



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

6 April 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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32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham  
PO Box 56, Luddenham NSW 2745

**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  
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.*

### 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

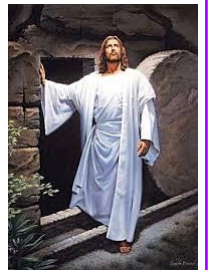
#### **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

#### **SATURDAY 19 APRIL**

7pm, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

#### **EASTER SUNDAY - 20 APRIL**

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



#### **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

##### **Sick:**

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

#### **FLOWERS FOR CHURCH**

*If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for our Easter Celebrations, please place the money in an envelope marked "Donation for Flowers" and place it on one of the collection plates at Mass. If you would like to donate some fresh flowers, please bring them to Luddenham Church on Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th April.*

#### **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](http://parra.catholic.edu.au) to browse our schools.

|                              | 5/6 APRIL              |                             |                         | 12/13 APRIL (PALM SUNDAY)         |                    |                               |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
|                              | Vigil                  | 7.30 am                     | 9.30am                  | Vigil                             | 7.30 am            | 9.30am                        |
| <b>Minister of the Altar</b> | Br Joe Vassallo        | Grace Buda                  | David Egan              | Carmel Fenton                     | Paul Rohan         | Colleen Nicholas              |
| <b>Ministers of the Word</b> | Youth Readers          | Moiria Bryan<br>Mary Powell | Rose Marsh<br>Mel Elmer | Elaine Luppino<br>Liz Murko       | Benedetta<br>Terry | Karen Rogan<br>Tony Sciberras |
| <b>Data Projector</b>        | Youth Choir            | Lily Attard                 | James Cutajar           | Janet Borg                        | Lily Attard        | Theresa Lia                   |
| <b>Housekeepers</b>          | 7-11 April:            |                             |                         | 14-18 April: Alice, Lily & Dennis |                    |                               |
| <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.

## 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](mailto: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.



A huge **THANK YOU**  
to everyone who helped at our  
Bargain Centre Working Bee.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"What do you have to say about the case?"*

You know one thing for sure: they did not drag the woman to Jesus out of respect for his great learning. The leaders wanted him to come down for or against the law, either way trapping him by his response. If Jesus chose the law, the memory of that horrific stoning would stay with his disciples forever. And if he chose against the law, people would say he was soft on sin.

Of course, Jesus finds a third way to answer. Instead of dismissing her sin, he universalises the reality of sin by daring the sinless one to strike first. What is someone had picked up a stone? A neighbour might call out his secret fault. Or Jesus, who well knew the human heart, might publicly remind the crowd of that one's indiscretions against the law. Rather than saying sin is unimportant, he made it too important for mere humans to arbitrate. And Jesus took that testimony all the way to the cross.

*From GPBS E-news*

## 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/](http://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](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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

***R. The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.***

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:  
"What marvels the Lord worked for them!"  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seeds for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back,  
full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have

become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

## Gospel

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

