



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

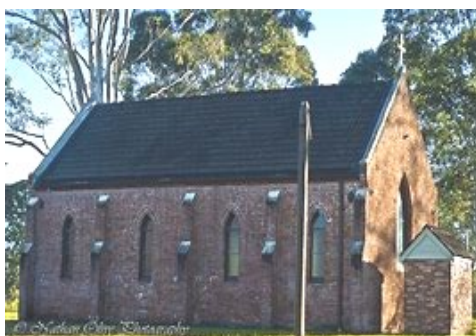
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

YEAR C

29 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

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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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

*Please note that we will not be having our morning Masses on **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday** for the coming week.*

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick:

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

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.

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

“Synodality is built on mutual listening, compassion without judgement, and a desire to understand and even celebrate differences. A synodal faith community knows itself to be imperfect and so fosters respectful listening, especially to the voices that have been marginalised or excluded. A Synodal Church cannot exist when unilateral decisions are made without adequate communal consultation and discernment, regardless of who is making the decision. What structures in the local community and training will be necessary to enhance communal decision-making for a Synodal Church?” (Pg. 51-52, Pastoral Plan).

During the coming months, our parish will be reflecting and discerning our priorities in light of the Diocesan objectives for a synodal church. We will consult with our parishioners about the needs of our parish.

Explore how we can listen and discern together: www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

If you took a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan book, please return it as soon as possible.

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

	28/29 DECEMBER			4/5 JANUARY		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Carmel Fenton	Grace Buda	David Egan	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton
Ministers of the Word	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Benedetta Terry	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras	Youth Readers	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Yasmine Br Jeff
Data Projector	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	Help needed
Housekeepers	31 December—3 January: Alice, Lily & Dennis			6-10 January: Esther, Rose & Moira		
Flowers	31 December—3 January: Marta			6-10 January:		

*Wishing you all a very happy and safe
New Year.*

*Our parish office will be closed from
Monday 6 January to Monday 13 January.*

**SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
Wednesday 1st January



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

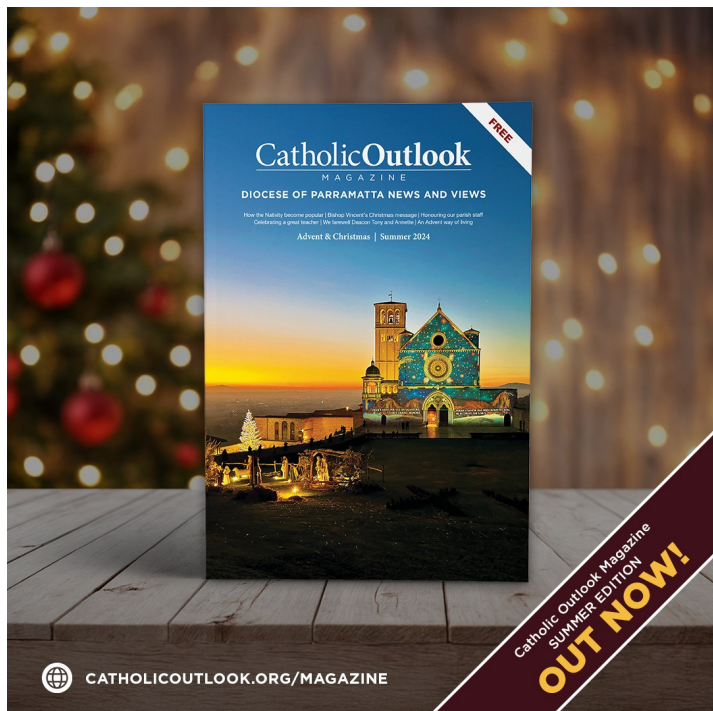
***Please note, we will not have
Mass at Warragamba on the
1st of January***

PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

Our Parish Bargain Centre will be
closed until
Saturday 1st February 2025.

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

*We meet Jesus in the people we encounter
every day – the marginalised, the homeless,
the forgotten.
How can we bring Jesus to them today?*



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

From loyolapress.com

First Reading Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **R.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2. 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke: 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'

'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority.

His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.