



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

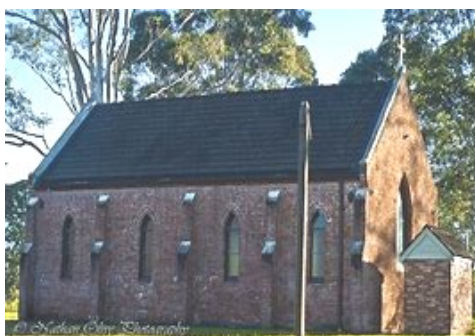
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

7 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.

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
youthconnect.sacredheartparish

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:

Trudy Darley-Jones
(2nd anniversary),
Joseph Buttigieg
(20th ann),
Joseph & Salvina Bartolo.

Sick:

Peter Apap, John Vukovic,
Manuela Santos, 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.

MORNING TEA AT WARRAGAMBA

Please note that we will not have morning tea after the 9.30 Mass this Sunday. Our next morning tea will be on Sunday 5th October.

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.



	6/7 SEPTEMBER			13/14 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	Carmel Fenton	Paul Rohan	Fiona Clarke	Michael Tolentino	Grace Buda	Carmel Fenton
Ministers of the Word	Youth Readers	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras	Alicja Silvia	Benedetta Terry	Br Michael Rose
Data Projector	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Ethan Tolentino	Margaret Buttigieg	James Cutajar
Church Cleaning	8-12 September: Maria & Frank			15-19 September: Alice & Angela		
Flowers	8-12 September: Donna			15-19 September: Sylvia & Lorraine		

The heart of the spiritual life is to love God

In our Gospel today, the Lord offers one of the greatest, most “slap you in the face” challenges he ever offered. “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother . . . and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.”

There is the great spiritual principle that undergirds the entire Gospel: detachment. The heart of the spiritual life is to love God and then to love everything else for the sake of God. But we sinners, as St. Augustine said, fall into the trap of loving the creature and forgetting the Creator. That’s when we get off the rails.

We treat something less than God as God—and trouble ensues. And this is why Jesus tells his fair-weather fans that they have a very stark choice to make. Jesus must be loved first and last, and everything else in their lives has to find its meaning in relation to him.

In typical Semitic fashion, he makes this point through a stark exaggeration: “Unless you hate your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters . . .” Well yes, hate them in the measure that they have become gods to you. For precisely in that measure are they dangerous.

Bishop Robert Barron

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.

Bishop Vincent Presents

Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ: 15 September

The second of two *Bishop Vincent Presents* public lectures in September will feature Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ, Bishop of Hong Kong and one of the most senior Church leaders in Asia. He will be presenting on Monday 15 September at St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, Parramatta on the topic of ‘Bridge Building’. With a background in psychology and education, and a deep pastoral heart, Cardinal Chow brings wisdom, courage, and compassion to the challenges facing the Church in our time. Register today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/events/cardinalchow/>

Winbourne open day

Sunday, 21st September

Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat & Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Winbourne, built circa 1824, 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, offering various foods, drinks, and desserts, including two coffee vans and a Mr. Whippy van. Don't miss out on Devonshire tea, which will be available in our scenic dining room.

Our venue will be open to the public from 10 AM to 3 PM. We invite you to explore the stalls, facilities, and enjoy our beautiful grounds.

Glenmore Park Parish Patronal Feast Day celebrations: 18 – 21 September

Everyone is invited to join St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, for the parochial feast day celebrations. A 3-day Triduum Novena and Mass will be held on Thursday 18 Sept and Friday 19 Sept at 7:00pm and on Saturday 20 September at 5.30pm. On Sunday 21 September, a procession will start at 10am, followed by the Feast Day Mass, Veneration, Blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal. All are welcome! For any enquiries: (02) 4789 2232 or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org

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.

Scapegoating Old & New

Saturday 13 September, 9.30am-12.30pm
Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre
1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
info@winbourne.org 4773 5555

Dr Br Barry Donaghue

Human nature, when it is seeking power, wants either to play the victim or to create victims of others. In fact, the second follows from the first. Scapegoating, or the creating of necessary victims, is in our hard wiring. So, how do we deal with it?

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.*

You turn men back into dust and say: "Go back, sons of men." To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10. 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which

should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

AND WHOEVER DOES NOT
CARRY THEIR CROSS
AND FOLLOW ME CANNOT
BE MY DISCIPLE.

LUKE 14:27

