

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
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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
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7pm every Friday during Lent

at Sacred Heart Church,
Warragamba
&
Holy Family Church, Luddenham



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and Tomorrow**

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Br Barry Donaghue
Saturday 21 March,
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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.

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Recently Deceased:

Lee Cassacelli,
Maureen Crosswell,
Lenko Satara

Please Remember:

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,
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POPE LEO'S LENTEN MESSAGE

Ahead of the start of Lent, Pope Leo XIV invites Catholics to open ourselves to listening, fasting, and community, urging us to abstain from words of hatred in order to make space for words of hope and peace.

“I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor.”

As Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, the Pope said this liturgical season offers Christians an opportunity to place the mystery of God back at the center of our lives.

Every journey of conversion, he said, begins by letting God’s word touch our hearts, so that we may renew our commitment to follow Christ in the mystery of His saving passion, death, and resurrection.

Pope Leo focused on the importance of listening to God and to those around us, allowing ourselves to enter into authentic relationships.

“In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society,” he said, “Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering.”

Christians, said the Pope, can cultivate inner openness to listening, as God does, by growing in awareness that the poor challenge our lives and economic systems, as well as the Church.

Pope Leo XIV then turned to how fasting helps open us to the deep desire for justice, which he said frees us from complacency.

“Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we ‘hunger’ for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance,” he said. “Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our ‘appetites,’ keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive”.

Fasting, he added, teaches us to govern our desire by purifying, freeing, and expanding it, in order to direct our desire toward God and good deeds.

However, we must fast in faith, humility, and communion with the Lord, and not in a way that leads to pride, said the Pope, adding that other forms of self-denial also lead to a more sober lifestyle.

Pope Leo then pointed to an under-appreciated form of abstinence, which is refraining from hurtful words.

“Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves,” he said. “Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities.”

If we do so, we will let words of hatred “give way to words of hope and peace.”

Pope Leo went on to emphasize the communal aspect of listening and fasting, which can be lived out in our parishes, families, and religious communities.

By listening to the cry of the poor and setting our hearts on a path of conversion to Christ, we train our conscience and improve the quality of our lives and relationships, he said.

“It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires—both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity’s thirst for justice and reconciliation.”

“Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language,” he said, “so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others.”

From Vatican News

MASS ROSTER	21/22 FEBRUARY			28 FEBRUARY / 1 MARCH		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Paul Domenic	Tony Vella	Michael Tolentino	Paul Domenic	Tony Vella
Junior Servers	Giulio Avati Gerome Avati		James Sciberras Jack Scriven	Giulio Avati Gerome Avati		James Sciberras Jack Scriven
Ministers of the Word	Br Joe Santina	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Leia Br Barry	Br Joe Santina	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Leia Br Barry
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony
Church Cleaning	23-27 FEBRUARY: Maria & Frank			23-27 FEBRUARY: Maria & Frank		
Flowers	23-27 FEBRUARY: Lent			23-27 FEBRUARY: Lent		

First reading**Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence,
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin **R.**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Second reading**Romans 5:12-19**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given.

There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel**Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.