



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR 1/A

12 NOVEMBER 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  
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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32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham

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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 Jodie Van As

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.



*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.*

# A HUGE THANK YOU

*Thank you to all who attended the Melbourne Cup Fundraising Event. It was an enjoyable day with great food according to our attendees.*

*Thank you to the many who helped with setting up the hall and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you to those who prepared goodies and desserts for us and to Trevor Roots for the meat and Peter & Rita Colletta for donating the lasagna.*

*Finally, thanks to all who supported us in the purchasing of raffle tickets.*

The winners of the raffle were:

1st Prize - Tony Vella

2nd Prize - Godwin Gauci

3rd Prize - Carmen Ciappara

4th Prize - Grace Buda

5th Prize - Tony Vella (different to above)

**The amount raised from the event was \$3576.70.**

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Recently Deceased:

Anthony Xuereb.

### Please Remember:

*All whose names are in our Book of Remembrance.*

### 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.

## NOVEMBER MASSES

During the Month of November we traditionally pray for all our family members, friends and all the Holy Souls who have died. If you wish to have people remembered in our Parish Masses during November, there are special envelopes for November Masses on the table in the foyer.

Please write **clearly** the names of those you wish to remember on the envelope and place it with your donation in the collection plate or in the November Mass box in the foyer. These names will be recorded in our Book of Remembrance, which will be displayed during the month of November.

	11/12 NOVEMBER			18/19 NOVEMBER		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda		Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	Fiona Clarke
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Jacqueline Tenille	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Br Jeff Regan	Alicja Abela Mel Elmer	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Carmel Fenton Trish Kelly
<b>Data Projector</b>	Mel Elmer	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	James Cutajar
<b>Housekeepers</b>	13-17 November: Esther, Rose & Moira			20-24 November: Karen Buda & John Cutajar		
<b>Flowers</b>	13-17 November: Sylvia			20-24 November: Carla		

## 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](mailto:bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org)**

**Christmas Cakes for sale this weekend at all Masses. Cost \$24.00**

**All proceeds from the sales of these cakes will support ATLAS (Australia Timor Leste Advancement Society)**



**Children in Year 3 and above are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Family Mass. Practice is after school every Friday at Holy Family Church.**

### **Donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal**

Following a series of surprise attacks against Israel by Hamas in early October, Caritas Australia is supporting partner agencies on the ground to provide emergency cash, shelter, and psychosocial support to those affected by the violence. The efforts of these partner agencies are expected to support 17,000 displaced families, representing around 100,000 of the 1 million people displaced. To support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, visit [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

The truly wise person builds his life on Jesus as the Way, on Jesus as Truth and Life, not only for the future but for here and now. The Gospel, understood and adopted, is the only programme that can guarantee fulfilment and happiness right away. The others all depend on an uncertain future.

Such a wise person lives each day in the light of Jesus' vision. Such people find him in the most ordinary experiences of daily living – in the people they meet, in the events that take place, in the situations in which they meet, in the events that take place, in the situations in which they find themselves. Jesus is no stranger to them. He can bring many surprises, but he is never unexpected. When they eventually hear the final call, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him", they are not worried. They are happy and more than ready to meet an old friend face to face.

It is not a question of taking a gamble on making a last-minute confession on your deathbed. A surprising number of people do not die in their beds. It is a question rather of what I plan to do this very day and every day. There is absolutely no better way to prepare for the final call than, first, to put it completely out of one's head, and, second, to learn to spend each and every day in the company of Jesus:

*I am with you always... (Matt 28:20)*

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## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

We have 2024 Columban Calendars in our Piety Shop. The price is \$10 each.

## *Piety Shop*

2024 CALENDARS  
(COLUMBAN & MARY MACKILLOP)  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
NATIVITY CRIBS  
ROSARY BEADS, MISSALS  
& MANY OTHER GIFT IDEAS



*Come & See*

### **Positions Vacant:**

Facilitator – Marriage  
Mission Enhancement Team,  
Diocese of Parramatta  
**Applications close 10pm  
Monday 13 November 2023.**

Youth Coordinator (part-time)  
St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill  
**Applications close  
Thursday 30 November 2023.**

More details at:

[parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## First Reading

### Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she  
makes herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no  
trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully  
grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will  
quickly leave you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who  
are worthy of her and graciously shows herself  
to them as they go, in every thought of theirs  
coming to meet them.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my god, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

## Second Reading

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers,  
about those who have died, to make sure that  
you do not grieve about them, like the other  
people who have no hope. We believe that  
Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be  
the same for those who have died in Jesus:  
God will bring them with him. We can tell you  
this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of  
us who are left alive until the Lord's coming  
will not have any advantage over those who  
have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of  
the archangel will call out the command and  
the Lord himself will come down from heaven;  
those who have died in Christ will be the first  
to rise, and then those of us who are still alive

will be taken up in the clouds, together with  
them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall  
stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts  
as these you should comfort one another.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready: you do not know when  
the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

### Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The  
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten brides-  
maids took their lamps and went to meet the  
bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five  
were sensible: the foolish ones did take their  
lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the  
sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their  
lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all  
grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight  
there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go  
out and meet him." At this, all those brides-  
maids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and  
the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give  
us some of your oil: our lamps are going out."  
But they replied, "There may not be enough for  
us and for you; you had better go to those who  
sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had  
gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived.  
Those who were ready went in with him to the  
wedding hall and the door was closed. The other  
bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they  
said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I  
tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay  
awake, because you do not know either the day  
or the hour.'

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

### ***We Remember At This Time...***

*We pray for peace in our world; we  
especially pray for peace in the Middle  
East. As we pray, we remember those  
who have lost their lives and those who  
live in fear for their lives.  
May compassion and understanding  
triumph over hatred and violence. Lord,  
in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

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