

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
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Sacramental Coordinator: Janet Borg

Parish office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 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 - *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.*
(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
Contact Number: 02 4773 7100



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Charles Spiteri

Please Remember:

Charlie Borg (6th ann)

Rosina Franze

Sick:

Joe Vella, Frank Bewley, Rosemary Penza, Peter Apap, John Vukovic, Manuela Santos, Oliver Franklin, Lyall Elliott, Julie Curry, Matthew Khairy, Lynne Clarke.

WEEKDAY MASSES

We will not be having our weekday Masses this week and next week. Weekday Masses will resume on Saturday 2nd May. Weekend Masses will be as normal.

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 third Sunday of each month.

Please contact the parish office if you are able to help with Children's Liturgy at either the Vigil Mass at Luddenham or the 9.30am Mass at Warragamba.

Parish Bargain Centre

Our Bargain Centre sells pre-loved clothing and homewares. The shop is located on Weir Road, next to Sacred Heart Church. Come and grab a bargain, or call in for a cuppa and chat. The shop is open from 9am to 3pm on Tuesday & Thursday and from 9am to 12pm on Saturday.

The Bargain Centre will be closed on Saturday 25th April (Anzac Day)



Mass for Feast of St George Preca
2pm, Sunday 17th May
Holy Family Church, Luddenham
Followed with afternoon tea
Everyone is invited.



The ultimate means by which we understand Jesus Christ is not the Scriptures but the Eucharist, for the Eucharist is Christ himself, personally and actively present.

In today's Gospel, Jesus joins two disciples on the road to Emmaus, but they do not recognize him. In the course of their conversation, he opens the Scriptures to them, disclosing the great biblical patterns that make sense of the "things" they have witnessed. The interpretive key is none other than his own suffering and death, his willingness to go to the limits of godforsakenness in order to save those who had wandered from the divine love.

And through this process they begin to understand the Bible in its totality, and their hearts burn within them. The two disciples press him to stay with them as they draw near the town of Emmaus. Jesus sits down with them, takes bread, says the blessing, breaks it, and gives it to them—and in that moment they recognize him.

The ultimate means by which we understand Jesus Christ is not the Scriptures but the Eucharist, for the Eucharist is Christ himself, personally and actively present. The embodiment of the Paschal Mystery, the Eucharist is Jesus' love for the world unto death, his journey into godforsakenness in order to save the most desperate of sinners, his heart broken open in compassion.

Bishop Robert Barron

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 19th April.

Holy Land Donations

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Holy Land Appeal on Good Friday. Our parish raised \$591.

Rosary Workshops in May

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The evening will be held on the following days: Tuesday 5th May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7pm. Wednesday 20th May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7pm Cost: \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops or ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

A conversation with the Sisters of Saint Joseph on Homelessness 23 April

In partnership with the Sisters of Saint Joseph, join us for an hour-long conversation on zoom at 5.00pm on Thursday 23 April to raise some possible responses to the urging of the 2025 Bishops' Statement: Signs of Hope on the Edge. If you would like to participate in this conversation, please register by Wednesday 20 April: <https://parracatholic.org/events/online-conversation-homelessness/>

Billings Ovulation Method®

Short Course: 15 and 16 May

Are you a Doctor or other Health Professional interested in the science underpinning the Billings Ovulation Method®? This short course will give participants sufficient knowledge to give women an overview of this method of natural fertility regulation. CALL: 1800 335 860 for further information EMAIL to: jennykelly@thebillingsovulationmethod.org

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.

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.

MASS ROSTER	18/19 APRIL			25/26 APRIL		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Paul Domenic	Fiona Clarke	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Grace	David Egan
Junior Servers	Giulio Gerome		James Sciberras Jack Scriven	Angela Giuseppina		Marko Tomi
Ministers of the Word	Angela Georgia	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Br Jeff Mel	Alicja Silvia	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Theresa Lia John Cutajar
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony
Church Cleaning	20-24 APRIL: Sammut Family			27 APRIL - 1 MAY: Moira & Grace		
Flowers	20-24 APRIL: Donna			27 APRIL - 1 MAY: Sylvia & Lorraine		

First Reading**Acts 2:14-22-33**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

Second Reading**1 Peter 1:17-21**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was

made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 24:13-35**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.