

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

Please remember:

Josephine & Charles Muscat,
Michael Buttigieg, Grace Buttigieg

Sick:

Monica Muscat, Sami Bonano,
Doreen Vella, Chris Hamilton, Joe
Vella, Frank Bewley, Rosemary
Penza, John Vukovic, Manuela
Santos, Oliver Franklin, Lyall Elliott,
Julie Curry, Matthew Khairy, Lynne
Clarke.

READERS NEEDED FOR 7.30 SUNDAY MASS

We are looking for more readers
for our 7.30 Mass on Sunday. If
you are able to read at this Mass,
please contact the Parish Office.

ENROLMENT FOR SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

A meeting for parents whose
children are eligible for the
Sacrament of Eucharist (First
Holy Communion) will be held at
Holy Family Church on
Thursday 23rd July.

You can attend at either 9.15am
or 7pm.

**To be eligible, children must be
in Year 4 or above and have
received the Sacrament of
Reconciliation.**

Safeguarding training for all volunteers in our parish

All volunteers and ministry
members in our parish are invited to
complete the safeguarding training,
required by law. The Diocesan
Safeguarding team is coming to our
parish to facilitate a training day at
Holy Family church on Saturday 25th
July, from 10.30am to 2pm. This is a
convenient opportunity, and we
hope that all of us will make use of
it. **Please write your name and
contact number on the sheet
provided to register for the training.**
A light lunch will be provided.

If you are not able to attend this
session, training can be completed
online. For more information,
please visit the Diocese of
Parramatta Safeguarding website.
<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/>

Thank you for helping keep our
parish a safe and welcoming place
for all.

If you have any questions regarding
the training, please contact Colleen
at the Parish Office.



THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH KNITTING GROUP

Last week, our parish knitting group
sold their hand-made items. Thank
you to the wonderful ladies in our
knitting group for all their beautiful
work, and to everyone who
supported them. Thanks also to
those who helped organise the sale
of items. We are grateful to them
for raising \$660 for our parish.

The Word's Return

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us
to meditate on Israel's response to
God's Word—and our own. Why do
some hear the word of the kingdom,
yet fail to accept it as a call to
conversion and faith in Jesus? That
question underlies today's Gospel
especially.

Again, we see, as we did last week, that
the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded
to those who open their hearts, making
of them a rich soil in which the Word
can grow and bear fruit.

As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus,
God's Word has visited our land to
water the stony earth of our hearts with
the living waters of the Spirit (see John
7:38; Revelation 22:1).

The first fruit of the Word is the Spirit
of love and adoption poured into our
hearts in Baptism, making us children
of God, as Paul reminds us in today's
Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In
this, we are made a "new creation" (see
2 Corinthians 5:17), the first fruits of a
new heaven and a new earth (see 2
Peter 3:13).

Since the first humans rejected God's
Word, creation has been enslaved to
futility (see Genesis 3:17-19; 5:29). But
God's Word does not go forth only to
return to Him void, as we hear in
today's First Reading.

His Word awaits our response. We
must show ourselves to be children of
that Word. We must allow that Word to
accomplish God's will in our lives. As
Jesus warns today, we must take care
lest the devil steals it away or lest it be
choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives
Himself to us as bread to eat. He does
so that we might be made fertile,
yielding fruits of holiness.

And we await the crowning of the year,
the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see
Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation
1:10)—when His Word will have
achieved the end for which it was sent.

Dr Scott Hahn

**Openness to Receive the Word of God
(Catechism of the Catholic Church)**

2518 The sixth beatitude proclaims, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Pure in heart" refers to those who have attuned their intellects and wills to the demands of God's holiness, chiefly in three areas: charity, chastity or sexual rectitude; love of truth and orthodoxy of faith. There is a connection between purity of heart, of body, and of faith.

2519 The "pure in heart" are promised that they will see God face to face and be like him. Purity of heart is the precondition of the vision of God.

2563 The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully.

The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives.

It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death.

It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation:

it is the place of covenant.

30 "Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice." Although man can forget God or reject him, He never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, "an upright heart", as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God.



Twelve-Step Spirituality

Presentation by Br Barry Donaghue

Saturday 18 July, 9.30am-12.30pm

Edmund Rice Retreat & Conference Centre

1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa

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There is a need for our society to become alert and aware of our biases and to our addictions. Developed by laymen, 12 Step Spirituality is a powerful method of confronting our failings, bringing healing to both spirit and body.



MASS ROSTER	11/12 JULY			18/19 JULY		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Carmel Fenton	Grace Buda	David Egan	Colleen Nicholas	Domenic Corbo	Carmel Fenton
Junior Servers	I.B. J.V.		J.S. J.S.	J.S. J.S.		M.T T.T.
Ministers of the Word	Youth Readers	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Leia Br Barry	Angela Georgia	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras
Data Projector	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino	Deb Walters	Margaret	Theresa Lia
Church Cleaning	13-17 JULY: Sammut Family			20-24 JULY: Moira & Grace		
Flowers	13-17 JULY: Kristela			20-24 JULY: Bernadette & Colleen		

First Reading**Isaiah 55:10-11**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

Second Reading**Romans 8:18-23**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew****13:1-9**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

**St Vincent de Paul - Winter Appeal 2026
FOOD, HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES, & TOILETRIES**

Can you help Vinnies assist families in difficulties
with food and simple needs?

Our long-term food supplies and toiletries have
depleted appreciably since Christmas.

Along with Woollies money vouchers (applicable for
food, clothing & petrol) we try to give individuals and
families some emergency food and simple household
needs like soap and toothpaste so that they don't
have to use the vouchers for those personal needs
rather than fresh food supplies like
fruit, vegetables and meat.

These collection supplies etc., go only to individuals
and families in the local areas of: Warragamba,
Luddenham, Bringelly, Greendale, Silverdale,
Wallacia, Mulgoa & Glenmore Park.

Donations can be made until Sunday 19 July.

There are flyers in the foyer with a list of items needed.