

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

Baptisms & Marriage

Contact the Parish Office

Holy Family Primary School

Principal	Ms Donna McFadzean
Assistant Principal	Ms Belinda Geelan
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HOLY HOUR THIS SUNDAY

To mark the beginning of the preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2028, together with the entire Catholic Church in Australia, we will have Holy Hour following our 9.30 Mass at Warragamba this Sunday. All are invited to join.

The origins of the Eucharistic Congress
Born from a desire to deepen devotion to Christ in a changing world.

In the mid-19th century, following the convulsions of the French Revolution and in response to the rapid changes in society brought about by the Industrial Revolution, many Catholics felt the need to foster initiatives aimed at promoting reverence for the Eucharist. These initiatives placed at their core Eucharistic Adoration and a revival in a spiritual and theological appreciation of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

It is from within this historical context that Eucharistic congresses arise soon after 1870. The perseverance of a devout laywoman, Émilie-Marie Tamisier (1834-1910) played a key role in the creation of such congresses. She was the pupil of Saint Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868) and Fr Antoine Chevrier (1826-1879), and she was supported by Bishop Gaston de Ségur (1820-1880) in her desire to hold a congress that celebrated and promoted the Eucharistic Mystery. The aim was to unite devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist with large gatherings of the faithful. In this way, people would be made more sensitive to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, while also recognising that they were not alone in their faith; that there were in fact vast numbers of Catholics who were committed to the same Eucharistic Lord.

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember:

Fred and Jane Attard,
Joe Buttigieg, Charlie Cutajar,
Joseph & Marie Cutajar,
Anthony & Therese Refalo,
Paul Refalo,
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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm every Friday during Lent

at Sacred Heart Church,
Warragamba
&

Holy Family Church, Luddenham
*This Friday (7th March), Fr Shinto
will be available for Reconciliation
during Stations of the Cross at
Warragamba Church.*



Jesus - Christ Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Presentation by
Br Barry Donaghue
Saturday 21 March

9.30am-12.30pm

**Edmund Rice Retreat and
Conference Centre**

02 4773 5555 info@
winbourne.org

Building on the first incarnation - the universe itself and all it reveals - the second incarnation, Jesus of Nazareth, brings God's self-disclosure into intimate human form, as 1 John 1 reminds us. His life offers a blueprint for our own, Yet we must still discern how to live that pattern within our own experience, in our cultures and present moment, using the languages, symbols, and modes of consciousness available to us today.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your New
Planned Giving
Envelopes.

YOUTH CONNECT

Come together in faith, friendship, and prayer!

- Faith
- Food
- Fun
- Youth aged 12 - 18 welcome!

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 6PM-8PM

Holy Family Church Luddenham

Register via:
Link in the bio OR
Scan the QR code

More information
Contact Alicja on 0438 776 945



Many thanks to our parishioners who secured the damaged pavement and those who generously gave their time and effort to repair the paving at Holy Family Church, Luddenham.

MT SCHOENSTATT SHRINE MULGOA
24 Hours for the Lord

We are holding our annual 24 Hours For The Lord event at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa on 13-14 March.

The event begins with Mass at 6:30pm, and there will also be confession.

The shrine will be open all night in vigil, a moment to visit in pilgrimage and spend some time with our Lord.

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore a natural, effective, healthy and scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women’s health. NFP is suitable for all situations including post-contraception, breastfeeding mothers and women experiencing peri-menopause.

Express your interest at www.parracatholic.org/learn/natural-family-planning

CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE GLENMORE PARK
Open Night
2 March, 3.30-6.00pm
www.cccglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au 02 4737 5500

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

MASS ROSTER	28 FEBRUARY / 1 MARCH			7/8 MARCH		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Grace	Carmel Fenton		Paul Domenic	Fiona Clarke
Junior Servers	Angela Giuseppina		Marko Tomi	James Noro Luca Noro		James Sciberras Jack Scriven
Ministers of the Word	Angela Georgia	Benedetta Terry	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras	Youth Readers	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Br Michael Rose
Data Projector	Schoenstatt Choir	Margaret	Theresa Lia	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	James Cutajar
Church Cleaning	2-6 MARCH: Alice & Angela			9-13 MARCH: Sammut Family		
Flowers	2-6 MARCH: Kristela			9-13 MARCH: Bernadette & Colleen		

First reading**Genesis 12:1-4**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him. Her to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. *R.*

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *R.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *R.*

Second reading**Timothy 1:8-10**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel****Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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In June of 1881 the first Eucharistic Congress was held at Lille, France. Besides faithful Catholics from France and Belgium, delegations were welcomed from eight other countries. The organisers were so taken with the success of the congress that they decided to set up a commission to ensure the continuity of the movement. Their work included planning the framework of future congresses, such that they would always include lectures, personal testimony, large-scale opportunities for worship, and a Eucharistic procession.

The 1928 Sydney congress

The congress opened with the consecration of the newly completed St Mary's Cathedral and included the largest religious spectacle seen in Australia at that time: the Blessed Sacrament borne by ship from Manly Cove to Circular Quay, while five biplanes flew overhead in the shape of the Southern Cross and a crowd of people in boats across the harbour joined in passionately singing 'O Sacrament Most Holy'.

The Blessed Sacrament was then processed through the streets of Sydney, with both the secular and Catholic press estimating the crowds for the event at over 500,000 people.

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