



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

YEAR C

29 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

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 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 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.



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

INVITATION TO THE INSTALLATION OF NEW PARISH PRIEST

On Saturday 12 July at the Vigil Mass, we will be welcoming Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long to our parish for the formal installation of Fr Shinto Francis as our new parish priest. As is customary, every member of our parish family is specially invited to be present at the Installation Mass and the supper afterwards.

Please bring along a plate of food to share at the supper afterwards. Please use the sheets provided in the foyer to let us know what you are bringing so that the supper can be organised well. Other weekend masses will be on as usual.

The Heart of God

Every year, just after the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Though the Church certainly reverences the mind of Christ (“May that same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus”), and though it clearly reverences the will of Christ (much of Christian discipleship is simply conforming our wills to Christ’s), there isn’t a feast of the Sacred Mind, nor of the Sacred Will. But there is a festival of the Sacred Heart. What seems clear is that the Church wants us to pay careful attention to the affectivity of Jesus.

Just think, for example, of two of the best known of his parables: the Good Samaritan and the prodigal son. Both of these speak poetically of God as someone whose heart is profoundly engaged. The father of the prodigal son, throwing caution and respectability to the wind, goes running down the hill to meet his boy; the Good Samaritan, upon seeing the wounded and helpless man, was “moved with compassion.” How wonderful that, at the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus provides wine for the newly married couple. He contributed to the celebration and joy of the party-goers. He provided something that lifts up the human heart!

At the tomb of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus wept. “The Jews therefore said, ‘See how he loved him.’” His will would have been sufficient to express his love for Lazarus, but the people truly understood the depth of that love when they saw him weep. Finally, consider the Lord’s wonderful word and gesture to his disciples when he appeared to them after the Resurrection: “Peace,” he said to them—“and then he showed them his wounds.” Or ponder his remarkable word to Thomas: “Put your hand in my side”—in other words, into my heart.

Now, why does the Church want us to contemplate today all of this affectivity? It does so because it knows that the heart of Jesus is not simply the heart of a great man from the first century, but rather the heart of God himself. The feelings of Jesus—of joy, sorrow, pity, compassion, exultation, etc.—are the feelings of God. Therefore, the heart of Jesus is a place where God dwells. In the lovely litany of the Sacred Heart, we find this invocation: “Cor Jesu, templum Dei sanctum, miserere nobis.” (Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God, have mercy on us.) When we move into the space of Jesus’ heart—loving what he loves, sorrowing over what he sorrows over, rejoicing over what he rejoices over, feeling compassion for whom he feels compassion—we are dwelling in the holy temple of God.

Bishop Robert Barron

	28/29 JUNE			5/6 JULY		
	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	Grace Buda	David Egan		Paul Rohan	
Ministers of the Word	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Marta Christian	Yasmine Br Jeff	Youth Readers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Data Projector	Janet Borg	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Youth	Lily Attard	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Church Cleaning	30 June - 4 July: Sammut Family			7-11 July: Esther & Moira		
Flowers	30 June - 4 July:			7-11 July: Carla		

REFUGEE WEEK EVENT

FREE TOGETHER:
An evening of Community, Strength and Belonging



RSVP



FRIDAY 4 JULY 2025, 6PM - 9PM

**CLOISTER FUNCTION ROOM
ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA**

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PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

*The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held on **Sunday 29 June 2025**. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.*

We will be taking a leaving collection at all our Masses this weekend. Please donate generously.

St Nicholas of Myra

WINTER WONDERLAND

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MON 7TH TO WED 9TH OF JULY

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MET Natural Fertility Couples hoping to Conceive Seminar: 2 August

MET Natural Fertility is holding a free seminar for couples hoping to conceive on Saturday 2 August from 1pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. We will have couples present to share their amazing stories of how their fertility has been restored and they've achieved pregnancy. To register, visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

Expressions of Interest now open for Australian Catholic Youth Festival: Closes 25 August

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express your interest by 25 August 2025, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Rome from Home (Youth and Young Adults): 2 August

A retreat for young adults aged between 13 and 35, who want to grow in faith, find community, and be inspired on their journey. To be held on Saturday 2 August (12:30pm – 6pm) at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, 36-40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong. Register by 26 July: <https://parracatholic.org/events/rome-from-home/>

First Reading**Acts 12:1-11**

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *The Lord set me free from all my fears.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around
those who revere him, to rescue them.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

Second Reading**Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 16:13-19**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**Sick:**

Julie Curry, Matthew Khairy, Lynne Clarke,
Fr Bob Bossini.