

SACRED HEART PARISH

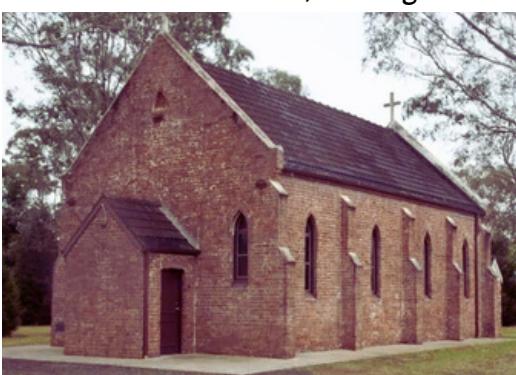
LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA



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
Admin Assistant:	Colleen Nicholas
Sacramental Coordinator:	Janet Borg

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

Contact the Parish Office

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGE

Ms Donna McFadzean

Ms Belinda Geelan

02 4773 7100

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal

Assistant Principal

Contact Number



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parent Meeting

Thursday 12 February,
9.15am or 7.00pm

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

18 February

9am Sacred Heart Church,
Warragamba

7pm Holy Family Church,
Luddenham

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember:

Paula Vella (7th ann),
Ignatius Bartolo (3rd ann),
Michael Camenzuli,
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.

PARISH BARGAIN CENTRE

Our Parish Bargain Centre is located on Weir Road, Warragamba, next to Sacred Heart Church. We sell pre-loved clothes, household items and bric-a-brac.

The shop is opened on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Come and grab a bargain, or drop in for a cuppa and chat.

Pastoral Letter from Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen

6 February 2026

Dear friends in Christ,

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. For this reason, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Year in honour of the Poverello ("little poor man" as he was affectionately known), offering a plenary indulgence to foster spiritual renewal, peace, and reconciliation. This Franciscan Jubilee invites the faithful to imitate St Francis's evangelical virtues of poverty, humility, compassion and service to the poor. The Pope encourages us to be bridge builders in the time that is "marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear". (...)

The Pope also emphasised that peace with God, peace among humans, and peace with creation are "inseparable dimensions". (...)

As a Franciscan bishop, I am deeply committed to the legacy of St Francis. I encourage you all to take advantage of the Franciscan Jubilee Year with a view to revitalising the Gospel life and witness we are called to give, personally and collectively. Until January 10th, 2027, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions - sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope - by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventional church or place of worship dedicated to St Francis anywhere in the world. Here are the following places in our Diocese:

- The Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton
- St Bernadette's Church, Dundas Valley
- Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kellyville
- Franciscan Shrine of Holy Innocents, Kellyville
- Poor Clares Monastery, North Richmond
- Our Lady of Consolation Chapel, Rooty Hill

What Can We Know About God?

Saturday 21 February,
9.30am-12.30pm

Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre

02 4773 5555 info@winbourne.org

We can know nothing of God except what God chooses to reveal. The first revelation was the creation itself - the “Flaring Forth” - in which the universe came into being. When this cosmic revelation is joined with what God discloses in the life of Jesus - explored in the next presentation - we already have more than enough to illuminate and transform our approach to life.

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.

Catholic Healthcare formation and support Mass: 22 February

The Diocese's Catholic Healthcare ministry, in collaboration with the Hawkesbury Deanery, is organising a monthly formation and support Mass for those in the healthcare ministry of the Church on Sunday 22 February at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, at 5:30pm. There will be an afternoon tea before the Mass from 4pm for those who wish to attend for networking and support purposes. For further information, please contact Deacon Michael Tan on Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org.

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/

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. 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. To learn more, visit [Be The Witness – The Musical](http://BeTheWitness.com.au) or email info@bethewitness.com.au.

Audition Dates:

Monday 16th February –

6:30pm-8:30pm

OR

Monday 23rd February –

6:30pm-8:30pm

To register and book your time, please scan the QR code and fill in your details.



MASS ROSTER		7/8 FEBRUARY			14/15 FEBRUARY		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	
Minister of the Altar		Paul Domenic	Colleen Nicholas	Carmel Fenton	Paul Grace	David Egan	
Junior Servers	Jonathan Formosa James Formosa		James Sciberras Jack Scriven	Isaac Buttigieg Charlotte		Marko Tomi	
Ministers of the Word	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Benedetta Terry	Br Jeff Regan Mel Elmer	Youth Readers	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	
Data Projector		Margaret Buttigieg	James Cutajar	Youth	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino	
Church Cleaning	9-13 FEBRUARY: Karen & John			16-20 FEBRUARY: Melinda & Vanessa			
Flowers	9-13 FEBRUARY: Donna			16-20 FEBRUARY: Melinda & Vanessa			

First reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

R: *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. R.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. R.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. R.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world.

As His disciples, we too are called to be "the light of the world," He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4-4, 9; 8:12; 9:5).

All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24).

Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations toward the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isaiah 2:2; 60:1-3).

And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel's mission.

By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God's life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week's Psalm.

This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket.

We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved.

There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbours and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel. So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives "Christ, and him crucified."

Dr Scott Hahn