



# SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

YEAR C

1 June 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

## CONTACT US

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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 <i>Youth Mass - 1st Saturday of the month.</i> <i>Children's Liturgy - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month</i>
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 - 9.00am at Warragamba Thursday - 7.00am at Mulgoa Friday - 9.30am at Luddenham Saturday - 9.00am at Luddenham (except 3rd Saturday) 3rd Saturday of the month - 9.00 am at Greendale
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:	8.30am 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.



**Today is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. In his final action on Earth Jesus blessed his Apostles. We too are blessed and, like the Apostles, charged with the responsibility to build a church of trust, safety and respect for all. As we begin Safe Parishes Week, let us pray that, across the Diocese, we actively use the gifts given to us in Baptism, to care for and protect all those in our community, especially our children and adults at risk.**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**



**Recently Deceased:**  
Noel Clement Joseph

**Please Remember:**  
Laurie Buttiegieg  
(21st ann),  
Anthony Refalo (37th ann),  
Theresa Refalo,  
Paul Refalo,  
Frank Buttiegieg.

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

## FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART CELEBRATION SUNDAY 29 JUNE AFTER 9.30 MASS



### **AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

Last week, our parish knitting group hosted Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. They raised \$1,195.40 for the Cancer Council. Thank you to June Roots for organising the event and to everyone who participated.

### **Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bishop's Appeal. Please make a contribution, if you have not done so already, using the QR Code or the envelopes provided.



	31 MAY/1 JUNE			7/8 JUNE		
	<b>Vigil - 5.30pm (Luddenham)</b>	<b>7.30 am (Luddenham)</b>	<b>9.30am Warragamba</b>	<b>Vigil - 5.30pm (Luddenham)</b>	<b>7.30 am (Luddenham)</b>	<b>9.30am (Warragamba)</b>
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Br Joe Vassallo	Grace Buda	David Egan	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan	Colleen
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Angela Georgia	Marta Christian	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Youth Readers	Marta Christian	Leia Br Barry
<b>Data Projec- tor</b>	Janet Borg	Lily Attard	James Cutajar	Youth	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony
<b>Housekeep- ers</b>	<b>2-6 June: Karen &amp; John</b>			<b>9-13 June: Melinda &amp; Vanessa</b>		
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>2-6 June:</b>			<b>9-13 June: Melinda &amp; Vanessa</b>		



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The first Christians saw the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead as the commencement of the process by which earth and heaven were being reconciled. They appreciated the risen Christ as the heavenly ruler of the nations, the one who would bring the justice of heaven to this world. And this is precisely why people like Peter, Paul, Thomas, Andrew, and John went to the ends of the earth to proclaim just this new state of affairs: "Jesus is Lord!" What began in the Lord's Resurrection is now ready to burst forth and flood the world through the work of the disciples. It is fascinating to note how the Ascension and Pentecost are linked: In the Ascension, something of earth moves into the heavenly sphere, and at Pentecost, something of heaven—the Holy Spirit—invades the earth. The two events constitute, in short, a foretaste of the great reconciliation for which the entire Jewish religion had for centuries yearned.

The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit down through the ages, is meant to be the privileged place where this coming-together happens. In good preaching, great Christian art, the architecture of our churches and cathedrals, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, the lives of the saints, and perhaps especially in the liturgy, earth and heaven meet. Think of the moment at Mass just before the singing of the Sanctus, when the priest invokes the angels (the realm of heaven) and encourages us: "May our voices be one with theirs in their triumphant hymn of praise." What he is suggesting is that earth might, with Christ, ascend to heaven and that heaven, in the person of the Holy Spirit, might descend to earth—and that the two dimensions might sing together in harmony.

The Ascension is Jesus' journey, not just to another place, but to another dimension. This dimension to which he has gone is not alien to us. It is instead a source of inspiration, power, and direction. And this is why the angels who appear to the disciples just after Jesus' departure say, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" What they are hinting at—none too subtly—is this: under the influence of Jesus' spirit, get to work! Do all that you can to foster the marriage of heaven and earth! Get on with the mission of the Church!

*Bishop Robert Barron*



**Bargain Centre Sale**  
16-18 Weir Road, Warragamba  
Open  
Tuesdays, Thursdays 9.30am – 3.00pm  
Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm  
Bags of Clothing - \$2.00 a Bag  
Men's, Women's and Children's Apparel

### **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.

### **The Secret Embrace: Growing Spiritually through Experience**

**Winbourne Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road**

**Ph: 4773 5555**

**Email: [info@winbourne.org](mailto:info@winbourne.org)**

**Mary Elliot Room**

**9:30am-12:30pm**

**Saturday, June 14**

Fr Thomas Keating left us eight last poems which reveal both the joys and sorrows of the spiritual journey, using poetry as the spiritual journey requires more than prose. Spiritual growth needs time and effort. We mustn't just bury our 'talent'. Thomas followed Jesus' Way, leaving us modern understandings that can energise our own lives.

### **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](mailto: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.

**First Reading****Acts 1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R.** *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

All peoples clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

**Second Reading****Ephesians 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations.

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

**Gospel****Luke 24:46-53**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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