



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

20 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

CONTACT US

02 4773 4321

www.warragambaparish.org.au
admin@warragambaparish.org.au
32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham
PO Box 56, Luddenham NSW 2745

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 |
| Contact Number | 02 4773 7100 |

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 (<i>3rd Sunday of the month</i>) |
| Spanish Mass: | 7.30 pm at Luddenham (<i>4th Saturday of the month</i>) |
| Weekday Mass: | Wednesday - 9.00am at Warragamba Thursday - 7.00am at Mulgoa Friday - 9.30am at Luddenham Saturday - 9.00am at Luddenham (<i>except 3rd Saturday</i>) 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 4.45pm 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.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Thank You to Our Parish Family

Last Saturday's Installation Mass and parish gathering were truly moments of grace and joy for our community. The celebration was a beautiful expression of our shared faith and the warmth of our parish family.

We extend our sincere and joyful thanks to everyone who gave of their time, energy, and hearts to make the evening so special. From those who quietly prepared behind the scenes, to those who assisted during and after the Holy Mass, to everyone who helped set up the school hall, brought delicious food, helped in various jobs, and stayed until the last chair was packed away.

A special word of thanks to Bishop Vincent, our dear priests, and all who came to celebrate with us. Your presence made the occasion all the more meaningful.

May the spirit of friendship and service that filled the evening continue to inspire us as we journey together in faith.



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.

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

| | 19/20 JULY | | | 26/27 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 | Michael Tolentino | Grace Buda | David Egan | Colleen Nicholas | Paul Rohan | Tony Vella |
| Ministers of the Word | Angela Georgia | Marta Christian | Theresa Lia | Alicja Silvia | Moira Bryan Mary Powell | Leia Br Barry |
| Data Projector | Deb Walters | Lily Attard | Ethan | Margaret | Lily Attard | Karen/Tony |
| Church Cleaning | 21-25 July: Melinda & Vanessa | | | 28 July-1 August: Maria & Frank | | |
| Flowers | 21-25 July: Melinda & Vanessa | | | 28 July-1 August: Donna | | |

WAITING ON THE LORD

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately—as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham’s tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in this week’s First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests (see Hebrews 13:1) stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in this week’s Gospel.

Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself—“Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself . . . ? Tell her to help me.” Jesus’ gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands (see Acts 17:25).

Our Lord comes to us not to be served but to serve (see Matthew 20:28). He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the “better part,” which is life in the fellowship of God. Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham’s visitors (see Matthew 1:1). In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time; He has made us blessed descendants of Abraham (see Genesis 17:19, 21; Romans 4:16–17, 19–21).

The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation, what Paul calls “the mystery hidden for ages.”

As once He came to Abraham, Martha, and Mary, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. As we sing in this week’s Psalm: He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice (see also John 14:23).

If we do these things, we will not be anxious or disturbed. We will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, Who told Abraham and Who tells each of us: “I will surely return to you.”

Dr Scott Hahn

Catholic Mission Appeal

This year, we invite parishioners to support vulnerable people through the work of Sr Jane Kaputa at the Women’s Cooperative, and midwife Kayula at the Chilonga Mission Hospital in Zambia.

These dedicated missionaries walk with their people and embrace their realities with action. Through the Women’s Cooperative, Sr Jane supports women whose family faces worsening drought and painful choices – selling crops for survival or feeding their children. Through this project women are gaining sustainable farming skills and resources to boost their production and generate income. Through the Chilonga Mission Hospital, midwife Kayula meets expectant mothers who endure dangerous journeys for medical care, only to face overcrowding, limited resources, and the heartbreaking risk of losing their baby or their own life. With your support, the hospital can receive crucial upgrades to equipment and facilities that are required to provide women and their babies with the care and dignity they deserve.

Please use the envelopes in the pews to donate to Catholic Mission.

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.

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

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.

First Reading
Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm forever. **R.**

Second Reading **Colossians 1:24-28**

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

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.

