



Holy Family Church - Luddenham



St Mary Church - Mulgoa



Sacred Heart Church - Warragamba



St Francis Xavier Church - Greendale

SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

19 October 2025

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

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HOLY MASS TIMES AND SACRAMENTS

Saturday: 5.30 pm (Vigil) at Luddenham

Youth Mass - 1st Saturday of the month.

Children's Liturgy - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month

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 - **No Mass this week**

Saturday - **No Mass this week**

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note that we will not be having our **Morning Masses** on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th October, as Father Shinto will be taking leave.

Our Vigil Mass on Saturday 25th October and Sunday morning Masses on 26th October will be as normal.

ALL SOUL'S DAY MASS

**11AM, SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, GREENDALE**

All are invited to attend in remembrance of the faithful departed with special attention to those who have been buried there.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember:

Emanuel Dimech, Helen Dimech, Domenic Cilia, Carmela Cilia, Rita Xerri (15th ann), Josephine Sciberras (9th ann), 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:

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

Melbourne Cup

4 November 2025

Holy Family School Hall
Doors open 10.30 am

Come enjoy a day of fun, morning tea and buffet lunch; entertainment, hat parade and prizes to be won.

Cost \$50.00 Bookings essential.

Janet 0433 091 788 - Rose 0419 416 980



Thanks to everyone who maintains our garden at the front of Holy Family Church. We would like to appeal to anyone who is happy to help with some basic gardening, since our current team is unable to continue helping. Please speak to Father Shinto if you can help in any way.



	18/19 OCTOBER			25/26 OCTOBER		
	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	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton		Grace Buda	David Egan
Ministers of the Word	Angela Georgia	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Br Michael Rose	Alicja Abela Silvia Genovese	Benedetta Terry	Br Jeff Regan Mel Elmer
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino	Margaret Buttigieg	Lily Attard	Karen Rogan
Church Cleaning	20-24 October: Maria & Frank			27-31 October: Alice & Angela		
Flowers	20-24 October: Donna			27-31 October: Sylvia & Lorraine		

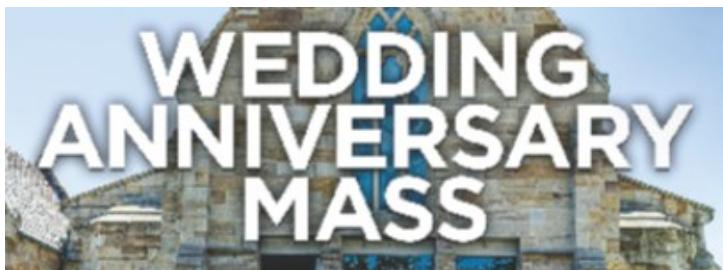
Pray continually and never lose heart.

Today's Gospel exhorts us to pray with persistence. This command is everywhere in the Bible. We see it in Abraham's steady petition on behalf of the people of Sodom.

We see it in today's account of the persistent widow. We hear it in Jesus' extraordinary teaching: "Knock and the door shall be opened to you; seek and you will find; ask and it will be given to you."

One reason that we don't receive what we want through prayer is that we give up too easily. What could be behind this rule of prayer? Augustine said that God sometimes delays in giving us what we want because he wants our hearts to expand. The more ardently we desire something, the more ready we are when it comes, the more we treasure it. The very act of asking persistently is accomplishing something spiritually important. So, when the Lord seems slow to answer your prayer, never give up.

Bishop Robert Barron



Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on **Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**. 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.

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.

Parramatta Street Feast: 19 November

You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome on 19 November 2025 from 11am–3pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta. It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer, or share your talent by hosting an activity table. Find out more and express your interest at parracatholic.org/streetfeast

Noël! Noël! at St Patrick's Cathedral: 16 December

Step into the splendour of the season with *Noël! Noël!*, the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir's much-loved Christmas tradition at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. This uplifting concert weaves together Baroque masterpieces, timeless carols, and festive songs from across the centuries, performed with the Brandenburg's signature energy and joy. Join us on Tuesday 16 December for a night of reflection, celebration, and pure musical delight: a radiant reminder of the beauty, hope, and spirit of Christmas. Buy tickets now from

<https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/noel-noel-2025/>

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. There is the opportunity to go to confession and there is a small social gathering afterwards. For further information please contact Sr M Rita via 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. The Shrine has been a place of pilgrimage in the Diocese since 1968 and in 2025 is also one of the three locations in the diocese to gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard . **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our
heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

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