

# 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-Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm

### Contact Us

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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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

### Spanish Mass

7.30pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

### Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday 9.00am - *No Mass this week.*  
Thursday 7.00am - *No Mass this week.*  
Friday 9.30am - *No Mass this week.*  
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 8.30am)  
Saturday 9.00am - *No Mass this week.*  
(3<sup>rd</sup> 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
Contact Number	02 4773 7100



### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased:

Charles Spiteri

#### Please Remember:

Salvatore Lia, Theresa Lia, Mario Lia, Elizabeth Lia, Angelo Lia, Mary Lia, Horace Azzopardi, Carmen Azzopardi, Grace Tedesco, Gillian Attard, Giovanna Attard, Charles Attard, Mark Lia.

#### 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.

### TAP'N'GO MACHINES FOR CARD DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to our parish using a credit or debit card, we have Tap'n'Go machines at Luddenham and Warragamba Churches.

### Are you able to help with our Children's Liturgy?

We have Children's Liturgy at our Vigil Mass on the first and third Saturday of each month, and our 9.30 Mass on the first and third Sunday of each month. We need a few more facilitators and helpers. Please contact our parish office if you would like to help or you would like to know more about it.

### Fr Shinto's Holidays

We will not be having our weekday Masses from **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. Weekday Masses will resume on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Weekend Masses will be as normal.

### A Huge Thank You

Special Thanks to all the ministers and volunteers who helped in many ways throughout this Lent season and Holy Week. We are grateful to the ministers at the altar, lectors, junior servers, Choirs, data projectors, those who set up Easter fire, florists, cleaners, liturgy team, those who set up our churches both at Luddenham and Warragamba, and the office team.

Thanks to the Christian Brothers, and Sisters of Schoenstatt who helped us to pray the Stations of the Cross. We are grateful to those who donated palms and olive branches to decorate our churches on Palm Sunday, those who received the Holy Oils at the Chrism Mass, participated at the foot washing ceremony on Holy Thursday, and to the RCIA team. Thank you to Holy Family School for setting up our Stations of the Cross outside.



### "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed"

In today's Gospel, Thomas says that he will not believe in the Lord's Resurrection unless he puts his finger in Jesus' nailmarks and his hand in Jesus' side. Thomas is a saint especially suitable for our time. Modernity has been marked by two great qualities: scepticism and empiricism, the very qualities we can discern in Thomas.

And when the risen Jesus reappears, he invites the doubter to look, see, and touch. But then that devastating line: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

If we stubbornly said—even in the area of science—that we will accept only what we can clearly see and touch and control, we wouldn't know much about reality. This helps us to better understand Jesus' words to Thomas. It is not that we who have not seen and have believed are settling for a poor substitute for vision. No; we are being described as blessed, more blessed than Thomas. God is doing all sorts of things that we cannot see, measure, control, fully understand. But it is an informed faith that allows one to fall in love with such a God.

*Bishop Robert Barron*

**Project Compassion**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Project Compassion.

*If you have a Project Compassion Box, please remember to return it as soon as possible.*

**Labyrinth Prayer Day for Peace  
Wednesday April 15th**

**10am-3pm**

Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre (Winbourne)  
1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa

02 4773 5555 info@winbourne.org

**Facilitated by Br Barry Donaghue cfc, D.Min.**

*Please contact the centre to indicate attendance.*

There are more than 40 wars raging throughout the world today, so it is fitting that there be space and time available to reflect on peace and how to achieve and extend it in our own ambience. Labyrinths are tools for reflective practice, so this day will provide opportunity to learn how to take advantage of this possible way into reflection/prayer. There will also be input on finding peace within our own selves, for without that, no peace is possible.

**Book by Fr Zvonimir Gavranovic**

Father Zvonimir’s new book about the history of Croatia is available to purchase. Please find order forms in the foyer, or speak to Father Zvonimir on 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**“Mozart Masquerade” Concert**

Experience some of the most beautiful, dramatic and hilarious moments of disguise and deception in this lively musical selection from Mozart’s famous operas. Join us for a classy night at the opera! **On 18 April at 7-9pm, Campion College, “Great Hall”.** Tickets \$35

<https://www.trybooking.com/DKMQU>

Complimentary drink and mask on entry. Come a little early and sip champagne while you peruse the beautiful Sacred Art Exhibition (open from 5-9pm – free entry).

**Free Weekly Legal Clinic at Catholic Care, Emerton**

Every Thursday from 11 am at Catholic Care (11 Emert Parade, Emerton) you can visit for FREE legal advice on matters including: Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates and Traffic Offences. Walk-ins are welcome, to make a booking call 8843 2500.

**Enrolling now for 2027**

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Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese has 80 welcoming schools delivering excellence in education for today’s students. Our caring teachers get to know every student to understand their needs, interests and abilities. We teach children to become responsible, caring and productive young people. Visit [parra.catholic.edu.au](http://parra.catholic.edu.au) to find a school near you.

**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 be held in the lower Blue Mountains on Wednesday mornings. To find out when the next program starts, contact Catholic Care on (02) 8843 2500 or Survivor Voice Australia on 0422 876 700.

MASS ROSTER	11/12 APRIL			18/19 APRIL		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Carmel Fenton	Paul Grace	Carmel Fenton	Michael Tolentino	Paul Domenic	Fiona Clarke
Junior Servers	Isaac Charlotte	Giulio Gerome	Marko Tomi	Giulio Gerome		James Sciberras Jack Scriven
Ministers of the Word	Br Joe Santina	Benedetta Terry	Br Michael Rose	Angela Georgia	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Br Jeff Mel
Data Projector	Janet Borg	Margaret	James Cutajar	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino
Church Cleaning	13-17 APRIL: Alice & Angela			20-24 APRIL: Sammut Family		
Flowers	13-17 APRIL: Bernadette & Colleen			20-24 APRIL: Donna		

**First Reading****Acts 2:42-47**

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end."

Let the sons of Aaron say: "His love has no end."

Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love has no end." **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling,  
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my Saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord:

we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

**Second Reading****1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour.

You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**Gospel****John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.