

# SACRED HEART PARISH

## LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

### Perfect Offering

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading.

He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "You are My servant," He said to Me."

Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see Acts 13:46–47).

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see Exodus 12:1–23, 27).

In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18–19). Our Lord sings of this in today's Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see Hebrews 10:3–13).

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see Hebrews 10:4). They were meant not to save but to teach (see Galatians 3:24). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience and made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle. He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see Revelation 7:14). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass.

Dr Scott Hahn

### Parish Team

Parish Priest:	Fr Shinto Francis
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### MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5.30 pm (Vigil) at Luddenham  
(Youth Mass - 1st Saturday 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 - 8.30am at Luddenham (This Friday only)

Saturday - 9.00am at Luddenham

(3rd Saturday of the month - 9.00 am at Greendale)

**Please note that Mass this Friday morning (23<sup>rd</sup> January) will be at 8.30am and Adoration will follow.**



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If you wish to enrol your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please complete the enrolment form, using the following link: <https://forms.gle/4NVxbgYiwYDcyyWV9>

## First reading

## Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Thus says the Lord:  
 Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
 my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
 I have endowed him with my spirit  
 that he may bring true justice to the nations.  
 He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
 or make his voice heard in the streets.  
 He does not break the crushed reed,  
 nor quench the wavering flame.  
 Faithfully he brings true justice;  
 he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
 until true justice is established on earth,  
 for the islands are awaiting his law.  
 I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;  
 I have taken you by the hand and formed you;  
 I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light  
 of the nations,  
 to open the eyes of the blind,  
 to free captives from prison,  
 and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

*R: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
 and he stooped down to me;  
 he heard my cry.  
 He put a new song into my mouth,  
 praise of our God.  
 You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
 but an open ear.  
 You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
 Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
 that I should do your will.  
 My God, I delight in your law  
 in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed  
 in the great assembly.  
 My lips I have not sealed;  
 you know it, O Lord.

## Second reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours.  
 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
 He enabled those who accepted him to become the  
 children of God.  
 Alleluia!

## Gospel

## John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

This is the one I spoke of when I said:

'A man is coming after me who ranks before me  
 because he existed before me. I did not know him myself,  
 and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising  
 with water.' John also declared,  
 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a  
 dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but  
 he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me,  
 "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and  
 rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy  
 Spirit."

Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the  
 Chosen One of God.'

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

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Recently Deceased:

Joseph Buttigieg, Margaret Jones

## Please Remember:

Helen Freeland, Grace & Michael Buttigieg, Frank Buttigieg,  
 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.