SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

30 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

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PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE 16/18 Weir Road, Warragamba
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am - 4:00pm, Saturday: 9am-1pm.

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember:

Charlie Schembri (2nd ann)

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE

PALM SUNDAY - 13 APRIL

Vigil Mass - 5.30pm (Saturday 12 April) Holy Family Church, Luddenham
7.30am, Holy Family Church, Luddenham
9.30am, Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

HOLY THURSDAY - 17 APRIL

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7pm, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

GOOD FRIDAY - 18 APRIL

Stations of the Cross
10am, Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba
The Passion of the Lord
3pm, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

EASTER VIGIL MASS
SATURDAY 19 APRIL

7pm, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

EASTER SUNDAY - 20 APRIL

8.30am, Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba
10am, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Looking for a school?

Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese are now accepting enrolments for 2026. We have 80 schools across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, all supporting students to grow in faith and learning. Our welcoming local schools invite you to visit and explore the excellent educational opportunities on offer. Register today at parra.catholic.edu.au to browse our schools.

	29/30 MARCH			5/6 APRIL		
	Vigil	***7.30 am***	***9.30am***	***Vigil***	***7.30 am***	***9.30am***
Minister of the Altar	Colleen Nicholas	Parul Rohan	Carmel Fenton	Br Joe Vassallo	Grace Buda	David Egan
Ministers of the Word	Alicja Abela Silvia Genovese	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Leia Br Barry	Youth readers	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Rose Marsh Mel Elmer
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	James Cutajar
Housekeepers	**31 March-4 April:** Melinda & Vanessa			**7-11 April:**		
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.**

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's chaplaincy services

This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering?
Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation.
Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at **parracatholic.org/appeal** or scan this QR code. Thank you.

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/

Bookings now open: Diocese of Parramatta's Adult 35 years+ Jubilee Pilgrimage

Join a life-changing 19-day pilgrimage from 7 to 25 September 2025, exploring sacred sites in Greece, Turkey, and Rome. Open to adults aged 35 and over, this journey follows St. Paul's path and the early Church, culminating in the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome. Bookings close on 2 May 2025, with a deposit of $800 required at the time of booking. The final payment is due by 7 July 2025. Don't miss this incredible faith experience. For more information and to register, visit parracatholic.org/jubileepilgrimage2025/.

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 Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. ***R.***

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. ***R.***

Look towards him and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. ***R.***

Second Reading Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven
and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke: 15:1-3. 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.