



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

16 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.*



## SACRED HEART NEW EARTHCARE PARISH

Caritas (under the auspices of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) has welcomed our parish into the Catholic Earthcare Community inviting us to take up the call to act with care for our common home. We have come in at beginning level 1 status and become one of 9 parishes in the Diocese in the program. The participation certificate from our Bishop is on display in the foyers of both churches along with a brief description of some aspects of Catholic Earthcare.

*In the foyer, there are some "Care for Creation Lenten Calendars". The calendars have practical suggestions of things we can do each day during Lent to care for the planet.*

In the near future any interested parishioners, and hopefully the youth, will be invited to offer their ideas and help where possible. Meanwhile feel free to look at the website [Caritas Australia | Catholic Earthcare](http://Caritas Australia | Catholic Earthcare) and watch this space.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Please Remember:

Rita Muscat (1st ann),  
Charlie Muscat (38th ann),  
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, Baby Rafaella Roberts, Suzanne Solafia-Rogan, Matthew Khairy, James Compton, Richard Curtis, Lynne Clarke, Fr Bob Bossini.

### Training for Junior Altar Servers

Children who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to be Junior Servers. Children who would like to join this ministry are required to attend training on the following days:

**Thursday 20th March at 4pm and Saturday 22nd March at 4pm.**

*Please note that a parent or adult guardian must also attend the training.*

**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.**

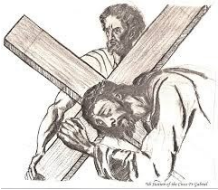
### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Transfiguration is a metaphor for our lives. The world is being transfigured by God's grace every moment, and we sleep through most of it. We have got a million reasons why we are not more attentive: family concerns, economic burdens, pressure at work, health issues. Our lives preoccupy us and put us to sleep, while glory shines out and reveals God's presence in our midst.

*From GPBS e-News*

	15/16 MARCH			22/23 MARCH		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan		Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Yasmine Br Jeff	Angela Georgia	Benedetta Terry	Theresa Lia John Cutajar
<b>Data Projector</b>	Pedro Calungsod Choir	Lily Attard	Volunteer Needed	Janet Borg	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony
<b>Housekeepers</b>	17-21 March: Esther, Rose & Moira			24-28 March: Karen & John		
<b>Flowers</b>	No flowers during Lent			No flowers during Lent		

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We will have Stations of the Cross at both Luddenham and Warragamba Churches at 7pm every Friday during Lent.

## LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Father Galbert will be available for Reconciliation at 7pm at Luddenham Church on Fridays during Lent.

## BARGAIN CENTRE WORKING BEE

We will be having a working bee to clean the Parish Bargain Centre on **Saturday 5th April, from 8am to 12pm**. If you can come and help for an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated. **Morning tea will be provided.**

## Meeting for Flower Arrangers

We will be having a meeting for everyone who helps with arranging the flowers at Luddenham and Warragamba churches. The meeting will be at **6.30pm on Wednesday 26th March** at Luddenham Church.

## BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

The Good Samaritan Appeal will take place next weekend. Donations will support our chaplains who minister in our hospitals and prisons. There are envelopes in the pews. You may take one home and return it next week.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

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.*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CLEAN LUDDENHAM CHURCH

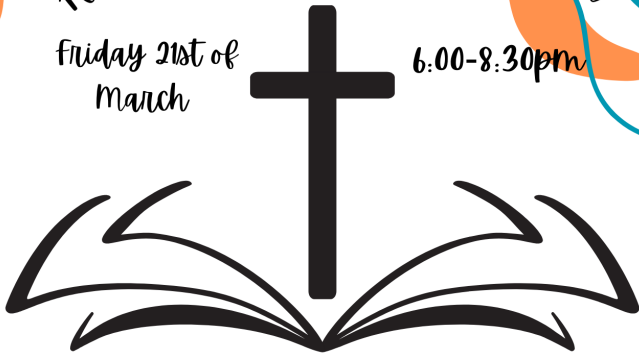
We need a team of 2 to 3 people to clean **Luddenham Church**. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

# youth Connect

Holy family church Luddenham

Friday 21st of March

6:00-8:30pm



for 12 to 18 year olds

★ Faith

★ Food

★ Fun

★ Fellowship



Please scan the QR code to register for the event

## **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 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

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: "Seek his face." **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord. **R.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods

into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

Luke: 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

