



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

13 July 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 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.

**St Vincent de Paul - Winter Appeal 2025
FOOD & TOILETRIES**

Can you help Vinnies assist families in difficulties with food and simple needs?

Our long term food supplies and toiletries have depleted appreciably since Christmas.

Along with Coles or Woolies money vouchers we try to give individuals and families some emergency food along with simple needs like soap and toothpaste so that they don't have to use the vouchers for those personal needs rather than fresh food supplies.

These collection supplies etc., go only to individuals and families in the local area of: Warragamba, Luddenham, Bringelly, Greendale, Silverdale, Wallacia & Mulgoa

However our group has also recently been given responsibility for Glenmore Park area.

There are flyers in the foyer with suggestions of items needed.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember:

Herb Price (21st ann).

Sick:

Oliver Franklin,
Lyll Elliott, Julie Curry,
Matthew Khairy, Lynne Clarke, Fr Bob Bossini.



Sacred Heart Parish Youth Connect

Follow us on Instagram!

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FROM STRANGERS TO NEIGHBOURS

President Abraham Lincoln was a man of forgiveness. And his associates who did not like this approach complained, "your forgiveness is not helping. You keep on allowing your enemies to get away without punishment. You should be destroying them." Lincoln replied in the following words: "In fact I am destroying my enemy. When I forgive and make a friend out of my enemy am I not destroying my enemy? Insane as it may seem, I hold malice toward none of them. I have neither the time nor the energy in this life to hold that kind of resentment."

In the gospel, there was a lawyer who asked, to disconcert Jesus, "Who is my neighbour?" Behind that question, Jesus probably sensed a preoccupation to figure out who was not his neighbour. Jesus would probably have corrected the lawyer and said, "A better question to ask would be, how do I increase the number of my neighbours?" And "If I find a stranger on the road, why don't I treat him with kindness and make him my new neighbour?"

To explain this, he told a story—a story about two strangers who, against all odds, became neighbours and friends. In his story, there are some respectable Jewish characters and an ordinary Samaritan. Jews and Samaritans were enemies for centuries. The Jewish characters—the priest and the Levite—are more revered candidates who should be assigned as heroes who would help another Jewish brother in need.

	12/13 JULY			19/20 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	Carmel, Grace, Colleen & Paul	Paul Rohan	Fiona Clarke	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	David Egan
Ministers of the Word	<i>Readers will be chosen for Installation Mass</i>	Benedetta Terry	Mel Elmer Br Jeff Regan	Angela Georgia	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Theresa Lia <i>Volunteer needed</i>
Data Projector	Janet Borg	Lily Attard	James Cutajar	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino
Church Cleaning	14-18 July: Karen & John			21-25 July: Melinda & Vanessa		
Flowers	14-18 July: Kristela			21-25 July: Melinda & Vanessa		

STRANGERS TO NEIGHBOURS (cont.)

Yet, the hero of Jesus' new parable is someone whom the Jews hated: a Samaritan. Jesus presented the unlikely Samaritan stranger as the one who cares. He becomes God's agent, while the Jew becomes the recipient of his mercy.

Jesus does not want us to stop looking for new neighbours, because God's family does not have strangers. Hence, if we want to meet those unlikely neighbours, we must get out of the boundaries of our familiar neighbourhood and meet others as siblings from God's family.

Fr Shinto Francis

Mt Schoenstatt Girls Day Out at the Shrine: 15 – 16 July

An exciting day out at the Schoenstatt Shrine during the school holidays. The day will be filled with games, discussions, prayers and loads of fun. There are two options depending on the age group:

Tuesday 15 July for ages 15-18 years – cost of \$22

Wednesday 16 July for ages 11-14 years – cost of \$22

Optional overnight stay for leaders 15+ at cost of \$55

Young women 18+ are also encouraged to help with the organisation and running of these two days. For more information and registration, contact Sr. M. Rita on

0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

Emotionally Intelligent Relationships Wednesday 23rd July 7pm-9pm

Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference
Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
02 4773 5555 info@winbourne.org

Our next presentation, Emotionally Intelligent Relationships, will be held within the Mary Rice Room by Dr. Brother Barry Donaghue.

Happy couples and partners are not smarter, richer, or more psychologically astute than others, In their day-to-day lives, they hit upon a dynamic that keeps their negative thoughts and feelings about each other (which all people have) from overwhelming their positive ones. They have an emotionally intelligent relationship. Too often a good relationship is taken for granted rather than given the nurturing and respect it deserves and desperately needs. How to do that is worth a really good look.

We need one or two more people to help clean Luddenham Church. The commitment is once every six weeks. Please contact the parish office if you can help.



Volunteer Communicators Network

Are you savvy with a camera, writing or social media? We want to hear from you! Share your interest with us to support our storytelling in *Catholic Outlook*, our websites and social media.

Name/contact details are required:

parracatholic.org/communicators

Secure your seat! Bishop Vincent Presents Mauricio Lopez: 23 July

Mauricio López Oropeza – a leading Latin American lay voice – will share powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church's mission as part of the Bishop Vincent Presents series of lectures. Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, at 6pm or watch the livestream for free. Secure your spot and be inspired! Register now: parracatholic.org/lopez

Pray for our Pilgrims!

Please pray for the young adults in our Diocese who will embark on the Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage from 19 July to 5 August. May God bless their journey, deepen their faith, and guide their steps as they follow in the footsteps of St Paul and join the celebrations in Rome. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and protect them throughout this transformative experience.

Catholic Outlook Feedback survey!

Do you engage with *Catholic Outlook* through our magazine, website or social media? We invite you to tell us what you enjoy, what you'd like more of and how we can continue to engage and inspire all people in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Complete the anonymous survey by **Friday 25 July** by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9J5Y5Z or by scanning the QR code.



First Reading
Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *Turn to the Lord in your need,
and you will live*

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

As for me in my poverty and pain, let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**

Second Reading **Colossians 1:15-20**

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.