



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

9 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

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**

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember:

Fred Attard (1st ann),
Joseph Schembri (1 month ann),
Rita Muscat (1st ann),
Charlie Muscat (38th ann)

Sick:

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

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.

A small group has started to meet to share ideas on what we might practically do to help us all have a little involvement in the action program. Some ideas being mentioned revolve around possible community recycling opportunities, native tree planting around our various church sites, or communal herb garden or just simple lifestyle ideas for families published in the parish newsletter.

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 and watch this space.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

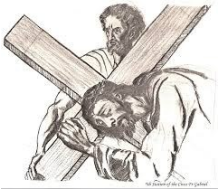
The temptation story is a private moment in the otherwise very public life of Jesus. Away from the crowds, without the support of a friend, he has gone into the desert for one of the greatest spiritual struggles of his life. He will not battle for the life of his mission this way again until the final hour in Gethsemane. At both ends of his ministry, he has to lay down his will and take up that of the One who sent him. Even for Jesus, it is never easy.

The desert is the appropriate meeting ground for the devil. The scarcity of water, the fear of wild creatures, the absence of mercy from the unremitting sun combine to make the desert a desperate place for humans: Life meets death here. That is why it becomes a powerful Lenten symbol for us, caught in the mystery of death meeting life in the cross and resurrection. Just as Jesus wrestles to clarify his mission and surrender his will, we use the season to wrestle down our egos and examine again our commitment to the mission of the church. Do we want to be the people of God, or do our allegiances really lie elsewhere?

From GPBS e-News

	8/9 MARCH			15/16 MARCH		
	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30 am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Br Joe Vassallo	Grace Buda	David Egan	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan	Colleen Nicholas
Ministers of the Word	Youth Readers	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Yasmine Br Jeff
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino	Pedro Calungsod Choir	Lily Attard	Volunteer Needed
Housekeepers	10-14 March: Alice, Lily & Dennis			17-21 March: Esther, Rose & Moira		
Flowers	10-14 March: Donna			17-21 March: Marta		

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.

STATUES FOR CHURCH

A huge **THANK YOU** to our parishioners who donated for our Statue of the Sacred Heart Of Jesus.

BARGAIN CENTRE SALE

Our parish Bargain Centre is having a sale on shoes and clothing this week. We are open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 4pm and on Saturday from 9am to 1pm.

Come in and grab a bargain!

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.

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.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR RITA MUSCAT (1 year anniversary)

**6pm, Friday 14 March
Holy Family Church, Luddenham**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CLEAN LUDDENHAM CHURCH

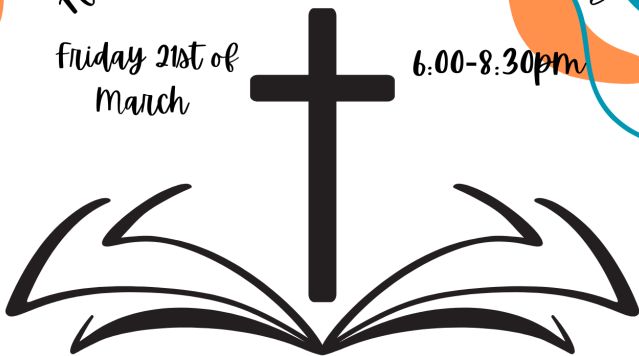
We need a team of 2 to 3 people to clean **Luddenham Church**. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

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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 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

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me."

'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust! **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls, I shall answer: "I am with you". I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: *The word* (that is the faith we proclaim) *is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: *those*

who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke: 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.