



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

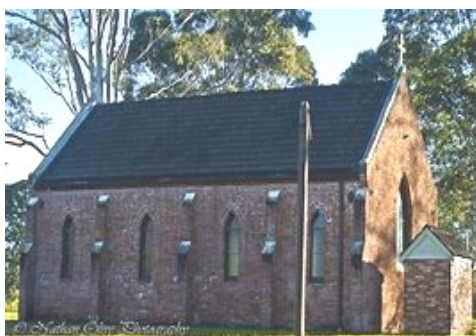
11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

16 June 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  
Contact Number: 02 4773 7100

## 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.*

**Children in our parish will be making their Confirmation this week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.**



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Please Remember:**

John Gauci (13th ann),  
 Charlie Cutajar,  
 Joseph & Marie Cutajar,  
 Anthony & Theresa Refalo,  
 Frank Xiberras, John Xiberras,  
 Paul Xiberras, Joe Xiberras,  
 Salvatore Lia, Theresa Lia,  
 Mario Lia, Elizabeth Lia, Angelo Lia,  
 Mary Lia, Horace Azzopardi,  
 Carmen Azzopardi,  
 Grace Tedesco, Gillian Attard,  
 Giovanna Attard, Charles Attard,  
 Mark Lia.

**Sick:**

James Compton, Paul Refalo,  
 Richard Curtis, Lynne Clarke,  
 Fr Bob Bossini.

*Our Parish Bargain Centre is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 4pm.*

**ROSARY AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, WARRAGAMBA**

We will be praying the Rosary at 9am every second and fourth Sunday at Warragamba Church, commencing on 30th June. Everyone is welcome.

**Pope's Intention June 2024**

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

	15/16 JUNE			22/23 JUNE		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Volunteer needed	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan	Colleen Nicholas
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Elaine Luppino Yasmine Tolentino	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Carmel Fenton Trish Kelly	Liz Murko Br Joe Vassallo	Benedetta Terry	Leia Br Barry
<b>Data Projector</b>	Mel Elmer	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia
<b>Housekeepers</b>	17-21 June: Alice & Lily			24-28 June: Esther, Rose & Moira		
<b>Flowers</b>	17-21 June: Marta			24-28 June:		



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### God works when we don't

In today's Gospel, Jesus is giving an image of that kingship or power of God at work. He compares it to the situation of a farmer planting seed on his land:

*The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.*

And Jesus continues:

*The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.*

The picture is clear – the building of the kingdom is God's work. It goes on whether we are working with it or not; whether we are aware of it or not. It will not be frustrated by any opposition or passivity on our part.

### Failure to crush

We can see evidence of that in the way that the Christian faith has survived over the past 2,000 years. Some people, some governments and other powerful agencies have done their utmost to obliterate Christianity from the area under their control – and they have utterly failed.

The reason is that the values the Kingdom stands for (which are also the same values the Church stands for) are so totally in harmony with the nature of things and the deepest aspirations of the human person that no intervening force can neutralise them for any length of time. And this nature and these aspirations come, of course, from their origin and Creator – God.

So, while the outcome of the kingdom is inevitable, it is important that each one of us identify fully with it. It is possible for the Kingdom to be realised and for us to have chosen to stay outside, to adopt an anti-Kingdom position. This is basically to take both an anti-God and, which is ultimately the same thing, an anti-human position.

### Apprehensiveness about the future

It is important for us to remember all this when we feel somewhat apprehensive or pessimistic about the future of Christianity in various parts of the world. We need to remember that the Church thrives on persecution and that the Church will never embrace the whole world – it is not the Kingdom, but only a sign of the Kingdom. So let us concentrate on cultivating our own little field and watch the mustard grow there...God will take care of the rest.

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

### Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums?

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal by using the envelopes provided, online at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.



### 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)

### WINBOURNE PRESENTATIONS 2024 WITH BR (DR) BARRY DONAGHUE

**Saturday 22 June:** 'Kinds of Prayer: Finding Ways to Pray' on Saturday 22 June from 9.30am to 3pm. Prayer is communication, relationship addressed, respected and taken further. It is letting God get at you, requiring an open heart and mind. Cost is \$30 per person, BYO Lunch

**Saturday 13th July:** Learning How to See (half day)

**For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email [info@winbourne.org](mailto:info@winbourne.org)**

## First Reading

## Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:  
'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every  
winged creature rest in the shade of its  
branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the  
Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and  
makes the low ones grow, who withers green  
trees and makes the withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

## Second Reading

### 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we  
remember that to live in the body means to be  
exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith  
and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I  
say, and actually want to be exiled from the  
body and make our home with the Lord.  
Whether we are living in the body or exiled  
from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all  
the truth about us will be brought out in the  
law court of Christ, and each of us will get  
what he deserves for the things he did in the  
body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The seed is the word of God,  
Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

### Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the  
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on  
the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when  
he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing;  
how, he does not know. Of its own accord the  
land produces first the shoot, then the ear,  
then the full grain in the ear. And when the  
crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to  
reap because the harvest has come.'  
He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of  
God is like? What parable can we find for it? It  
is like a mustard seed which at the time of its  
sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the  
seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into  
the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big  
branches so that the birds of the air can  
shelter in its shade.'  
Using many parables like these, he spoke the  
word to them, so far as they were capable of  
understanding it. He would not speak to them  
except in  
parables, but he explained everything to his  
disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SOMETHING TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT THIS WEEK

### Trust in God

Ignatius followed the Spirit, without passing him by;  
thus, he was gently led to the unknown; and slowly  
the path opened up for him, along which he wisely  
went ignorantly, his heart simply focussed on Christ.  
One of the most striking fruits of that way is trust.  
People who believe in an active, loving God have  
nothing to fear. They desire simply to consciously  
hand over their life and entrust it to God, not least  
out of the belief that this great God knows much bet-  
ter than limited humankind what is the best way to  
walk.

Excerpted from

[\*Living with Ignatius: On the Compass of Joy\*](#)  
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