



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

22 September 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

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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.

PARISH LAUDATO SI DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of those wishing to become familiar with Laudato Si, will be held on Monday 23rd September at Warragamba Bargain Centre, commencing at 7:15pm. Even if you missed the first two meetings, you would be most welcome and not at a disadvantage.
Contact Brother Jeff on 0412933248 with any queries.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Paul Refalo

Please Remember:

Alex Apap (6th ann) George Zammit (4th 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, Richard Curtis, Lynne Clarke, Fr Bob Bossini.

ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has formally launched its 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World'.

In the statement, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so.

Download your copy of the Statement and a range of resources by visiting <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>

GOSPEL REFLECTION - EXAMPLE OF A CHILD

Jesus pulls over a young child and puts him standing in the middle of the group. He says:

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

The child here represents a person who has no power, no say, no influence - a person who can easily be controlled, abused or neglected, and who has little redress.

But Jesus says, to accept, to welcome, such a person is to welcome Him. To 'welcome' is to respect and to serve, in the way a host welcomes a guest, even a stranger. It is to be concerned about the well-being of another person; the focus is on them rather than on oneself and one's imagined dignity and status.

The child in this Gospel represents all those in our society who are powerless and easily manipulated, those who are easily abused, neglected and marginalised. Examples certainly include the poor, the sick, the disabled, the elderly, the immigrant and refugees fleeing from oppression.

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GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED

Are you able to spare a couple of hours once every 5-6 weeks to help clean Luddenham Church?

We currently have 4 teams cleaning the church. With a few more people, each team would only need to clean every five to six weeks, instead of every four weeks.

Please contact the parish office if you can help.

	21/22 SEPTEMBER			28/29 SEPTEMBER		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke	Br Joe Vassallo	Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton
Ministers of the Word	Liz Murko Silvia Genovese	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Yasmine Br Jeff	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Moir Bryan Mary Powell	Theresa Lia John Cutajar
Data Projector	Pedro Calungsod Choir	Lily Attard	Colleen Nicholas	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	James Cutajar
Housekeepers	23-27 September: Karen & John			30 September-4 October: Melinda & Vanessa		
Flowers	23-27 September: Donna			30 September-4 October: Melinda & Vanessa		

Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one. Please scan this code or visit



<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>.

Applications close 18 October

From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: Behold, I Am With You Always

"Our journey has only just begun. As we move forward, we endeavour to institutionalise best practice in communal discernment, decision making and governance, which would enhance the authority of the ordained and the rightful participation of the faithful..." – Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv (Pg. 4, 'Behold, I am with you always' Pastoral Plan).

Read more and share in our diocesan vision at parracatholic.org/synodality.

PARISH DIARY

Children's Liturgy

Saturday 21 September Vigil Mass, Luddenham
Saturday 5 October Vigil Mass, Luddenham
Sunday 6 October 9.30 Mass, Warragamba

Rosary

Sunday 22 September 9am, Warragamba
Sunday 13 October (before 9.30 Mass)

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards purchasing flowers for our churches, please put your contribution in an envelope marked "Flowers for Church", and place it on one of the collection plates at Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Children in our parish will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday, 22nd September. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Faith † Food † Fun † Fellowship

Sacred Heart Parish

YOUTH CONNECT

SOCIAL NIGHT

for ages 12-18

Friday 27th of September
6-8pm

Holy Family Church Luddenham

scan the QR code to register for this event

Piety Store

Holy Communion Cards & Gifts Available

WINBOURNE PRESENTATIONS 2024 WITH BR (DR) BARRY DONAGHUE

Saturday 28 September: The Aramaic Lord's Prayer (half day) *Returning to what Jesus actually said is a truly enlightening and prayerful experience.*

Saturday 19 October: The Spirituality of the Lord of the Rings (full day) *JRR Tolkien's deep Catholic spirituality is evident throughout the trilogy, although neither God nor Church are mentioned. Cost is \$30 per person. BYO lunch.*

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

First Reading

Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

The godless say to themselves:

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

Second Reading

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus sat down and summoned the Twelve. "So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be the servant of all." (Mark 9: 35)

Imagine you've been waiting in line for an hour to ride the new roller coaster at your favourite amusement park. You reach the front of the line, and suddenly there's an announcement: Everyone at the back of the line gets to go on first! You'd feel pretty cheated, wouldn't you?

It's okay to feel that way about a ride, but here's what God wants us to remember about the really important things in life: When we put the needs of others first and begin to care about them as much as we care about ourselves, we are living and acting like Jesus.

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