



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B

3 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
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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.

A message from Father Giovanni

I want to inform the entire parish community that after eight years of being appointed parish priest of the Sacred Heart Luddenham - Warragamba, Bishop Vincent Long has appointed me as parish priest of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, Kenthurst from 6 January 2024 and Father Galbert Albino has been appointed as Administrator of the Sacred Heart Parish Luddenham-Warragamba commencing also on 6 January 2024.

I am very grateful firstly to Bishop Vincent for allowing me to minister in this parish for such a period of time and secondly, I am highly grateful to this parish community for the support and friendship that I have received at all times. I ask your prayers so that both Father Galbert and I can carry out our new mission with enthusiasm and dedication.

Fr. Giovanni

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Jim Camilleri

Please Remember:

Vincent Apap, Vince Apap, John Apap

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bishop's Christmas Appeal.

Donations can still be made using the envelopes provided, online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



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.

Advent 2023 Prepare for Christmas with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Join people all around the world for a free Daily Devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent.

Starting 3rd December, you'll receive a short inspirational video each day filled with real life stories and practical ways to help you in your prayer and spiritual journey. I find, "You don't become what you hope to become.

You only become what you do." What will you do this Advent?

Register here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent/>

For more information, email: info@brucedownes.org

	2/3 DECEMBER			9/10 DECEMBER		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton	Trish Kelly	Grace Buda	Tony Vella
Ministers of the Word	Youth	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Karen Rogan Anthony Sciberras	Liz Murko Br Joe Vassallo	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Br Barry Leia
Data Projector	Youth	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Mel Elmer	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia
Housekeepers	4-8 December: Alice & Lily			13-17 December: Esther, Rose & Moira		
Flowers	4-8 December: Marta & Louise			13-17 December: Sylvia		

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.



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

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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ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 12 December, 7pm
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

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

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel today reminds us of the need to be ready, to be alert, to be awake, not asleep. We have no idea when the Lord will come to call us. Every day in the papers we read of people being snatched away by accidents, car crashes, sudden illnesses, to name but a few.

Jesus is like a householder who has gone abroad. He has left his servants – that is, you and me – in charge of his affairs, each one with his own task. What is my task, my role in this world?
Keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly...Keep awake.

How do we do that? Very simply, we keep in touch with those around us by each day doing our best to live lives of love, of compassion, of forgiveness, of honesty and integrity. We keep in touch with our God through lives of prayer. And the simplest and deepest prayer is to be aware of the active presence of God and Jesus permeating every single moment of every single day:

O Lord, help me to recognise you and respond to you in love through every person and every experience of this day.

If we live constantly in this way, there will be nothing whatever to fear. We will be ready for the Lord whenever and however he comes, and will run forward to meet him as a friend to a friend.

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First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open
and come down!
– at your Presence the mountains would
melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *Lord, make us turn to you, let us see
your face and we shall be saved*

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have
chosen, the man you have given your
strength. And we shall never forsake you
again: give us life that we may call upon
your name. **R.**

Second Reading

Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the
graces you have received through Jesus
Christ. I thank him that you have been en-
riched in so many ways, especially in your
teachers and preachers; the witness to
Christ has indeed been strong among you
so that you will not be without any of the
gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for
our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and
he will keep you steady and without blame
until the last day, the day of our Lord Je-
sus Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and
God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your
guard, stay awake, because you never
know when the time will come. It is like a
man travelling abroad: he has gone from
home, and left his servants in charge, each
with his own task; and he has told the
doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake,
because you do not know when the master
of the house is coming, evening, midnight,
cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly,
he must not find you asleep. And what I
say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.