



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

YEAR 1/A

26 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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## 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  
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## 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.*

### **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeals 2023**

***Can you help St Vincent de Paul spread Christmas hope this year by donating items for our Christmas Hampers and presents?***

*Hampers and presents are for individuals and families in the local area of:*

*Warragamba, Luddenham, Bringelly, Greendale, Silverdale, Wallacia & Mulgoa*

*There are tags on the Christmas tree, for anyone wishing to purchase a gift for a child, teen or adult.*

*There are sheets in the foyer with some suggestions for items you might like to include to help us create some useful, delicious and attractive family hampers.*

*The sheets also contain information regarding gifts.*

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Recently Deceased:**

Monica Odgers

**Please Remember:**

Jane Pace,  
*All whose names are in our Book of Remembrance.*

**Sick:**

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.

***Bishop's Christmas Appeal***

Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas.



Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.

***To think about:***

Find a way to answer the needs of the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and the naked, the sick and imprisoned, in the upcoming year. Gifts of generosity, hospitality, and compassion are always in season. *"I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me".*

Source: Weekly Parables for Catholic Parishes

**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.

	25/26 NOVEMBER			2/3 DECEMBER		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Carmel Fenton	Grace Cutajar	Trish Kelly	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Elaine Luppino Yasmin Tolentino	Benedetta Terry	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Youth	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Karen Rogan Anthony Sciberras
<b>Data Projector</b>	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Youth	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas
<b>Housekeepers</b>	27 November-1December: Melinda & Vanessa			4-8 December: Alice & Lily		
<b>Flowers</b>	27 November-1December: Melinda & Vanessa			4-8 December: Marta & Louise		

## ADVENT SCRIPTURE TALKS

Br Barry Donaghue cfc is offering four 90 minute Advent presentations in preparation for the feast of the Nativity.



The presentations will be held on Wednesday evenings in the Mary Rooms at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Winbourne.

Time: 7.30-9.00pm

- Nov 29 **Just who is this Jesus?**
- Dec 6 **Preparing the Way of the Lord.**
- Dec 13 **How is God calling you?**
- Dec 20 **Annunciation to Jesus' Birth: What has been announced to us?**

Each presentation will be scripture based and will include time for questions, reflection and small group conversation.

There will be a break for refreshments.

A small donation to help cover the costs of the Centre would be appreciated.

**For catering purposes, please call or text Br Barry on 0478 408 337 or email him at [bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org](mailto:bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org)**

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 12 December, 7pm  
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

### **Gospel Reflection**

The church year ends this week. Our calendar is not far behind. These endings carry a certain finality about them. We've spent the year studying Matthew's gospel, with its emphasis on God's kingdom. We look forward to the start of a new cycle following Mark, who ponders the identity of Jesus and the meaning of his coming. We're always glad to get to Advent, the happy season of warmth and giving. But before we leap into tomorrow, this church year has one more lesson to teach us.

The liturgical calendar always ends with Christ the King (Jesus Christ, Heart of the Universe), but the readings for this feast are remarkably different each time. In Matthew's year, Christ's kingship is defined in terms of judgment. A ruler has the power to separate good from evil, lives worthy of reward from those deserving punishment. Rulers establish the rules and enforce them. But in Matthew's judgment scene, the rules turn out to be completely different from what everyone expected. The Son of Man doesn't quiz people about whether they went to church or obeyed the commandments. No one is asked about divorce or sexual purity or saying their prayers. What does concern the king is how the saddest members of society are being treated.

If we took the quiz today, how would we do? This is an appropriate reflection for the end of the year. It's also a good time to consider how we might prepare to pass this exam at the mother of all endings.

***Ask yourself the questions that appear in the last judgment. Where do you stand today, with the sheep or the goats?***

*Source: Weekly Parables for Catholic Parishes*

**CHRISTMAS**  
**PARISH THANKSGIVING**  
**MASS & CELEBRATION**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 6.00pm  
Holy Family Centre

Sausage Sizzle  
2023 Video  
Fun & Games  
Christmas Carols Sing-a-long  
Lucky Door Prize

**An invitation to join us at our Christmas Eve Family Mass.**

**First Reading      Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17**

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R.** *The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **R.**

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all  
the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

**Second Reading      Corinthians 15:20-26. 28**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son

himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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