



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

28 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

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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.

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.

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.

MASS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

All our HSC students are invited to join us for our Vigil and Sunday Masses on **11th and 12th October**, to pray in preparation for the exams. Our Vigil Mass, at 5.30pm on Saturday 11th October will be our monthly Youth Mass.

Please note that our Parish Bargain Centre will not be open on Saturday 4th October.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Charles Francis Vella
Bernadette Moon

Please Remember:

Adele Sartor, Silvino Sartor,
Maurice Genovese,
Charles & Josephine Muscat,
Michael & Grace Buttigieg,
Anthony & Theresa Refalo,
Frank & Laurie Buttigieg,
Paul Refalo,
Charlie Cutajar.

Sick:

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

4 November 2025
Holy Family School Hall

Cost \$50.00

Bookings essential.

Doors open 10.30 am

Janet 0433 091 788 - Rose 0419 416 980

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**

	27/28 SEPTEMBER			4/5 OCTOBER		
	<i>Vigil - 5.30pm (Luddenham)</i>	<i>7.30 am (Luddenham)</i>	<i>9.30am Warragamba</i>	<i>Vigil - 5.30pm (Luddenham)</i>	<i>7.30 am (Luddenham)</i>	<i>9.30am (Warragamba)</i>
Minister of the Altar		Grace Buda	Tony Vella	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan	Colleen Nicholas
Ministers of the Word	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Thresa Lia John Cutajar		Benedetta Terry	Leia Br Barry
Data Projector	Margaret Buttigieg	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony		Lily Attard	Theresa Lia
Church Cleaning	29 September-3 October: Esther & Moira			6-10 October: Karen & John		
Flowers	29 September-3 October:			6-10 October: Kristela		

CALL TO CHARITY

I suspect that Jesus must have liked dogs very much, because in today's Gospel story of Lazarus and the rich man, the dogs treated poor Lazarus better than the rich man did—they licked his wounds. If you've ever had a dog that really likes you, there's one thing you have to watch out for: the unexpected lick!

The dogs were likely the rich man's pets. They were probably allowed to eat the scraps of bread that fell from his table—scraps that Lazarus wasn't even permitted to have. Yet, while the dogs were eating the crumbs, they looked at Lazarus with a kind of sympathy. He wasn't allowed to join them, but they noticed him. And after finishing their meal, they did what any affectionate dog might do—they walked over to Lazarus and licked his wounds.

None of this, however, changed the heart of the rich man.

So this is a really powerful parable about how wealth can lead us to fail in charity toward other human beings and that failure—a grave failure—in charity toward other human beings can be the cause of the loss of eternal life. And I just think that that's something that we don't often think about nowadays.

How many times have you heard people in the modern world say something like, "Well, I never killed anybody." You know? "I'm a good person. I never killed anyone." Well, that's setting the bar rather low in terms of morality and charity. Sins of commission are evil, but sins of omission can be equally grave depending on the gravity of the omission. And in this case, the factors involved in his failing to love Lazarus by caring for him, are two things: luxury and gluttony. He's living a life focused entirely on himself, and both of those are rooted in the capital sin of pride, which is a disordered self-love that leads him to be blind to the sufferings of those around him and to do anything about it. And that is what Jesus is warning us about in this parable—the hardness of heart that can come with luxury, gluttony and wealth.

This week, the Gospel invites us to examine our hearts and identify specific signs of pride: a sense of entitlement to comfort and luxury, indifference toward others, ignoring the call to charity, and forgetting the reality of our mortality. Let us stay alert and strive to root out these manifestations of pride.

Fr Shinto

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

Catholic Care Pregnancy and Infant Loss Day commemoration: 16 October

To commemorate Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Day, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains and White Lady Funerals are holding a memorial service on **Thursday 16 October from 10am at Mamre House, Orchard Hills**. There will be an opportunity to place a plant in memory of your loved one in the Garden of Remembrance. Please RSVP to Lisa at Catholic Care on 0439 917 129 or Christy at White Lady Funerals (02) 4731 4385.

Mt Schoenstatt Foundation Day Celebrations: 19 October

Everyone is invited to the Schoenstatt Foundation Day family festival celebrations on Sunday 19 October at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. The program starts at 10.15am with a pre-program and confessions available, with Mass celebrated at 11am. Lunch and family activities will follow Mass, concluding with devotion and benediction at 1.45pm. The day will include FREE jumping castle and face painting, as well as the opportunity to purchase BBQ lunch as well as various food stalls, drinks, snow cones and other stalls. For more information, contact Sr. M. Rita on srrita@schoenstatt.org.au 0493 026 628 OR visit the Schoenstatt [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 26 October

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (10 years and over) will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0488 000 211 by 20 October.

Please take a copy of the 2025/2026 Social Justice Statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops.

First Reading

Amos 6:1,4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain
of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their
divans, they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound
of the harp, they invent new instruments of
music like David, they drink wine by the
bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing
themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they
do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to
be saintly and religious, filled with faith and
love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of
the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to
which you were called when you made your
profession and spoke up for the truth in front
of many witnesses. Now, before God the source
of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke
up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius
Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that
you have been told, with no faults or failures,
until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who at the due time will be revealed by God,
the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of
kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is
immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to
see: to him be honour and everlasting power.
Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich
man who used to dress in purple and fine linen
and feast magnificently every day. And at his
gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus,
covered with sores, who longed to fill himself
with the scraps that fell from the rich man's
table. Dogs even came and licked his sores.
Now the poor man died and was carried away
by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The
rich man also died and was buried.
'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw
Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his
bosom.

So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and
send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in
water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in
these flames." "My son," Abraham replied
"remember that during your life good things
came your way, just as bad things came the
way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted
here while you are in agony. But that is not all:
between us and you a great gulf has been
fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing
from our side to yours, and to stop any
crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then
to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I
have five brothers, to give them warning so
that they do not come to this place of torment
too."

"They have Moses and the prophets," said
Abraham, "let them listen to them."

"Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man
"but if someone comes to them from the dead,
they will repent." Then Abraham said to him,
"If they will not listen either to Moses or to the
prophets, they will not be convinced even if
someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

