

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-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:

Paul Sweeney

Please remember:

Stjepan Vitkovich (30th ann),
Darko Vlakich (3rd ann),
Joe & Assunta Ristuccia,
Josephine & Charles Muscat,
Michael Buttigieg (23rd ann), Grace
Buttigieg, Laurie Buttigieg, Frank
Buttigieg, Anthony & Theresa
Refalo, Paul Refalo.

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.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council – Call for Nominations

Our Parish Pastoral Council is a
consultative body from a diversity of
age, gender, and ministries, which
strives to listen to the voices and
needs of the entire faith community.
Under the leadership of the Parish
Priest, they work with one another
prayerfully to serve the needs of the
whole parish.

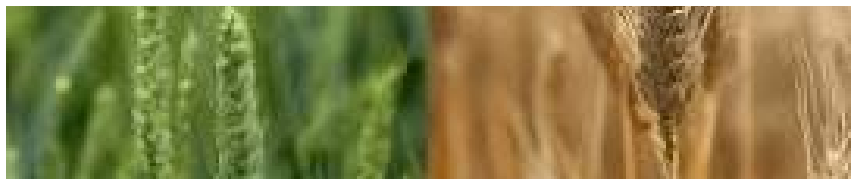
We invite parishioners to nominate
themselves or another parishioner to
serve on the Council. If you have a
desire to contribute to our parish
through prayer, discernment, and
collaboration, we encourage you to
prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Please send your nominations to
shinto.francis@parracatholic.org
or communicate in person with
Fr Shinto by 31 July.

We thank you for your prayerful
consideration and willingness to
serve our parish community.

Readers Needed for 7.30am Mass

If you are able to read at our 7.30am
Mass on Sunday, please contact the
Parish Office.



THE WHEAT AND THE DARNEL

Darnel is a strange weed. In its early stages of growth, it closely mimics the
appearance of wheat. No one can tell the difference until the plants mature and
bear fruit. Jesus uses this remarkable weed to illustrate the subtle dynamics of
temptation and sin.

In the spiritual life, sin rarely enters our hearts shouting, "Danger!" More often,
it disguises itself as something harmless, or even goodness itself. A little
resentment can appear as self-respect or courage. Gossip can be mistaken for
genuine concern for others. Busyness can look like diligence while quietly
pushing prayer out of our lives. Indulging in comforts can be justified as self-
care. These small, seemingly insignificant compromises, over time, gradually
leads us away from the path of Christ.

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Get #Active4Vocations: Spur on our City2Surf team and Holy Spirit Seminarians

This National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and our Holy Spirit Seminarians will get #Active4Vocations in City2Surf on Sunday 9 August. Please pray for vocations and support our seminarians as they take on the 14km journey from Sydney to Bondi to promote priestly vocations.

Spur them on with a donation at tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations.

If you feel called to the priesthood, visit parracatholic.org/contribute/discern-my-vocation/priesthood

Diocese of Parramatta World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Launch: 12 August

Come and discover the pilgrimage to the 17th International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea (26 July – 11 August 2027), themed “Take courage! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Join us for an inspiring evening to learn about the pilgrimage, hear testimonies from past pilgrims, explore the faith and culture of the Korean Church, and enjoy fellowship with other young people. Date: 12 August 2026 Doors open at 6:30pm. Venue: Nagle College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown Register today at parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/ We look forward to welcoming you!



Eucharistic Seminar – The Resurrection and the Eucharist: 25 July

Join Fr Matthew Dimian on Saturday 25 July from 4:00–5:30pm, at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys, for a seminar on the topic ‘The Resurrection and the Eucharist’, held as part of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition, running until 26 July.

‘Be The Witness’ Musical: 10-13 September

Arrives at Riverside Theatres Parramatta, 10–13 September. Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish, with a full cast and chorus now in place and rehearsals beginning this weekend, excitement is building.

Book now at bethewitness.com.au

MASS ROSTER	18/19 JULY			25/26 JULY		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Colleen Nicholas	Domenic Corbo	Carmel Fenton	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella
Junior Servers	J.S. J.S.		M.T. T.T.	C.D. S.S.		J.S. J.S.
Ministers of the Word	Angela Georgia	Moira Bryan Mary Powell	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras	Alicja Abela Silvia Genovese	Mackenzie Terry	Br Michael Rose
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Margaret	Theresa Lia	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony
Church Cleaning	20-24 JULY: Moira & Grace			28-31 JULY: Karen & John		
Flowers	20-24 JULY: Bernadette & Colleen			28-31 JULY: Donna		

First Reading**Wisdom 12:13. 16-19**

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm***R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.***

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

Second Reading**Romans 8:26-27**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 13:24-43**

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said,

"Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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The enemy does not always tempt us with obvious evil; he prefers subtle imitations of the good. As C. S. Lewis wrote in *The Screwtape Letters*: "Indeed the safest road to sin is the gradual one, the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts."

That is why the Church encourages daily prayer, a regular examination of conscience, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These help us recognise the "darnel" before it matures.

Perhaps the most frequent question in the spiritual life is not simply, "Is my choice right or wrong?" but rather, "How are my choices shaping my soul?"

Fr Shinto