



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B

7 April 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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## 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.*

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
**Recently Deceased:**  
 Alfred Attard  
**Anniversaries:**  
 Charles Vella - 1st ann.  
**Please Remember:**  
 Alison Vella, Jim Vella, Joseph Muscat, Frank Buttigieg, Jim Muscat, Mary Chircop, Mark Lia  
**Sick:**  
 Richard Curtis, Lynne Clarke, Fr Bob Bossini

**Fred Attard's funeral will be at 11am this Monday, 8th April at Holy Family church, Luddenham.**

Join Us

For our Parish

Social and Supper

4th of May 2024



All parishioners are invited to come together for a communal supper and social gathering!

Held at the back of the church straight after mass!

All we ask is for you to bring a plate to share (such as hot food, savoury snacks, drinks or dessert) and enjoy a social supper together!  
 \*food warmer available

Come and enjoy a night of food, fellowship and fun!

SACRED HEART PARISH LUDDENHAM

**Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparations and celebrations of our Holy Week and Easter services.**

**We will have Children's Liturgy at our Vigil Mass on the following dates:**

**4th May, 18th May, 1st June, 15th June.**

*There will be no children's Liturgy on 20th April, due to school holidays.*

	6/7 APRIL			13/14 APRIL		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Trish Kelly	Grace Buda	Colleen Nicholas	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Youth	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Stephanie Rosemaree	Elaine Yasmine	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras
<b>Data Projector</b>	Youth	Lily Attard	James Cutajar	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	
<b>Housekeepers</b>	8-12 April: Karen Buda & John Cutajar			15-19 April: Melinda & Vanessa		
<b>Flowers</b>	8-12 April: Donna			15-19 April: Melinda & Vanessa		



## ANZAC DAY MASS

9am, Thursday 25th April  
Sacred Heart Church,  
Warragamba

*Please note that there will be no Mass at  
Mulgoa on Anzac Day.*

**Our Vigil Mass will be at  
5.30pm, commencing on  
Saturday 13th April.**

### Gospel Reflection

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others. Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

*From [loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)*

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will have anointing of the sick at our  
9am Mass on the **first Friday of each  
month.**

Anyone who is unwell and would like to be  
anointed is welcome.

### 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)

### 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)

### Easter | Autumn 2024 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!

The Easter | Autumn 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition invites us to practise silence, deepen our interior lives and pray for a Gospel change of heart, how our communities celebrate Easter, seminarians preparing to 'go out into the deep', a handy Holy Week Mass Times guide, plus so much more. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via [catholicoutlook.org/magazine](http://catholicoutlook.org/magazine)



**First Reading****Acts 4:32-35**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R.** *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say:  
"His love has no end."

Let the sons of Aaron Say:  
His love has no end.

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
"His love has no end **R.**"

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad **R.**

**Second Reading****1 John 5:1-6**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me' happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

**Gospel****John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that

the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I

can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them.

The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said.

Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your

hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'

Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

