



Holy Family Church - Luddenham



St Mary Church - Mulgoa



Sacred Heart Church - Warragamba



St Francis Xavier Church - Greendale

SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A

21 December 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 - 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.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Vinnies will have their annual collection after all our Christmas Masses.

Donations will help support families in need during 2026.

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and items for Christmas Hampers. Because of your generosity, 29 hampers were distributed to families in our parish and Glenmore Park.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember:

Jonathan Xerri (25th 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:

Radojka Marinsic, Joe Vella, 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 are excited to share that this year's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church will include a live Nativity play that brings the Christmas story alive beautifully. This family Mass will take place on **Wednesday, 24th December at 6.00pm.** All children are invited to come dressed as angels or shepherds.



Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our Parish Christmas celebration an enjoyable and fun-filled evening. Thanks to those who gave their time and energy to set up the hall, and clean up afterwards, and to everyone who donated the delicious food. Thank you to Holy Family School and all those who sang Christmas Carols and provided entertainment.



	20/21 DECEMBER			27/28 DECEMBER		
	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		Grace Buda	Colleen Nicholas		Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton
Ministers of the Word	Elaine Luppino Liz Murko	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Benedetta Terry	Br Michael Rose
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino	Margaret Buttigieg	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony
Church Cleaning	22-26 December: Esther & Moira			29 December - 2 January: Karen & John		
Flowers	22-26 December: Carla			29 December - 2 January: Kristela		

Congratulations to our Junior Servers, who have featured in the latest edition of Catholic Outlook Online.

Read the article at

<https://www.facebook.com/share/17Yqu2KjuT/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Office will be closed from Monday 29 December to Friday 2 January.

Weekday Masses will still take place during this time.

PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

Our Parish Bargain Centre will be closed until early February.

2026 trading hours will be:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am to 3pm

Saturdays 9am-1pm



CHRISTMAS EVE

VIGIL FAMILY MASS 6.00PM
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LUDDENHAM

VIGIL MASS 8.00PM
SACRED HEART CHURCH,
WARRAGAMBA

**11.30PM CAROLS FOLLOWED BY
MIDNIGHT MASS**
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LUDDENHAM

CHRISTMAS MORNING

**8.00AM – SACRED HEART CHURCH
WARRAGAMBA**
**10.00AM – HOLY FAMILY CHURCH,
LUDDENHAM**



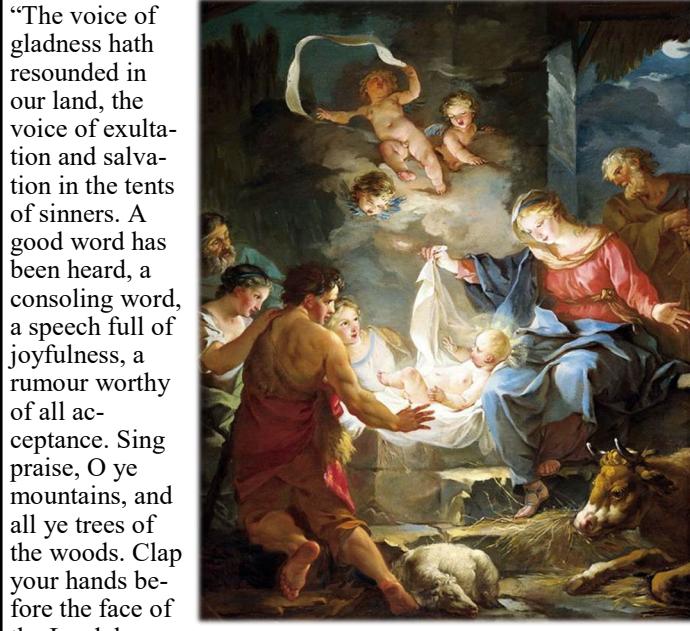
Thursday 1st January is the **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.**

We will have Mass at 9am at Holy Family Church, Luddenham.

Please note, we will not have Mass at Mulgoa on the 1st of January.

Our parish knitting group raised \$89 for the parish from sales of items. We are very grateful to them.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux - On the Vigil of Our Lord's Nativity



"The voice of gladness hath resounded in our land, the voice of exultation and salvation in the tents of sinners. A good word has been heard, a consoling word, a speech full of joyfulness, a rumour worthy of all acceptance. Sing praise, O ye mountains, and all ye trees of the woods. Clap your hands before the face of the Lord, because He cometh. Hear, O ye heavens, and give ear, O earth! Be amazed, and let every creature give praise; but thou beyond others, O man!"

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Is Born in Bethlehem of Juda. What heart so stony as not to be softened at these words? What soul is not melted at this voice of her Beloved? What announcement could be sweeter? what intelligence more enrapturing? Was its like ever heard before? or when did the world ever receive such tidings?

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is born in Bethlehem of Juda. O short word, telling of the Eternal Word abbreviated for us! O word full of heavenly delights! The heart is oppressed by its mellifluous sweetness, and longs to pour forth its redundant riches, but words refuse their service. So overpowering is the music of this short speech that it loses melody if one iota is changed.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is born in Bethlehem of Juda. O Nativity of spotless sanctity! O birth honorable for the world, birth pleasing and welcome to men, because of the magnificence of the benefit it bestows; birth incomprehensible to the angels, by reason of the depth and sacredness of the mystery! In all its circumstances it is wonderful because of its singular excellence and novelty. Its precedent has not been known, nor has its like ever followed. O birth alone without sorrow, alone without shame, free from corruption, not unlocking, but consecrating the temple of the Virgin's womb! O Nativity above nature, yet for the sake of nature! Surpassing it by the excellence of the miracle, repairing it by the virtue of the mystery! Who shall declare this generation? The angel announces it. Almighty Power overshadows it. The Spirit of the Most High comes upon it. The Virgin believes. By faith she conceives. The Virgin brings forth. Who is not filled with astonishment? The Son of the Most High is born. The Son, begotten of God before all ages, is Incarnate! The Word is become an Infant! Who can sufficiently admire?

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is born in Bethlehem of Juda.

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

