

SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA



Holy Family Church, Luddenham



Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba



St Mary's Church, Mulgoa



St Francis Xavier Church, Greendale

Parish Team

Parish Priest:	Fr Shinto Francis
Deacon:	Deacon Charles Abela
Parish Secretary:	Bernadette Morton
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Parish office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 9.00am-3.00pm

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PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

16-18 Weir Road, Warragamba

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am-3.00pm, Saturday 9.00am-12.00pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5.30pm - Holy Family Church, Luddenham (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 7.30am - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Sunday 9.30am - Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

Italian Mass

11.00am, 3rd Sunday of the Month - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Spanish Mass

7.30pm, 4th Saturday of the Month - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday 9.00am - Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

Thursday 7.00am - St Mary's Church, Mulgoa

Friday 9.30am - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

(*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 8.30am*)

Saturday 9.00am - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

(3rd Saturday of the Month - St Francis Xavier Church, Greendale)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after 9.00am Mass & 4.45pm

Contact the Parish Office

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal

Ms Donna McFadzean

Assistant Principal

Ms Belinda Geelan

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember:

Charlie Cutajar (2nd ann),
 Charlie Borg (9th ann),
 John Condon (23rd ann),
 Grace & Michael Buttigieg, Frank Buttigieg (6th ann), Jim Vella, Jim Muscat, Mary & Charlie Chircop, Josephine & Charles Muscat.

Sick:

Radojka Marinsic, Joe Vella, Frank Bewley, Rosemary Penza, Peter Apap, John Vukovic, Manuela Santos, Oliver Franklin, Lyall Elliott, Julie Curry, Matthew Khairy, Lynne Clarke.

Parish Bargain Centre

Our Bargain Centre will re-open this Tuesday, 3rd February.

Trading hours will be
 9am-3pm Tuesday and Thursday,
 and 9am-1pm Saturday.

We have school uniforms available for Holy Family Primary School, our local public schools and some high schools. Come and grab a bargain, or drop in for a cuppa and chat.

Blessed Are You

How the proclamation of this message occurred, is important: seeing the multitude that followed him, Jesus scaled the gentle slope overlooking the Sea of Galilee, sat down and, turning to the disciples, announced the Beatitudes. His message was thus addressed to his disciples. However, the multitude, that is, all of humanity, was on the horizon. It is a message for all of humanity. Moreover, the “mount” recalls Sinai, where God gave Moses the Commandments. Jesus begins to teach a new law: to be poor, to be meek, to be merciful.... These “new commandments” are much more than a set of rules. Indeed, Jesus does not impose anything but reveals the way of happiness — his way — by repeating the word “blessed” eight times. Each Beatitude is composed of three parts. Firstly, there is always the word “blessed”. Then there is the situation in which the blessed find themselves: poverty of spirit, affliction, hunger and thirst for justice, and so on. Lastly, there is the reason for the beatitude, introduced by the conjunction “because”: “Blessed are they because, blessed are those because...”. The eight Beatitudes are like this and it would be good to learn them off by heart so as to repeat them, to have this law that Jesus gave us, precisely in our minds and hearts.

Let us pay attention to this fact: the reason behind the Beatitudes is not a current situation, but rather the new condition that the blessed receive as a gift from God: because “theirs is the Kingdom of heaven”, because “they shall be comforted”, because “they shall inherit the earth” and so on.

In the third element which is the reason for happiness, Jesus often uses the future passive voice: “they shall be comforted”, “they shall be satisfied”, “they shall be forgiven”, “they shall be called children of God”.

But what does the word “blessed” mean? Because each of the eight Beatitudes begins with the word “blessed”. The original term does not mean one with a full belly or one who is doing well, but rather it is a person who is in a condition of grace, who progresses in God’s grace and progresses on God’s path: patience, poverty, service to others, comfort.... Those who advance in these things are happy and shall be blessed.

In order to give himself to us, God often chooses unthinkable paths, perhaps the path of our limitations, of our tears, of our defeats. It is the paschal joy of which our Oriental brothers and sisters speak, the one that has the stigmata but is alive, has been through death and has experienced the Power of God. The Beatitudes always bring you to joy. They are the paths to reach joy. It will do us good to take Matthew’s Gospel today, chapter 5, verses 1-11, and to read the Beatitudes — perhaps a few more times throughout the week — in order to understand this very beautiful path, so sure of the happiness the Lord offers us.

Pope Francis



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parent Meeting

Thursday 12 February, 9.15am or 7.00pm

“The sins you forgive, they are forgiven”

John 20:23

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Diocesan World Day of the Sick: 11 February

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on 11 February 2026 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/

Volunteer Cook Wanted for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes program

Catholic Care's Houses to Homes program is seeking a volunteer cook to lead simple, hands-on cooking sessions for a small group of women once a month. Sessions run on a Friday from 10am to 12midday, with all ingredients provided, and conclude with participants sharing the meal together. All required screening and training will be supported. For more information or to express interest, please contact enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au or call (02) 8843 2500.

Catholic Healthcare formation and support Mass: 22 February

The Diocese's Catholic Healthcare ministry, in collaboration with the Hawkesbury Deanery, is organising a monthly formation and support Mass for those in the healthcare ministry of the Church on Sunday 22 February at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, at 5:30pm. There will be an afternoon tea before the Mass from 4pm for those who wish to attend for networking and support purposes. For further information, please contact Deacon Michael Tan on Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org.

Be a stronger you Free empowerment course for women

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains has partnered with Survivor Voice Australia to run a free six-week empowerment program for women who have experienced domestic violence and abuse. The program will start in February 2026 in the Blue Mountains. Contact Catholic Care to express your interest: (02) 8843 2500.

Volunteer Communicators Network

Are you savvy with a camera, writing or social media? We want to hear from you! Share your interest with us to support our storytelling in Catholic Outlook, our websites and social media.

Name/contact details are required: parracatholic.org/communicators

Blacktown Parish presents 'The Witness'

The community of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, are bringing to life the musical "The Witness" – telling the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter. Open auditions are taking place on Sunday 1 February from 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm and

Monday 2 February from 6pm-8pm at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown.

We encourage anyone interested in being part of The Witness experience to register.

For vocal auditions, contact our Music Director, Marianne Fernandes, at music@bethewitness.com.au.

To learn more, visit Be The Witness – The Musical or email info@bethewitness.com.au.

MASS ROSTER		31 JANUARY/1 FEBRUARY			7/8 FEBRUARY		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Paul Grace	Fiona Clarke		Paul Domenic	Colleen Nicholas	
Junior Servers	Michael Vella Joseph Vella	Giulio Gerome	Marko Tomi	Jonathan Formosa James Formosa		James Sciberras Jack Scriven	
Ministers of the Word	Elaine Luppino Liz Murko	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Br Michael Burton Rose Marsh	Youth Readers	Benedetta Terry	Br Jeff Regan Mel Elmer	
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Crystal Avati	Theresa Lia	Youth Choir	Margaret Buttigieg	James Cutajar	
Church Cleaning	2-6 FEBRUARY: Moira & Grace			9-13 FEBRUARY: Karen & John			
Flowers	2-6 FEBRUARY: Bernadette & Colleen			9-13 FEBRUARY: Donna			

First reading**Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm*R: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.

Second reading**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom.

As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

