



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

2 March 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  
ADMIN ASSISTANT: Colleen Nicholas  
SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR: Janet Borg

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00 am - 3.30pm

## CONTACT US

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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.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

9am Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba  
 Holy Family School Liturgy (Year 3-6)  
 10.30am Holy Family Church, Luddenham  
 7pm Holy Family Church, Luddenham



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**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Recently Deceased:**

Jeffrey Reynolds

**Sick:**

Pope Francis, Josephine Grech,  
 Baby Rafaella Roberts,  
 Suzanne Solafia-Rogan,  
 Matthew Khairy,  
 James Compton, Richard Curtis,  
 Lynne Clarke, Fr Bob Bossini.

**Prayer for Pope Francis**

**Almighty and Eternal God,**  
**you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you.**  
**Hear our prayers for your sick servant, Francis, for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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**Housing, Energy, Climate**

**13 MARCH 2025**  
**WESTMEAD**

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|                              | 1/2 MARCH                    |                 |                         | 8/9 MARCH                         |                                    |                               |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                              | Vigil                        | 7.30 am         | 9.30am                  | Vigil                             | 7.30 am                            | 9.30am                        |
| <b>Minister of the Altar</b> | Colleen Nicholas             | Paul Rohan      | Carmel Fenton           | Br Joe Vassallo                   | Grace Buda                         | David Egan                    |
| <b>Ministers of the Word</b> | Elaine Luppino<br>Liz Murko  | Benedetta Terry | Rose Marsh<br>Mel Elmer | Youth Readers                     | Marta Jennings<br>Christian Pervan | Karen Rogan<br>Tony Sciberras |
| <b>Data Projector</b>        | Youth Choir                  | Lily Attard     | James Cutajar           | Deb Walters                       | Lily Attard                        | Ethan Tolentino               |
| <b>Housekeepers</b>          | 3-7 March: Maria & Frank     |                 |                         | 10-14 March: Alice, Lily & Dennis |                                    |                               |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | 3-7 March: Sylvia & Lorraine |                 |                         | 10-14 March: Donna                |                                    |                               |





### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*We will have Stations of the Cross at both Luddenham and Warragamba Churches, every Friday during Lent.*

### Junior Altar Servers

*Children who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to be Junior Servers. If your child is interested in this ministry, please speak to Father Galbert, or contact the Parish Office.*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CLEAN LUDDENHAM CHURCH

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

### PROJECT COMPASSION

This week, we will enter the Season of Lent. Sunday (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time) also marks the start of Caritas Australia's Lenten *Project Compassion* campaign. This campaign will lead us all the way towards Easter. Each year, it gives us the opportunity to be in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world and our suffering mother earth. In 2025, Project Compassion calls on us to "**Unite Against Poverty This Lent**". It is an invitation to stand in solidarity with people around the world who face immense challenges every day – challenges that most of us can scarcely imagine.

***There are Project Compassion Boxes in the foyer. If you wish, please take one and return it during Holy Week.***

### 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.

### 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.***

### **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 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](mailto: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

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on  
the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name,  
O Most High, to proclaim your love  
in the morning and your truth in the  
watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

## Second Reading

Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on  
imperishability, and when this mortal nature  
has put on immortality, then the words of  
scripture will come true: *Death is swallowed  
up in victory. Death, where is your victory?  
Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of  
death is sin, and sin gets its power from the  
Law. So let us thank God for giving us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never  
admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's  
work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you  
cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

Luke: 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### The Heart's Abundance

Here are some parables about how the truth will sneak past our best intentions and present itself. If we do not see the way clearly, we cannot pretend to be guides for others. (Parents, teachers, pastors – and people who write Scripture commentary – beware!) In the end, what is within us will make itself known to all.

That is why it is one of our most urgent responsibilities to guard our hearts. We must guard against bitterness, hopelessness, needless anxiety, cynicism, unfocused rage, and unforgiveness. It is our primary duty as Christians to love well. We are mandated to love God and one another, and to work our way up to love of enemy and the really tricky ones. We need hearts that are pliable and love that is growing. We cannot afford to surrender to "heart disease" of any kind, those ways of thinking, living, and remembering that cause us to harden our hearts.

If we take care to allow only goodness into our hearts, we will have goodness to share. We speak what we know. We give who we are.

### Questions for Reflection

- What might people learn from a typical conversation with you?
- Now look with your heart. What more do you see? Look around you with your eyes. Record what you see. What do you find? Take a quick tour through the contents of your heart today.

What do you read, watch on TV, listen to in music, take in from your relationships? Do you take in goodness, or husks that will emerge when you shake the sieve? Spend one day rejecting any influence that is not good for your heart. Consider making this a lifestyle.

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