



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B

10 DECEMBER 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  
*Youth Mass - 1st Saturday of the month.*  
*Children's Liturgy - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month*

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.*



**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*

**This will also be a thanksgiving and farewell celebration for Father Giovani and Menard. Please join us.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve**

Vigil Family Mass 6.00pm  
 Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Vigil Mass 8.00pm  
 Holy Family Church, Luddenham

11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass  
 Holy Family Church, Luddenham

**Christmas Morning**

8.00am – Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

10.00am – Holy Family Church, Luddenham

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Recently Deceased:**

**Please Remember:**  
 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:**  
 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.

	9/10 DECEMBER			9/10 DECEMBER		
	<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>
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Trish Kelly	Grace Buda	Tony Vella	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	David Egan
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Liz Murko Br Joe Vassallo	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Br Barry Leia	Janet Borg	Benedetta Terry	Yasmin Carla
<b>Data Projector</b>	Mel Elmer	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Mel Elmer	Lily Attard	James Cutajar
<b>Housekeepers</b>	11-15 December: Esther, Rose & Moira			18-22 December: Karen Buda & John Cutajar		
<b>Flowers</b>	11-15 December: Sylvia			18-22 December: Carla		

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023

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

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

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

*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.*



### ***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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**Piety Shop**

2024 CALENDARS  
(COLUMBAN & MARY MACKILLOP)

CHRISTMAS CARDS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

NATIVITY CRIBS

ROSARY BEADS, MISSALS

& MANY OTHER GIFT IDEAS

**Come & See**



## ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 12 December, 7pm  
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Thank you for giving comfort, faith, and hope to distraught people this Christmas

Fr Fernando Montano, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for people in hospital and prison who might otherwise feel abandoned. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Christmas Appeal raised over \$735, which will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.



*“Coincidence is God’s way of remaining anonymous”*  
Albert Einstein

### **SOMETHING TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT THIS WEEK**

**‘The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him’ Isaiah 11:1–10**

Things do not always work out the way we picture them. As Christians, we interpret this within the providence of God and seek to follow where we believe Christ leads. I would add to that a belief that where we take steps that are found later to have been clearly wrong, our Lord can and does call us from there into a new place. Such is his love for us that, no matter what, it never fails. Somehow, Life with Christ demonstrates this; redirection, when it comes, though we may think of it like the recalibration of a sat-nav, is more akin to a friend walking with us, sometimes gently guiding and occasionally bringing us up sharply to see our error.

Excerpted from [\*Journeying to the Light: Daily Readings through Advent and Christmas\*](#)

by John Mann

**First Reading****Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11**

‘Console my people, console them’  
says your God.  
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the  
hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.’  
A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low.  
Let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’  
Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
‘Here is your God.’  
Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm**

**R.** *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his  
people. His help is near for those who fear  
him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our  
earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

**Second Reading****Peter 3:8-14**

There is one thing, my friends, that you must  
never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can  
mean a thousand years, and a thousand years  
is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to car-  
ry out his promises, as anybody else might be  
called slow; but he is being patient with you  
all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to  
be brought to change his ways. The Day of the  
Lord will come like a thief, and then with a  
roar the sky will vanish, the elements will  
catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that  
it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like  
this, you should be living holy and saintly lives  
while you wait and long for the Day of God to  
come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and  
the elements melt in the heat. What we are  
waiting for is what he promised: the new heav-  
ens and new earth, the place where righteous-  
ness will be at home. So then, my friends,  
while you are waiting, do your best to live lives  
without spot or stain so that he will find you at  
peace.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his  
paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel****Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus  
Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book  
of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before  
you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths  
straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared  
in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of re-  
pentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea  
and all the people of Jerusalem made their way  
to him, and as they were baptised by him in  
the river Jordan they confessed their sins.

John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he  
lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course  
of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following  
me, someone who is more powerful than I am,  
and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the  
strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with  
water, but he will baptise you with the Holy  
Spirit.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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