



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

23 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
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 <i>Youth Mass - 1st Saturday of the month.</i> <i>Children's Liturgy - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month</i>
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  
5th March**

9am Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba  
Holy Family School Liturgy  
10.30am Holy Family Church, Luddenham  
7pm Holy Family Church, Luddenham



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Recently Deceased:**

Jeffrey Reynolds

**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:**

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

Which of Jesus' radical love commands in this week's Gospel is most difficult for you to follow?

How do you reveal your heavenly likeness?  
How do you betray your earthly origins?

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

*We will have Stations of the Cross at 7pm every Friday during Lent at Luddenham Church, commencing on Friday 7th March*



**GOSPEL REFLECTION (from GPBS e-news)**

The teaching of Jesus in Luke has a crazy, uneven sound to it. Luke is the gospel of radical dispossession. While Matthew tells us that Jesus said, "Do not turn away a person who wants to borrow from you" (5: 42), Luke has Jesus say, "Give to all who beg from you, and when a person takes what is yours, do not demand it back" (6: 30). Now that's radical!

Jesus ups the ante in unbelievable ways throughout this passage. Love and do good for your enemies. Return a blessing for a curse. Pray for people who harm you. Do not strike when people slap you, but offer them the other cheek. This defies the time-honoured rule of reciprocity. Who would accept such a backwards way of living, contrary to the laws of self-protection and self-interest? The answer, of course, is that a disciple of Jesus would.

And why should we do what defies logic and any human sense of fairness? Because that is how God operates, Jesus says, so the children of God can do no less. God is good to the ungrateful and the wicked, which is really not what they deserve. And oh, by the way, the ungrateful and the wicked are you and me. We should be prepared to mete out what we hope to have measured back to us, and that is surely not a strict sense of justice.

*From GPBS e-news*

	22/23 FEBRUARY			1/2 MARCH		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Alicja Abela Silvia Genovese	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Leia Br Barry	Elaine Luppino Liz Murko	Benedetta Terry	Rose Marsh Mel Elmer
<b>Data Projector</b>	Janet Borg	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	James Cutajar
<b>Housekeepers</b>	24-28 February: Melinda & Vanessa			3-7 March: Maria & Frank		
<b>Flowers</b>	24-28 February: Melinda & Vanessa			3-7 March: Sylvia & Lorraine		

### **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](mailto: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](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

Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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 45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

Luke: 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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