



# SACRED HEART PARISH

## LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

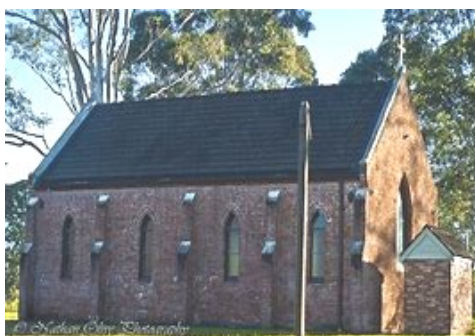
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A

7 December 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

### CONTACT US

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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.

### ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

First Friday of month at 9.30am Mass or by appointment.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Recently Deceased:**

John Bornow

**Please Remember:**

Giovanni Velcich  
(Anniversary)

**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,

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

**Kingdom Come**

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims. And the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring. The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today's First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father (see Ruth 4:17). He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage. In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3), renewed in God's oath to David (see Psalm 89:4,28), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever. In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. But no longer are God's promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in "the covenants of promise" (see Ephesians 2:12). John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see Isaiah 51:1-2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5)—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit. This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church. Dr Scott Hahn

**Christmas Reconciliation**  
**will be available from 7:00**  
**pm on 16 December, Tuesday**  
**at Holy Family Church**  
**Luddenham**

**Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2025**

Thank you to everyone who has donated gifts and food for the Vinnies Christmas hampers. **Please note that all donations need to be received by this weekend.**

**This will be the final weekend to purchase Christmas cards.**

	6/7 DECEMBER			13/14 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>
<b>Minister of the Altar</b>	Carmel Fenton	Grace Buda	Tony Vella	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Fiona Clarke
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Youth Readers	Benedetta Terry	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Alicja Silvia	Marta Christian	Leia Br Barry
<b>Data Projector</b>	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Ethan	Margaret Buttigieg	James Cutajar
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<b>8-12 December:</b> Alice & Angela			<b>15-19 December:</b> Sammut Family		
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>8-12 December:</b> Sylvia & Lorraine			<b>15-19 December:</b> Kristela		



# Christmas Family Thanksgiving

13th December, 2025

Holy Family Centre

Luddenham



Mass at 5.30 pm followed by Supper in the School Hall



**Thanks very much** to all who are helping with our Christmas preparations. A special Thanks to **Top Shape Christmas Tree Farm** in Luddenham for supplying two beautiful Christmas Trees for Luddenham and Warragamba.

DIocese of PARRAMATTA

## THANK YOU FOR HELPING HEAL BROKEN-HEARTS THIS CHRISTMAS

Your generosity supports Catholic Care's counsellors to continue bringing comfort and hope when it's needed most.

To learn about the impact of your kindness, please visit:  
[parracatholic.org/appeal-thankyou](https://parracatholic.org/appeal-thankyou)



SACRED HEART PARISH LUDDENHAM / WARRAGAMBA  
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.

### 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



*OUR PARISH HAS BEEN FEATURED IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF CATHOLIC OUTLOOK. Thanks to every one who contributed to the article.*

**Nativity Christmas Cards and Gifts  
are available in the Piety Shop.  
Come and see!**

### REST IN PEACE

One of our beloved local parishioners John Borno recently passed away. His funeral will be held at 11.00 am on 10 Dec at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith. May he rest in peace.

### 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:

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**First Reading****Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
 a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the  
 spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and  
 insight, a spirit of counsel and power,  
 a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the  
 Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
 He does not judge by appearances, he gives no  
 verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched  
 with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict  
 for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;  
 his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
 faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies  
 down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed  
 together with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends, their  
 young lie down together. The lion eats straw  
 like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's  
 hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts  
 his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy  
 mountain, for the country is filled with the  
 knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the  
 sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as  
 a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by  
 the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. *Justice shall flourish in his time,  
 and fullness of peace for ever.***

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
 to a king's son your justice,  
 that he may judge your people in justice  
 and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish  
 and peace till the moon fails:  
 He shall rule from sea to sea,  
 from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
 and the needy who are helpless.  
 He will have pity on the weak  
 and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever  
 and endure like the sun.  
 Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
 all nations bless his name. **R.**

**Second Reading****Romans 15:4-9**

Everything that was written long ago in the  
 scriptures was meant to teach us something  
 about hope from the examples scripture gives of  
 how people who did not give up were helped by

God. And may he who helps us when we refuse  
 to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each  
 other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so  
 that united in mind and voice you may give glory  
 to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to  
 treat each other in the same friendly way as  
 Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the  
 servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that  
 God could faithfully carry out the promises made  
 to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to  
 give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture  
 says in one place: For this I shall praise you  
 among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his  
 paths: all people shall see the salvation of God  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel****Matthew 3:1-12**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he  
 preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this  
 was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of  
 heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the  
 prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for  
 the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of  
 camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist,  
 and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then  
 Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan  
 district made their way to him, and as they were  
 baptised by him in the river Jordan they  
 confessed their sins. But when he saw a number  
 of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism  
 he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned  
 you to fly from the retribution that is coming?  
 But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate  
 fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We  
 have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you,  
 God can raise children for Abraham from these  
 stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of  
 the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce  
 good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the  
 fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but  
 the one who follows me is more powerful than I  
 am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will  
 baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His  
 winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his  
 threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the  
 barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will  
 never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.**

