



SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

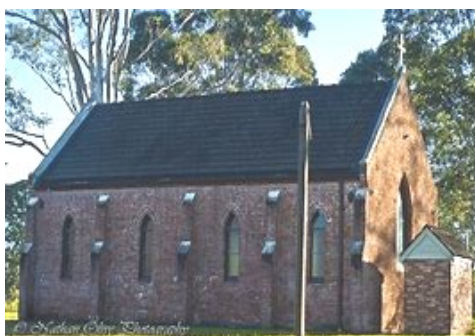
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A

30 November 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 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.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:
Connie Apap

Please Remember:
Charlie Galea (10th ann),
Vincent Apap, Vince Apap,
John Apap,
*All those whose names are
recorded in our Book of
Remembrance*

Sick:
Vince Borg,
Radojka Marinsic,
Joseph Buttigieg, Frank
Bewley, Rosemary Penza,
Peter Apap, John Vukovic,
Manuela Santos, Oliver
Franklin, Lyall Elliott, Julie
Curry, Matthew Khairy,
Lynne Clarke,
Fr Bob Bossini.

***We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon
and cared for this land for thousands of years.***

In a Dark Hour

Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. Christ occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss

His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

In today's Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night.

Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst (see Matthew 4:16; John 1:9; 8:12). He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading.

In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord—that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more (see Revelation 22:5).

By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day. It is time we start living like it: throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, rejecting the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace.

The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist. As we sing in today's Psalm, "let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Dr Scott Hahn

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2025

***Can you help St Vincent de Paul spread
Christmas hope this year by donating items for our Christmas
Hampers and presents?***

*Hampers and presents are for individuals and families in
the local area of:*

**Warragamba, Luddenham, Bringelly, Greendale,
Silverdale, Wallacia, Mulgoa & Glenmore Park**

*There are tags on the Christmas tree, for anyone wishing to
purchase a gift for a child, teen or adult. There are sheets in the foyer
with some suggestions for items you might like to include to help us
create some useful, delicious and attractive family hampers.*

The sheets also contain information regarding gifts.

Vinnies will also be selling Christmas Cards after Mass.

	29/30 NOVEMBER			6/7 DECEMBER		
	<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>
<i>Minister of the Altar</i>	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	David Egan	Carmel Fenton	Grace Buda	Tony Vella
<i>Ministers of the Word</i>	Angela Georgia	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Br Jeff Regan Mel Elmer	Youth Readers	Benedetta Terry	Theresa Lia John Cutajar
<i>Data Projector</i>	Deb Walters	Margaret Buttigieg	James Cutajar	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia
<i>Church Cleaning</i>	1-5 December: Maria & Frank			8-12 December: Alice & Angela		
<i>Flowers</i>	1-5 December: Donna			8-12 December: Sylvia & Lorraine		



Many Thanks to everyone who helped paint the cross at Holy Family Church. Special thanks to Two Way Cranes for donating the equipment.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Children, can you dance, can you sing?
Come offer your thanks to God for this gift by honouring the birth of Jesus with your talent.

Children in Year 3 and above are welcome to join us for practice for the Christmas Eve Family Mass.

There is something for all - singing, dancing, reading, acting or just dressing up in costume. Practice is every Friday after school till 5.00pm



First Reading**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
 In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:
 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let us go rejoicing in the house of the Lord

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
 'Let us go to God's house.'
 And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
 For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
 There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
 'Peace be to your homes!
 May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!
 For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R.**

**Second Reading****Romans 13:11-14**

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
 Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 24:37-44**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this - that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Mt Schoenstatt Advent and Christmas
 Carols: 13 December**

Come and prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ at the Advent and Christmas Carols at Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall, 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa on Saturday 13 December from 7pm. All children are encouraged to arrive by 6.45pm dressed as angels or shepherds. Contact Sr. M. Rita for more details: 0493 026 628 srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

