



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

THE EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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14 September 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 McFadzean
Assistant Principal:	Ms Belinda Geelan
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 (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.

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.

Does your heart rejoice when you sing for God? Do you smile when you play hymns?

Why not share that joy with your parish community?

If you can sing or play the piano, we'd love to have you join our **parish choir!**

Please get in touch with Leia on: **0435 829 431**

Let your gift bring joy to others. **Let your heart rejoice in the Lord.**



Sacred Heart Parish Youth Connect
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Our next Youth Connect gathering will be on
Friday 19th September.

Register via the link in the bio.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember:

Charles & Josephine Muscat, Michael & Grace Buttigieg

Sick:

Lorraine Galea, Rosemary Penza, Peter Apap, John Vukovic, Manuela Santos, Oliver Franklin, Lyall Elliott, Julie Curry, Matthew Khairy, Lynne Clarke, Fr Bob Bossini.

SEASON OF CREATION MASS

Saturday 4 October is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.



Our 9am Mass will be a Season of Creation Mass, where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created.

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal – supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



Donations can also be made using the envelopes in the pews. If you wish, you may take one home and return it next week.

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.

	13/14 SEPTEMBER			20/21 SEPTEMBER		
	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	Carmel Fenton	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Rohan	David Egan
Ministers of the Word	Alicja Silvia	Benedetta Terry	Br Michael Rose Marsh	Elaine Luppino Liz Murko	Marta Christian	Br Jeff Regan Mel Elmer
Data Projector	Ethan Tolentino	Margaret Buttigieg	James Cutajar	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino
Church Cleaning	15-19 September: Alice & Angela			22-26 September: Sammut Family		
Flowers	15-19 September: Sylvia & Lorraine			22-26 September:		

The Promised Land

Today's feast embodies a great mystery. Like the people of Israel in the first reading, we are called to a long journey to the Promised Land of heaven. Like them, we can lose patience and fall into sin, sin that can spiritually kill us (Numbers 21:4-5). Like them, our only hope for salvation is to cling to God's merciful provision.

Pope Benedict XVI summed it up beautifully in a 2008 homily given in Lourdes:

"The Gospel for this feast reminds us of the meaning of this great mystery: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that men might be saved (Jn 3:16).

The Son of God became vulnerable, assuming the condition of a slave, obedient even to death, death on a cross (cf. Phil 2:8). By his Cross we are saved. The instrument of torture which, on Good Friday, manifested God's judgment on the world, has become a source of life, pardon, mercy, a sign of reconciliation and peace. "In order to be healed from sin, gaze upon Christ crucified!" said Saint Augustine."

By raising our eyes towards the Crucified one, we adore him who came to take upon himself the sin of the world and to give us eternal life. And the Church invites us proudly to lift up this glorious Cross so that the world can see the full extent of the love of the Crucified one for all, for us. She invites us to give thanks to God because from a tree which brought death, life has burst out anew.

On this wood Jesus reveals to us his sovereign majesty, he reveals to us that he is exalted in glory. Yes, "Come, let us adore him!" In our midst is he who loved us even to giving his life for us, he who invites every human being to draw near to him with trust.

Dr Scott Hahn

Catholic Priest and Chaplaincy service at Nepean Hospital

Pastoral Visits: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, call 47343150, and leave name, ward and bed number. The priest or chaplain will visit the patient for anointing, reception of Holy Communion, or a supportive visit.

End-of-life Anointing: There is a priest on call for end-of-life anointing of the sick. If you need a priest in an emergency, ask the nurse caring for the patient to ring the switchboard. Alternatively, you can call the switchboard on 4734 3150 and make the request.

Diocesan Season of Creation Mass: 20 September

St Patrick's Cathedral and the Diocesan *Laudato Si'* Action Team invite you to the annual Season of Creation Mass with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. The entire universe speaks of God's love (Pope Francis) and all of creation praises our God (Psalm 148). Let us join in this praise and in Jesus' own mission to care for creation (Pope Leo) on Saturday 20 September 2025, 10am, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. Morning tea will be served in the Cloister Hall after Mass.

Catholic Care Sewing and Crochet classes

Every Thursday during school terms, 10am-1pm at Mamre House and Farm, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. Perfect for anyone wanting to meet new people! To register, contact Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au.

Transformation By Design: One from Many

*Saturday 27 September, 9.30am-12.30pm
Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre
1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
info@winbourne.org 4773 5555
Dr Br Barry Donaghue*

Winbourne open day Sunday, 21st September Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat & Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Winbourne is celebrating its 201st year! To share its rich Mulgoa history, we will have a site history slideshow running throughout the day. We will also have a diverse range of food vendors. Don't miss out on Devonshire tea, which will be available in our scenic dining room.

Design our next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover!

We're inviting *you* to design the front cover of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine's* Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Please submit your entry by **Friday 7 November 2025** – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *Do not forget the works of the Lord!*

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable and
reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R.**

When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave
their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger when he
might have stirred up his rage. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth
and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, be-
cause by your cross you have redeemed the
world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal
life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him
the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

