

SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Paul Rosetto, Elija Muscat

Please Remember:

Victoria Borg (28th ann)

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE AT PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

Our Parish Bargain Centre will be selling School Uniforms this

Tuesday from 10am-12pm.

We have uniforms for Holy Family Primary School, our local public schools and some high schools.

This is a one time only opening.

Normal shop hours will resume in February.

Notice regarding carpark at Warragamba

While the new carpark is being built, please park at the Bargain Centre or the adjacent vacant property. Entrance to both properties is via Third Street. Please use the footpath on Weir Road and enter the church using the steps at the entrance on Fifth Street. Since wheelchair access will not be available during this time, we invite those who require it to come to Mass at Holy Family Church, Luddenham. We apologise for this temporary inconvenience.

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

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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)

Thank you to everyone who helped pack up our Nativity Scene and Christmas decorations.



Our garden at Holy Family Church is looking beautiful. Thanks so much to our new gardening team who are maintaining it.

First reading

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

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: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
 give the Lord glory and power;
 give the Lord the glory of his name.
 Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
 the Lord on the immensity of waters;
 the voice of the Lord, full of power,
 the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders.
 In his temple they call cry: "Glory!"
 The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
 the Lord sits as king for ever.

Second reading

Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

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 Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The heavens were opened and the Father's voice
 was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ." The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).