SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

18 May 2025

Holy Family Church - Luddenham

St Mary Church - Mulgoa

Sacred Heart Church - Warragamba

St Francis Xavier Church - Greendale

PARISH TEAM

PARISH PRIEST:	Fr. Shinto Francis
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 - 3:00pm, Saturday: 9am-1pm.

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal:	Ms Donna Mc Fadzean
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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: Wednesday - *no Mass this week*
Thursday - *no Mass this week*
Friday - *no Mass this week*
Saturday - 9am at Luddenham *(except 3rd Saturday)*
3rd Saturday of the month - 9.00 am at Greendale
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.

Love One Another

"Now is the Son of Man glorified"

In the ironic way of the kingdom, things are not what they appear to be. Humiliation is about to become majesty. The king will be treated like a criminal, put to death in the manner fit for slaves of the empire. Death is going to be transcended in resurrection. Everything will be gathered with its opposite s heaven and earth are reconciled on the cross.

In the face of all that is to come, Jesus issues a new commandment: "Love one another." Most commandments tell us precisely what to do, or not to do. "Love one another is not so explicit. It does not establish guidelines or set protocol. It calls us into a kind of relationship. It makes us responsible for one another.

In that sense, the love command calls us into community. We are commanded to do one thing only, to care for one another as Jesus cares for us. And if we do that one thing, it will be the only thing we need to do.

Questions for Reflection

- Does your community have leaders who balance the good news and bad news of faith? How do they do this, or not?
- What disqualifies you from entering the holy city of God right now? How can you prepare yourself for this place?
- Make a list of ten ways you can be obedient to the love command before sundown today. Hang onto the list and see how many of them you can put into practice.

Action Response

Get ready for the new Jerusalem! Live as a citizen of the holy city right now, even if that makes you seem like a Martian to your family and friends. Denounce prejudice. Repair division. Be generous in the face of poverty. Deny the impulse for greed. Be compassion and consolation to those around you.

From GPBS e-News

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Pauline Vella

Please Remember:

Adrian Buterin (2nd ann),
Grace & Michael Buttigieg,
Josephine & Charles Muscat,
Jim Muscat, Charlie Chircop,
Pius Muscat,
Victor & Victoria Vella,
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:

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

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.

There are donation envelopes in the pews. If you wish, you may take one home and return it next week.

	17/18 MAY			24/25 MAY		
	Vigil - 5.30pm (Luddenham)	***7.30 am (Luddenham)***	***9.30am (Warragamba)***	***Vigil - 5.30pm (Luddenham)***	***7.30 am (Luddenham)***	***9.30am (Warragamba)***
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton
Ministers of the Word	Elaine Luppino Liz Murko	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Benedetta Terry	Yasmine Br Jeff
Data Projector	Pedro Calungsod Choir	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia
Housekeepers	**19-23 May: Alice & Dennis**			**26-30 May: Esther, Rose & Moira**		
Flowers	**19-23 May: Sylvia & Lorraine**			**26-30 May: Carla**		

Registrations now open
Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:
May 24:
https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-24-may/
August 16:
https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/
November 15:
https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time for Youth and Young Adults

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/

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time for men

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour for men at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of the month from 8-9pm. The hour includes a brief reflection, silent personal prayer and the opportunity for confession. The Shrine has been a place of pilgrimage in the diocese since 1968 and in 2025 is also one of the three locations in the diocese to gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

FREE Diamond Women Employment Workshop: 20 May in Emerton

Are you a mum returning to work? Are you worried that your resume gaps are holding you back?
We can help to change that! We've partnered with Diamond Women to host a series of workshops for mothers.

Join us on Tue 20 May from 11-1pm at
11 Emert Pde, Emerton NSW
the topic is Transforming challenges into growth opportunities. RSVP to
marsha@diamondwomen.com.au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CLEAN LUDDENHAM CHURCH

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

Weekday Masses for this coming week

All the priests in our Diocese are required to attend a Clergy Conference this week. **We will not have our morning Masses on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday**.

For our Deanery, there will be Mass at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith, at the following times:
Wednesday 21st May, 9.30am,
Thursday 22nd May, 9.30am,
Friday 23rd May, 12.10pm.

Position Vacant:
Sacramental program and
Special Religious Education Coordinator

St Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie is looking for a Sacramental program and Special Religious Education Coordinator.
This is a permanent part-time position with 15 hours per week.
Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish Secretary
secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au by 9 June 2025.
For more information you may contact 9631 3316

Low Cost Counselling Services

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help.

Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

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/jubilee2025/

Bookings now open: Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage

Young people (18-35 years) from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to join an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from July 19 – August 5, 2025, including a visit to Greece to trace the footsteps of Saint Paul and a celebration of the canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati in Rome. With only 45 spots available, secure your place by booking before May 10, 2025, with a deposit of $800, and find out more or book at parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/

First Reading
Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *I will praise your name for ever,*
my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

SAVE THE DATE:
Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening
25 June 2025

The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is an annual collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. This year, Parramatta will be hosting on
Wednesday 25 June 2025, 6:30pm – 9:00pm,
St Monica's Parish Hall,
8 Daking St, North Parramatta.
Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25
"Truth & Peace –
A Gospel Word in a Violent World"
while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company.

Second Reading
Apocolypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

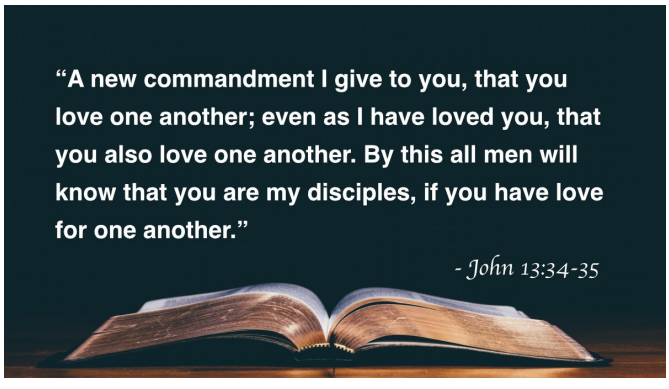
Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel
John 13:31-33; 34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
'My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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