



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B

5 May 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
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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: 5.30 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

First Friday of month at 9.30am Mass or by appointment.



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.

MENARD'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

SATURDAY 11 MAY, 6PM
ST JOHN XXIII PARISH,
STANHOPE GARDENS

All our parishioners are invited.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Bishop Peter Ingham,
Maria Spiteri.

Please Remember:

Marincic family, Nakic family.

Sick:

Richard Curtis, Lynne Clarke,
Fr Bob Bossini.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This weekend, we will have Children's Liturgy at our Vigil Mass at Luddenham and our 9.30 Mass at Warragamba. All children are welcome to attend.

Please note that, at the 9.30 Mass, children who have not yet started school must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. This is for safety reasons, because the children will be taken to the Bargain Centre for the Liturgy.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Thank You for Supporting our Holy Spirit Seminarians. Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit Seminarians thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. Your donations will support our seminarians to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may serve our faith community.

If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Thursday 9 May, 9.15am OR 7.00pm
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Children must be in Year 5 or higher and made their First Holy Communion.

| | 4/5 MAY | | | 11/12 MAY | | |
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| | Vigil | 7.30 am | 9.30am | Vigil | 7.30 am | 9.30am |
| Minister of the Altar | Volunteer needed | Grace Buda | Fiona Clarke | Carmel Fenton | Paul Rohan | Colleen Nicholas |
| Ministers of the Word | Youth | Moira Bryan Mary Powell | Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras | Angela Georgia | Benedetta Terry | Leia Br Barry |
| Data Projector | Youth | Lily Attard | James Cutajar | Deb Walters | Lily Attard | Theresa Lia |
| Housekeepers | 6-10 May: Karen Buda & John Cutajar | | | 13-17 May: Melinda & Vanessa | | |
| Flowers | 6-10 May: Carla | | | 13-17 May: Melinda & Vanessa | | |

PARISH SOCIAL AND SUPPER AFTER THE VIGIL MASS

Everyone is invited to come together for a communal supper and social gathering after our Vigil Mass.

Feast of St Gorg Preca

5th May, 2024
at 5.00pm

Holy Family Church
32 Willowdene Ave
Luddenham

In memory of Jane Attard



A ladies watch was found on Weir Road, near Warragamba Church. If you have lost a watch in this area, please contact Colleen at the Parish Office.

Holy Family/Sacred Heart Parish
Luddenham - Warragamba



Youth Connect

Sunday May 19th

Meet in the Church foyer
6:30-8:00 pm

Parishioners aged 12 -18
are invited to the Launch
of Youth Connect - our
Parish's own youth group!

scan QR code to register
for this event or text
0438 776 945
by 12th May



Food Faith Fun

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude. Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

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First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *The Lord revealed to all the nations his saving power.*

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me:

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

