



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

25 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
Assistant Principal:	Ms Jodie Van As
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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 Warragamba 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.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

First Friday of month at 9.30am Mass or by appointment.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In John's Gospel, Jesus instructs us in the way of loving others with God's love: "Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love."

Much hinges on that little word "remain"—*menein* in the Greek—which John uses frequently in his Gospel. God's love is given unconditionally as a grace, but remaining in that love is indeed a matter of keeping certain commandments.

Here is how it works: God's love can truly dwell in us and become our "possession" only in the measure that we give it away. If we resist it or try to cling to it, it will never work its way into our own hearts, bodies, and minds. But if we give it away as an act of love, then we get more of it, entering into a delightful stream of grace. If you give away the divine love, then it "remains" in you.

This is the great Catholic doctrine of grace and the cooperation with grace. We don't drive a great wedge between law and grace, as some of the Reformers did. Rather, we say that law and commandment allow us to participate in the love that God is. It's a play, if you want, of both conditional and unconditional love. And it's precisely why we can grow in love.

Bishop Robert Barron

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please Remember:

Anthony Refalo (37yrs)
Theresa Refalo, Paul Refalo
Laurie Buttigieg, Frank Buttigieg

Sick:

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

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Our **Parish Knitting Group** is hosting
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea this **Monday, 26th May.**
Time: Commencing at 10am
Venue: Holy Family School Hall
There will be a prize for the most original cake or plate.
Everyone welcome. Please join us.

JESUS SAID,

Anyone who **loves**
me will **obey my**
teaching. My Father
will love them, and
we will come to
them and **make our**
home with them.

JOHN 14:23

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.



	24/25 MAY			31 MAY/1 JUNE		
	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	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella	Br Joe Vassallo	Grace Buda	David Egan
Ministers of the Word	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Benedetta Terry	Yasmine Br Jeff	Angela Georgia	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Theresa Lia John Cutajar
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Janet Borg	Lily Attard	James Cutajar
Housekeepers	26-30 May: Esther, Rose & Moira			2-6 June: Karen & John		
Flowers	26-30 May: Carla			2-6 June:		

**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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Next Sunday, we will have
Children's Liturgy at our 9.30 Mass
at Warragamba.

All school age children are welcome to
attend.

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.

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.

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

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 15:1-2. 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon the earth,
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading
Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give,
this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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