

SACRED HEART PARISH

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA



Holy Family Church, Luddenham



Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba



St Mary's Church, Mulgoa



St Francis Xavier Church, Greendale



Wishing You All a Very Happy, Blessed and Safe Easter. May the Risen Lord Bring You Peace and Joy.

Parish Team

Parish Priest:	Fr Shinto Francis
Deacon:	Deacon Charles Abela
Parish Secretary:	Bernadette Morton
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Parish office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Jessie Zammit

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.

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.

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.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION

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

Wish you all the Blessings on the Solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ constitutes the central and most decisive tenet of the Christian faith. Throughout history, there have been various attempts to diminish its significance, often with the intention of rendering Christianity more accessible or palatable to a broader audience. Yet, as the Apostle Paul affirms, if Christ has not been raised, then the entire foundation of Christianity collapses, leaving it unworthy of adherence or personal sacrifice. As St. Paul solemnly declares, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins."

It must be acknowledged, however, that to genuinely affirm the Resurrection is to embrace a profoundly demanding truth. For if Christ is indeed risen, then He becomes the definitive axis upon which all reality turns. Such a conviction leaves no room for partial commitment; it compels one to recognise Him as the absolute centre of one's life.

If Christ is truly risen, then the world as we perceive it does not constitute the entirety of reality. The life we inhabit on earth is not the sum total of existence, nor does death mark the conclusion of our story. Rather, both life and death serve as a preparation for what lies beyond. Death, therefore, is but a passage, not an end. As proclaimed in the Christian funeral Mass, "Indeed, for your faithful, O Lord, life is changed, not ended." In light of this truth, let us live in Christian hope, steadfast in our hope in the resurrection of the body and the promise of life everlasting.
Fr Shinto

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.



Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Celebrations
6 April

You are invited to celebrate with us the 75 years of the arrival of the first Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary to Australia AND 60 years of the Schoenstatt Movement in Australia. Join us on Easter Monday, 6th April 2026 from 1:30pm – 5:30pm at Mount Schoenstatt – 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Parallel children’s program will also be available.
RSVP Shirley Hall 0417 153 930
movtooffice@schoenstatt.org.au

Girls’ Day Out at the Shrine in the School Holidays: 8-9 April

Throughout the year, Schoenstatt hosts regular camps and retreats for girls and young women. These days are designed not only for fun, but also for meaningful reflection, prayer, and community. There are three options below hosted from 9:30am – 4:30pm at Mount Schoenstatt (230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, 2745).

Option 1: Wednesday 8th April (Ages 14-17 years) \$22

Option 2: Thursday 9th April (Ages 10-13 years) \$22

Option 3: Leaders can stay overnight 8-9th April (15+ years) \$55
Limited space so please register before 06/04/2026.

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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.

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.

Sistine Chapel Revelations – An Immersive Exhibition:
16 May to 19 July

Experience the Sistine Chapel: Revelations immersive exhibition at St Mary’s Cathedral forecourt, Sydney (16 May–19 July 2026). Discover breathtaking digital recreations, sacred art, and the story of salvation. Book tickets at sistinechapelsydney.com.au.

MASS ROSTER	4/5 APRIL (Easter Sunday)			11/12 APRIL		
	Vigil	8.00am	10.00am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Domenic	David Egan	Fiona Clarke	Carmel Fenton	Paul Grace	Fiona Clarke
Junior Servers				Isaac Charlotte	Giulio Gerome	Marko Tomi
Ministers of the Word	Special	Br Michael		Br Joe Santina	Benedetta Terry	Br Michael Rose
Data Projector	Janet Borg			Janet Borg	Margaret	James Cutajar
Church Cleaning	13-17 APRIL: Alice & Angela			20-24 APRIL: Sammut Family		
Flowers	13-17 APRIL: Bernadette & Colleen			13-17 APRIL: Donna		

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the country-side of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen before-hand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

*R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

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

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely
ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into
Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

