



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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22 December 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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32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham  
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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 4.30pm till Vigil Mass, or by appointment.

## 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.*

## THANKYOU

to all our parishioners who have generously given their time to minister in our parish.

Thank you to John and Sandy Buhach for the beautiful Christmas Trees in Luddenham Church and to our parishioners who decorated the trees.

Thank you to everyone who donated flowers and money to buy flowers for the churches.

A big thank you to all of you for supporting our parish in many ways during the year.

May the joy and peace of Christmas, coming from the birth of Jesus, fill your hearts and your homes.  
your families. My best wishes for the New Year.

Fr Galbert

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased:

Rita Debono, Coral Rupnik,  
Tony Payne, Vincent Debono,  
Victoria Muscat, David Seager,  
Laurie Xerri

#### Please Remember:

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:

Mary Powell,  
Suzanne Solafia-Rogan,  
Matthew Khairy,  
James Compton, Richard Curtis,  
Lynne Clarke, Fr Bob Bossini.

### Flowers for Christmas

We need hydrangeas for our Christmas flower arrangements. If you can donate some, please bring them to Luddenham Church on Monday morning.

### WEEKDAY MASSES - 26 December to 4 January

*Please note that we will not be having our morning Masses on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 26th December until 4th January.*

*Weekday Masses will resume on Wednesday 8 January.*

*On Wednesday 1st January, we will have 9am Mass at Luddenham, for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.*

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Vinnies will have their annual collection after all our Christmas Masses.

Donations will help support families in need during 2025.

*Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and items for Christmas Hampers.*

*Your generosity will help many families in our parish.*

	21/22 DECEMBER			28/29 DECEMBER		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton	Carmel Fenton	Grace Buda	David Egan
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Liz Murko Silvia Genovese	Moira Bryan	Rose Marsh Mel Elmer	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Benedetta Terry	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras
<b>Data Projector</b>	Pedro Calungsod Choir	Lily Attard	James Cutajar	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	Theresa
<b>Housekeepers</b>	23-27 December: Melinda & Vanessa			31 December—3 January: Alice, Lily & Dennis		
<b>Flowers</b>	23-27 December: Melinda & Vanessa			31 December—3 January: Marta		

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father Galbert will be available for Reconciliation before or after our parish Masses. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office to book a time.

## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Wednesday 1st January



Mass will be at 9am at  
Holy Family Church,  
Luddenham

***Please note, we will not have  
Mass at Warragamba on the  
1st of January***

## **Catholic Care Mamre Supported Playgroup**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering a free supported playgroup which operates on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm during school terms at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills.

If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Supported Playgroup on (02) 8843 2506.

## **Free English and Citizenship Classes**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms.

Free childcare is available.

If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.



## **Sacred Heart Parish** *Christmas Mass Times*

**Please Join Us To Celebrate the Birth of Jesus!**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Tuesday 24th December**

**Vigil Family Mass 6:00pm**

Holy Family Church Luddenham

*(Children are invited to dress in Nativity/Christmas clothing for this Mass)*

**Vigil Mass 8:00pm**

Sacred Heart Church Warragamba

**Carols followed by Midnight Mass 11:30pm**

Holy Family Church Luddenham

### **CHRISTMAS MORNING**

**Wednesday 25th December**

**8:00am**

Sacred Heart Church Warragamba

**10:00am**

Holy Family Church Luddenham



## **Christmas Mass Times around the Diocese**

There are many ways to celebrate the Christmas Season across the Diocese. At [parracatholic.org](http://parracatholic.org) you can find Christmas and New Year Mass times, Reconciliation and Adoration Near Me, and Christmas Carols and Nativity plays.

Go to: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/find-a-mass/>

## **PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE**

Please note that the Parish Bargain Centre will be closed until Saturday 1st February 2025.

**2025 trading hours will be:  
Tuesday & Thursday 9am to 4pm  
Saturday 9am-1pm**

## **HELP NEEDED WITH DATA PROJECTION AT 9.30 MASS**

**We need a couple of people to be on our data projection roster for the 9.30am Mass at Warragamba.**

**No experience is necessary and training will be provided.**

**If you can help out once a month, please contact the parish office or speak to Colleen.**

## First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives  
birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come  
back to the sons of Israel.  
He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his God.  
They will live secure, for from then on he will  
extend his power to the ends of the land.  
He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see  
your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you  
have chosen, the man you have given your  
strength. And we shall never forsake you  
again: give us life that we may  
call upon your name. **R.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the  
world:

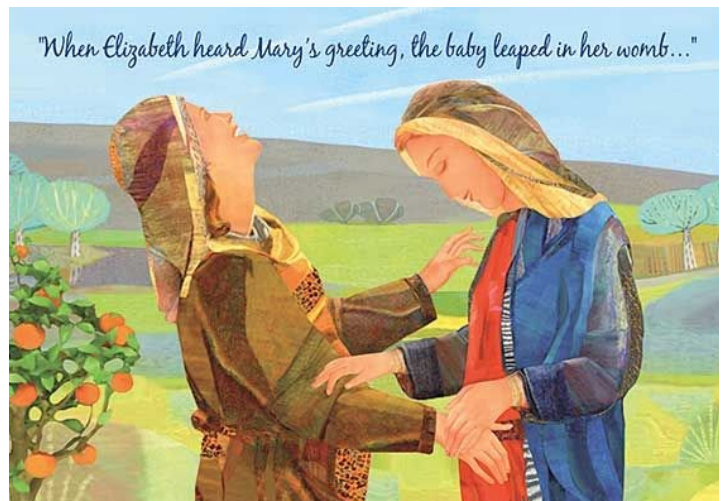
*You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.*

*You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices  
for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in  
the scroll of the book,*

*'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'*

Notice that he says first: *You did not want* what  
the Law lays down as the things to be offered,  
that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the  
holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and *you  
took no pleasure* in them; and then he  
says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your  
will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it  
with the second. And this will was for us to be  
made holy by the offering of his body made  
once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

Luke: 1:39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could  
to a town in the hill country of Judah. She  
went into Zechariah's house and greeted  
Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard  
Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb  
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.  
She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women  
you are the most blessed, and blessed is the  
fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured  
with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For  
the moment your greeting reached my ears, the  
child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is  
she who believed that the promise made her by  
the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

