



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

YEAR B

10 March 2024



Holy Family Church - Luddenham



St Mary Church - Mulgoa



Sacred Heart Church - Warragamba



St Francis Xavier Church - Greendale

## PARISH TEAM

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:	Fr. Galbert Albino
DEACON:	Deacon Charles Abela
PARISH SECRETARY:	Bernadette Morton
ADMIN ASSISTANT:	Colleen Nicholas
SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR:	Janet Borg

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00 am - 3.30pm

## CONTACT US

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 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham  
 PO Box 56, Luddenham NSW 2745

## 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 <i>Youth Mass - 1st Saturday of the month.</i> <i>Children's Liturgy - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month</i>
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.*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent  
7pm at **both**  
Holy Family Church,  
Luddenham **and**  
Sacred Heart Church,  
Warragamba



### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased:

Patrick Darley-Jones

#### Sick:

Lynne Clarke, Fred Attard, Rita Muscat.



**EASTER RECONCILIATION**  
**THURSDAY 21ST MARCH**  
**7PM, HOLY FAMILY CHURCH,**  
**LUDDENHAM**

**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.



**PENOLA**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



**OPEN NIGHT**

**11 MARCH 2024**  
**4pm - 7pm**

Self-guided & guided tours available

No bookings required

**ALL WELCOME**



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	9/10 MARCH			16/17 MARCH		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30 am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan		Volunteer needed	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Tenille Buttigieg Mel Elmer	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Leia Br Barry	Alicja Abela Silvia Genovese	Benedetta Terry	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras
<b>Data Projector</b>	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	James Cutajar
<b>Housekeepers</b>	<b>11-15 March:</b> Karen Buda & John Cutajar			<b>18-22 March:</b> Melinda Mandarano & Vanessa Corbo		
<b>Flowers</b>	No flowers during Lent			No flowers during Lent		



## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE**

### **PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday 23 March - Vigil Mass

6pm, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Sunday 24 March

7.30am, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

9.30am, Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

### **HOLY THURSDAY - 28 MARCH**

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7pm, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

### **GOOD FRIDAY - 29 MARCH**

Stations of the Cross

10am, Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

The Passion of the Lord

3pm, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

### **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

#### **SATURDAY 30 MARCH**

7pm, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

### **EASTER SUNDAY - 31 MARCH**

8.30am, Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

10am, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

## **Synod 2023 Update: Decree issued and Development of Diocesan Plan Begins**

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August.

Learn more at [parracatholic.org/synod](http://parracatholic.org/synod)

### **Position Vacant**

Administration Assistant (part-time) - Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South and Permanent Diaconate community.

**Applications close 10pm Monday 11 March**

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

Every Christian is involved in a battle that defines his or her life

*'It is a struggle to overcome the temptation of closing in on ourselves, so that the love of the Father can make its home in us. When we make room for the Lord who rescues us from our self-sufficiency, we open up to all of creation and every creature. We become channels of the Father's life and love. Only then do we realize what life truly is: a gift of the Father who loves us deeply and desires that we belong to him and to each other.'*

Pope Francis



### **Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults**

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au)

### **Mount Schoenstatt Young Women's Lenten Reflection Day: 25 February**

The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite young women to a Lenten Reflection Day on Sunday 25 February from 10.30am to 8.30pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost is \$25 including afternoon tea and dinner. BYO lunch. Register before Thursday 15 February to Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au)

### **Grace & Silence Retreat for Young Women: 7 April**

The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite single women aged 20 to 40 discerning a vocation to marriage and family, single life or consecrated life to a series of silent retreat days beginning Sunday 7 April from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Bethany, 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Remaining sessions are 5 May and 2 June. Cost is \$25 per day or \$90 for the full series. For catering purposes, registrations close a week prior to each event. For details, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

**First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23**

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."''

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R.** *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

By the rivers of Babylon,  
there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors for joy. "Sing to us", they said "one of Zion's songs". **R.**

O how can we sing the song of the Lord  
on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**

**Second Reading****Ephesians 2:4-10**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel****John 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:  
that though the light has come into the world  
men have shown they prefer darkness to the light

because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong  
hates the light and avoids it,

for fear his actions should be exposed;

but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light,

so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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