



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B

24 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

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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

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
Recently Deceased:
 Giovanni Velcich,
 Monty Sultana, Maria Zammit.
Sick:
 Charlie Cutajar, Jane Attard,
 Lynne Clarke.

Dear Friends,
 It is a sad reality that I must depart the community here at Luddenham-Warragamba. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year here and I am humbled by the welcome you have afforded me during my pastoral placement here. As most of you know, I wasn't particularly excited to be assigned here because Luddenham is far from civilisation. After my first week here, I knew that it was the best parish I could have been placed at. Thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers. I have many good memories and learning to take with me on my journey. I am grateful to the Lord for his kindness to me.
 I leave words of encouragement. Continue to nurture your relationship with the Lord, help others in their faith journey and be Christians of Joy. The more we invest in our faith and love, the more we will see it bear fruit in all aspects of life. *'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding'* – Proverbs 3:5
 Please continue to keep vocations to the priesthood and religious life in your thoughts and prayers.
 May the good Lord continue to bless you, your family and the community.
With love in the Sacred Heart, Menard Gaspi.

(If you would like to assist with my pastoral placement evaluation, please get a form from the office. Thank you!)

Wishing all our parishioners a very happy and blessed Christmas. May the Christ Child bring you peace and joy throughout 2024.

Our Parish Bargain Centre is closed.
 It will reopen on Thursday 1st February.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

St Vincent de Paul Warragamba would like to thank all those who donated gifts and food to this year's Christmas Hamper Appeal.

We were able to help 22 families and provide gifts to over 50 children in the area.

We hope you will continue to be generous when we collect for our Annual Christmas Appeal at the end of each Christmas Mass.

Thank you once again for your overwhelming support! Have a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

	23/24 DECEMBER			30/31 DECEMBER		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Colleen Nicholas	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan	Fiona Clarke
Ministers of the Word	Angela Georgia	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Br Jeff Regan	Tenille Buttigieg	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Stephanie Rosemaree
Data Projector	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas
Housekeepers	25-29 December: Melinda & Vanessa			1-5 January: Alice & Lily		
Flowers	25-29 December: Melinda & Vanessa			1-5 January: Esther, Rose & Moira		

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

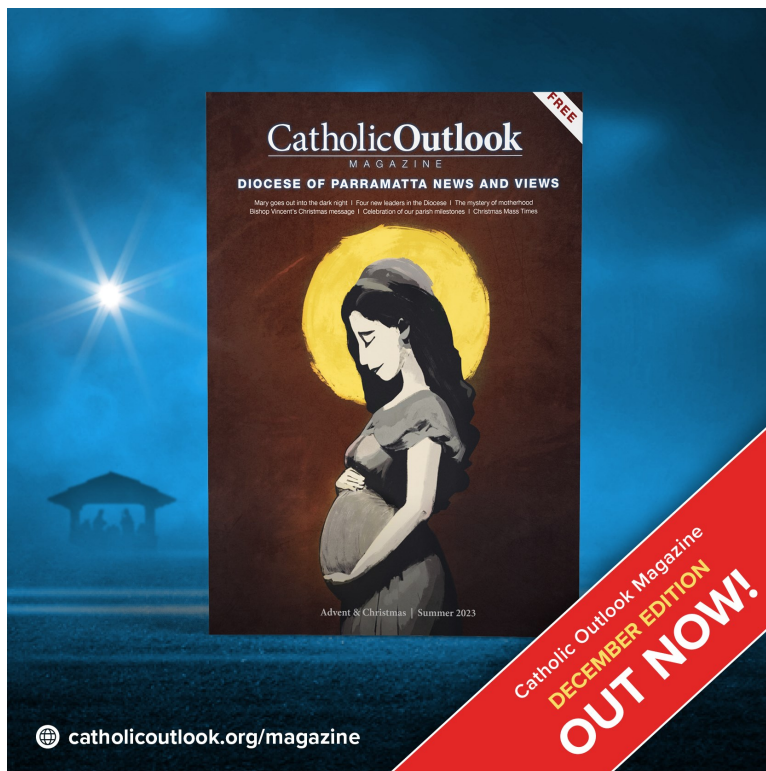
Christmas Morning

8.00am – Sacred Heart Church,
Warragamba

10.00am – Holy Family Church,
Luddenham

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday 1st January
Mass will be at 6pm at
Holy Family Church, Luddenham



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.*

From sacredspace.com

Gospel Reflection

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

From loyolapress.com

Childrens Liturgy @ Sacred Heart Warragamba

We are looking for volunteers to help start the childrens liturgy in Warragamba church in 2024. Training will be provided for those who are interested.

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12. 14. 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established
as the heavens. **R.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages." **R.**

He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."

I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.