



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

16 February 2025



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
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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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Congratulations, you poor ones!

This phrase has something wrong-sounding about it, but it comes closest to the meaning of the beatitude. Being poor has nothing about it to merit congratulations, and it is surely no blessing to live in need. But the blessing, Jesus proclaims, is not in the poverty but in God's favour. God is pleased with the one who is poor, and not delighted at all about the rich.

So is Jesus saying God is guilty of classism, preferring the economically devastated to the ones who have earned their way to a better life? Will God disapprove of the person who has money to spare?

Luke is not suggesting that God would like you better if you closed your bank account and gave away your house. What he is saying is God delights in being the salvation of the one in need. So if you are in need, God promises every good thing; a place in the kingdom, the great banquet, a time to laugh. But if you have plenty, you too must become the delight of the poor. The curse of a full belly is its potential to forget the hungry one not far away.

From GPBS e-news

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Sheri Borg, Joseph Borg

Sick:

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 5th March

9am Sacred Heart
Church,
Warragamba

Holy Family School
Liturgy
10.30am Holy Family
Church, Luddenham

7pm Holy Family
Church,
Luddenham

WARRAGAMBA UPDATE

The carpark at Warragamba has been approved by Council, pending two reports, which we now have. We hope to start work in April. Our Parish Finance Committee apologises for the delay in publishing this information. We have been waiting for Council approval.

We are waiting on quotes for padding on the kneelers in the pews.

The old house at Warragamba will be renovated and used as a Parish Meeting Centre (PMC). St Vincent de Paul will continue to use the house for meetings. We are waiting on quotes for the renovations.

	15/16 FEBRUARY			22/23 FEBRUARY		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan	Colleen Nicholas	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke
Ministers of the Word	Angela Georgia	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Alicja Abela Silvia Genovese	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Leia Br Barry
Data Projector	Pedro Calungsod Choir	Lily Attard	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Janet Borg	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia
Housekeepers	17-21 February: Karen & John			24-28 February: Melinda & Vanessa		
Flowers	17-21 February: Marta			24-28 February: Melinda & Vanessa		

READERS FOR YOUTH MASS

Children and teenagers who have made their Confirmation are invited to read at our Youth Mass (Vigil Mass on first Saturday each month). If you would like to be involved, please contact the parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Flower Arranging

If you would like to help with arranging the flowers at **Warragamba Church**, please contact the parish office.

Bargain Centre

If you would like to help in our **Bargain Centre** on a Tuesday or Thursday, please contact the parish office.

Church Cleaning

We need a team of 2 to 3 people to clean **Luddenham Church**. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.



Children's Liturgy Workshop

This evening will be for all those currently involved with children's liturgy in their parishes, and invites those who are new to the ministry. We will cover the Diocesan Guidelines as well as any questions you may have.

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 7-8:30PM

Holy Family Church Luddenham, 32 Willowdene Ave, Luddenham

RSVP by 24th February: ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 765

This workshop is for anyone involved in Children's Liturgy and anyone who would like to help with our Children's Liturgy.

High school students who are interested in helping with Children's Liturgy are encouraged to attend the workshop.

Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

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



STATUES FOR CHURCH

We have purchased a statue of the Holy Family and a statue of the Sacred Heart. The total cost is \$4,600.

If you would like to make a donation for the statues, please place the money in an envelope marked "donation for statues", and place it on a collection plate at Mass, or give it to Father Galbert.

Thank you to our parishioners who have already contributed.

Mount Schoenstatt Women's Retreat 'Grace & Silence 2025' Commencing 8 March

This four-part single-day retreat series is for single young women aged 20-35 discerning their vocation. Attendance on all four days is highly recommended. Spaces are limited, and registration is essential. The retreats take place on Saturdays: 8 February, 8 March, 12 April, and 10 May, from 9:30am to 4:30pm, at "Bethany," 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. The cost is \$25 per day, including lunch. For more information or to register, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time

Join us for Monthly Holy Hour for youth and young adults at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, every fourth Sunday of the month for praise, worship, silence, prayer, reflection and benediction at the Shrine. There is the opportunity to go to confession and there is a small social gathering afterwards. For further information please contact Sr M Rita via srrita@schoenstatt.org.au or 0493 026 628. Web: <https://schoenstatt.org.au>

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of each month. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a light supper. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Find the event on Facebook, or for questions, contact Bernard, 0416 106 871.

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

Second Reading

Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke: 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of “woes,” those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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