

# SACRED HEART PARISH

## LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

### NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

#### 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/](http://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/)

#### 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.

#### 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](mailto:music@bethewitness.com.au). To learn more, visit Be The Witness – The Musical or email [info@bethewitness.com.au](mailto:info@bethewitness.com.au).

### **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 9.00am-3.00pm

### **Contact Us**

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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 - 9.30am at Luddenham  
 Saturday - 9.00am at Luddenham  
 (3rd Saturday of the month - 9.00 am at Greendale)

### **Warragamba Mass on Sunday**

Please remember, as per community's discernment last Sunday, we will return to Warragamba for our 9:30am Holy Mass, starting this Sunday, 25 January. Many thanks for your input.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

#### **PARENT MEETING**

Thursday 12 February  
 9.15am or 7.00pm

*"The sins you forgive, they are forgiven"*  
 John 20:23



## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 January 2026

### First Reading

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

### Responsorial Psalm

*R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Please Remember:

Grace Buttigieg (15<sup>th</sup> ann), 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.

### Isaiah 8:23-9:3

### Second Reading

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

### Gospel

### Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.