



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

23 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
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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
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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

“Cut it down. Why should it clutter up the ground?”

If you have a little plot of ground, so much as a flower pot to call your own, you can sympathise with the vineyard owner. With a little bit of earth in which to encourage things to grow, there is no room for the barren vine, the fruitless tree. Tear it up; plant something that will bloom!

But in Luke’s merciful gospel, we always get a second chance. Unlike the fig tree stories elsewhere that end in Jesus cursing the tree and withering it, Luke forms a parable in which a compassionate gardener speaks for the tree. “Let me give it the extra care it may be lacking. Let me give it every chance to come around.”

Lent is the season of extra care our hearts may need to soften up and receive the seed of the Gospel. We take this time to allow the Gardener to loosen our roots, water us generously, and fertilise us vigorously in the hope that any barren ground within us will begin at least to respond.

Questions for Reflection

- Where have you encountered a “burning bush,” a sign of God’s presence and call, in your life? Where might the bush be burning now?
- Gauge your spiritual posture along the lines of prayer, moral living, generosity, faith, hope, justice, love. How straight do you stand?

What extra care does your heart need to come alive this season?

Action Response

Time to weed the garden. Get rid of some old habit that clutters up your life and robs you of time and energy. Use that rediscovered plot of ground to plant something fruitful.

From GPBS e-News

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
Please Remember:
 Margaret Price (7th 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.

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.

	22/23 MARCH			29/30 MARCH		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton
Ministers of the Word	Angela Georgia	Benedetta Terry	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Alicja Abela Silvia Genovese	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Leia Br Barry
Data Projector	Janet Borg	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino
Housekeepers	24-28 March: Karen & John			31 March-4 April: Melinda & Vanessa		
Flowers	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.

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.



Morphogenic Fields: All life is connected

Wed 16th April 2025

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm AEST

Mary Elliot Room

Donations welcomed

Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre

1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa NSW 2745

02 4773 5555 info@winbourne.org

Event description

Our next presentation, Morphogenic Fields: All life is connected, will be held within the Mary Elliott Room by Dr. Brother Barry Donaghue (Christian Brother).

A field is not a 'thing,' so much as information, or habit or memory, but we are surrounded by them, and they are hugely influential in our lives. Are our brains more like radio receivers than computers? We need to be alert and aware so that we remain in charge of ourselves.



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.

Donations can be made online at <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/>

PARISH KNITTING GROUP

Our parish Knitting Group had a fundraiser for Mama Lana's Community Foundation. They raised \$550. Thank you to everyone who organised the event and everyone who donated.

The Knitting Group meets every Monday at 9am. Everyone is welcome.

Dear Lord, help me to be open to You for this time, as I put aside the cares of the world. Fill my thoughts with Your peace, Your love. *From sacredspace.com*

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

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This,' he added, 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading

Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke: 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.