

# SACRED HEART PARISH

#### LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

# 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 18 August 2024



Holy Family Church - Luddenham

#### **PARISH TEAM**

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Galbert Albino
DEACON: Deacon Charles Abela
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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



St Mary Church - Mulgoa

#### **HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR:

Principal: Ms Donna Mc Fadzean
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Sacred Heart Church - Warragamba

# Sacred Heart Charen - Warragamba

St Francis Xavier Church - Greendale

#### **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.

# CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES UNTIL FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Please note that, while Father Galbert is on leave, we will not be having morning Masses on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

On Fridays, we will have Rosary and prayers at 8.30am and a Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 9.30am.

We will still have a Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on Saturdays.

#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### **Recently Deceased:**

Helen Nohra, Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning

#### **Please Remember:**

Charlotte Vella (12th ann), 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:

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

### COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

#### Dinner at Wisdom's Table (John 6: 51 - 58)

Jesus continued, "I am the Bread – living Bread! – who came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live – and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self." (John 6:51-52)

Do a quick calculation of how many times you've received communion. If you're a cradle Catholic, and have been taking communion since the age of seven, that is, technically speaking, a LOT of communion. The numbers don't really matter, of course, but the habitual reception of communion does. What do we GET, exactly, when we get Eucharist?

The Church teaches that the bread and wine are Christ's Body and Blood. Transubstantiation is the million-dollar word for the event, but it's mostly helpful for theologians. Long before the invention of that word, table fellowship was shared among Christians. They understood that eating and drinking in memory of Jesus made them bearers of his life. They knew that sharing his supper also meant they shared his saving mission in the world. They believed that taking part in this meal was a commitment, a covenant in flesh and blood. This was serious business. To claim Jesus in this way meant that they might die for him.

Most of us in the receiving line at communion time will not be asked to die for Christ. But every one of us IS being asked to live for Christ. Are we in the right line, or aren't' we?

If you knew you might be put to death for your faith in Jesus, would you still take communion?

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	17/18 AUGUST			24/25 AUGUST		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Colleen Nicholas	Br Joe Vassallo	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke
Ministers of the Word	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Yasmine Br Jeff	Angela Georgia	Benedetta Terry	Theresa Lia John Cutajar
Data Projector	Pedro Calungsod Choir	Lily Attard	James Cutajar	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas
Housekeepers	19-23 August: Esther, Rose & Moira			<b>26-30 August:</b> Karen & John		
Flowers	19-23 August: Sylvia & Lorraine			19-23 August: Carla		

#### **ACBC** Absent from the Table Survey

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass. The survey is for those who self-identify as Catholics and are 18 years and over, and who do not regularly attend weekly Mass on Sunday. The survey is anonymous. **Closing date is 20 August.** 

The survey and information about the project can be found at <a href="https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey">https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey</a>

#### **EFTPOS MACHINES IN CHURCH**

We have installed EFTPOS machines in Luddenham and Warragamba Churches.

Donations to the parish can be made using a debit or credit card. Select the amount you wish to donate and tap your card.



#### **CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF WINBOURNE**

Winbourne will be having an Open Day on Sunday 25th August, 10am-3pm 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa

Market Stalls, Coffee Van, Food Vans, Mini Wedding Expo, History talks and tours, Emergency Service Display

#### ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement Launch: 20 August

All are warmly invited to attend the official launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement,

'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World' on Tuesday 20 August from 10am to 12pm in St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall, Greystanes, adjoining

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Please RSVP your attendance via this link: https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0



#### Catholic Care Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Group: Begins 3 September

Parents and caregivers are welcome to join a parenting group designed by the Australian Childhood Foundation run over four sessions at Catholic Care's Mamre House, Orchard Hills, from Thursday 3 September from

I 10am to 1pm. The course is supported by the free Mamre Creche.

Numbers are limited, so express your interest by contacting (02) 8843 2500 or 0439 917 129 by 15 August.

#### PARISH DIARY

#### Children's Liturgy

Sunday 1 September 9.30am Mass, Warragamba Vigil Mass, Luddenham Vigil Mass, Luddenham

#### Rosary

Sunday 25 August 9am, Warragamba Sunday 8 September (before 9.30 Mass)

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

Saturday 14 September: Sin & Redemption (half day)

Saturday 28 September: The Aramaic Lord's Prayer (half day)

Saturday 19 October: The Spirituality of the Lord of the Rings (full day)

For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email info@winbourne.org

#### First Reading

#### Proverbs 9:1-6

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared!

Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**R.** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.** 

Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **R.** 

Come, children, and hear me, that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life, and many days to enjoy his prosperity. **R.** 

Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. **R.** 

## Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

John 6:41-51

Jesus said to the crowd:

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

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