call or text Br Barry on 0478 408 337 or email him at bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org