



# SACRED HEART PARISH

## LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

27 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

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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 4.45pm till Vigil Mass, or by appointment.

### ANOIDING 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.*

### **MORNING TEA AT WARRAGAMBA**

On the first Sunday of each month, after our 9.30am Mass, everyone is invited to morning tea in the Bargain Centre at Warragamba. If you are new to the parish, we would love to meet you. Children are welcome. Please join us next Sunday.

### **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

#### **Please remember:**

Salvatore Lia, Theresa Lia, Mario Lia, Elizabeth Lia, Angelo Lia, Mary Lia, Horace Azzopardi, Carmen Azzopardi, Grace Tedesco, Gillian Attard, Giovanna Attard, Charles Attard, Mark Lia.

#### **Sick:**

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

Our **Parish Bargain Centre** is open from 9am to 3pm on Tuesday and Thursday and from 9am to 1pm on Saturday. Come and grab a bargain, or drop in for a cuppa and chat.

## **SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Parent Meeting**

**Date : Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**Times: 9.15am or 7.00pm**

*"I am the Bread of Life."*



### **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.

**Donations can be made until Sunday 3rd August.**

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

	<b>26/27 JULY</b>			<b>2/3 AUGUST</b>		
	<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>	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella		Grace Buda	Colleen Nicholas
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Alicja Silvia	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Leia Br Barry	Youth readers	Benedetta Terry	Karen Tony
<b>Data Projector</b>	Margaret	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony	Youth	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<b>28 July-1 August:</b> Maria & Frank			<b>4-8 August:</b>		
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>28 July-1 August:</b> Donna			<b>4-8 August:</b> Sylvia & Lorraine		

### **ASKED AND ANSWERED**

Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares to do in this week’s First Reading.

But even Abraham—the friend of God (see Isaiah 41:8), our father in the faith (see Romans 4:12)—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see Galatians 3:7, 29).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week’s Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see Galatians 4:6–7; Romans 8:15–16).

Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God’s mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see Jeremiah 5:1; Isaiah 53), “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week’s Epistle.

On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all. He cancelled the debt we owed to God.

We pray as ones who have been visited in our affliction and saved from our enemies, as ones who have been spared.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of “Eucharist.” We have realized the promise of this week’s Psalm: we worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

*Dr Scott Hahn*

### **Catholic Religious Australia 10,000 for 10 Initiative**

To mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’*, Catholic Religious Australia has launched the “10,000 for 10” initiative to encourage the planting and/or protection of 10,000 trees. If you cannot plant a tree, you can protect one or make a donation to a not-for-profit organisation focused on regenerative projects.

To learn more, visit

<https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/10000-for-10>

### **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.***

### **Franciscan Spirituality: An Alternative Orthodoxy**

*Saturday 2nd August, 9.30am-12pm*

*Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre*

*1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa*

*info@winbourne.org 4773 5555*

The Franciscan tradition uses this phrase, emphasising “orthopraxy”; it believes that lifestyle and practice are much more important than mere verbal orthodoxy. While orthodoxy is about correct beliefs, orthopraxy is about right practice. It might be good to apply the first word Jesus used in at least two Gospels, *metanoia*, which means “Change your mind.” Why? Come along and find out.

### **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. 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.

## First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** *Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever know of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

## Second Reading

## Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

## Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them:

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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