

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
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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

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:

Tony Vella,
Martin Apap

Please Remember:

Joseph Micallef (9th ann),
Mary Howe, 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:

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

**SAVE THE DATE
FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART
CELEBRATION
Sunday 14 June
Sacred Heart Church,
Warragamba**

Please join us for Mass at 9.30am
and afterwards for a sausage
sizzle and entertainment.



Our Parish Knitting Group will be hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

**9.30am, Monday 25 May
Holy Family School Hall**

Everyone is welcome. There will be a prize for the most unusual apron. Please bring a plate to share if you wish.

Rosary Making Workshop at Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Come along for a fun afternoon of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese.

Saturday 13th June at 3pm

Holy Family Church Luddenham

Cost: \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials).

Tea and Coffee will be provided.

To register and for more information contact

ofw@parracatholic.org

or 0460 037 795

Children's Liturgy Facilitator's Meeting

Friday 22nd May

Holy Family Church

For existing facilitators and anyone who would like to learn more about this ministry and the different ways they can be part of it.

Gospel Reflection

Following the account of Jesus' Ascension in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples are described as gazing intently into the sky. Perhaps they were wrestling with a profound question: "Where shall we find our beloved Lord again?" In their uncertainty, they may have thought that looking toward the place where He disappeared was their best hope. So absorbed were they in this moment that the angels had to rouse them from their stillness and redirect their attention.

The message of the angels points to a deeper truth: Christ is not found by remaining fixed upon the heavens in passive longing. Rather, the disciples are called to lower their gaze and look around. They should recognise Him in the sacraments He established for them to nourish them until He returns. They should also encounter Christ in the people of God treating others with the same love and reverence which they would offer to Christ Himself.

Jesus established the sacraments as definite moments for us to acknowledge God's presence and worship Him. Out of all the sacraments, in the Most Holy Eucharist, God becomes present under the semblance of bread and wine. If you want to be certain that you are in the presence of God and that your prayers are being heard, approach the Holy Eucharist with reverence and faith. This same reality of God's definite presence is repeated in every sacrament. The sacraments, therefore, are the definite places where God has promised to be present. His presence is real because He has promised it to be so.

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Bishop's Good Works Appeal

Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.



Positions Vacant

Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary
 Parish Secretary – St Monica's Church, Richmond
Learn more at parracatholic.org/jobs

**Being Pentecost People
 Presentation by Br Barry Donaghue**

9.30am-12.30pm, Saturday 23 May
 Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre
 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa

The feast of Pentecost, when the Church began, is coming up, and the present-day Church needs us to be Pentecost people if it is to grow the way Jesus intended. So, what does it mean to be a Pentecost person?

MASS ROSTER	16/17 MAY			23/24 MAY		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Paul Domenic	Fiona Clarke	Colleen Nicholas	Paul Grace	Carmel Fenton
Junior Servers	Julianna Santina	Giulio Gerome	James Sciberras Jack Scriven	Michael Vella Joseph Vella		Marko Tomi
Ministers of the Word	Janet Borg Dina Burrell	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Br Michael Rose	Br Joe Santina	Terry Debono	Br Jeff Mel
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Crystal Avati	Ethan Tolentino	Schoenstatt Choir	Margaret	Karen/Tony
Church Cleaning	18-22 MAY: Maria & Frank			25-29 MAY: Alice & Angela		
Flowers	18-22 MAY: Bernadette & Colleen			25-29 MAY: Donna		

First Reading**Acts 1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

**R. God mounts his throne with shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second Reading**Ephesians 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body,

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my Gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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Sacraments are the ultimate place to find God, but do not stop there. Because there are people in whom God must be found. Or, we ourselves can become one of those people who present God's face to others.

So let us keep watch for the quiet presence of God among us. And more than that, let us become His presence for others - a kindness in their sorrow, a glimpse of grace in a weary world.

Let us worship God not only with bowed heads and whispered prayers, but with lives that become living prayers themselves.

Fr Shinto