

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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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

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Sime Skara.

Please remember:

Beverley Rogan (22nd ann),
George Ciappara (24th ann),
Michael Lenihan (5th ann),
Joseph Ciappara (1st ann),
Agatha Said,
Milan Padjen (15th ann),
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.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
Saturday 15th August is the
Solemnity of the Assumption.
Mass will be at 9am at Holy Family
Church, Luddenham.

THANKYOU to our very generous
parishioners who have volunteered
to help keep our garden tidy.



Youth Connect Encounter Night - 24th July

A group of six volunteers from the Youth Mission Team (YMT) Sydney hosted thirty Youth Connect participants at our Luddenham-Warragamba Parish last Friday. Throughout the evening, each YMT member reached out to the young people, building relationships and ensuring that everyone felt welcomed, valued, and loved. Following an icebreaker game, a charade activity involving three Youth Connect volunteers highlighted the importance of going back to the source. This introduced the theme of the night: knowing God. The evening then continued with a drama titled 7 Years, which explored the passage of time and the impact of life choices. It encouraged participants to reflect on their values, relationships, faith, and the importance of centering their lives on Christ. Youth participants were then invited to respond by writing prayers on paper and offering them to Jesus. We thank all those who contributed to making this event possible and for inviting others to join in this faith-filled experience.

THANK YOU FROM VINNIES

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Your generosity will help many families in need.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in today's First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of Baptism (see John 4:14). The hungry delight in rich fare—given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table.

This is the point, too, of today's Gospel. The story of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 brims with allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David-like shepherd who leads His flock to lie down on green grass as He spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them (see Psalm 23). Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise feeds vast crowds in a deserted place. Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did—satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over (see 2 Kings 4:42–44).

Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the 5,000 as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper—He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it (see Matthew 26:26).

Jesus instructed His Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him. And the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account.

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TRUST IN GOD

St. Ignatius of Loyola famously advised: “Act as if everything depended on you, but trust as if everything depended on God.”

In the gospel of Matthew 14, the disciples of Jesus lived this truth in a nerve-racking way. Jesus looked at a crowd of over five thousand hungry people, held up just five loaves and two fish, and gave a startling command: “Tell them to sit down.”

Imagine the pit in their stomachs, to tell an exhausted, starving crowd of five thousand men, women and children to sit and prepare to eat. If no food appeared, they faced public humiliation and an angry mob. To obey Jesus meant humiliation.

Yet, the disciples told the crowd to sit, and it was their profound act of trust. They didn't have the answers or the resources, but they offered their sincere effort and trusted Jesus with the rest.

While following Christ, we might face similar circumstances. We may not have all the answers, except the mere conviction that we are following God's plan. Though we may not have all the answers we simply need to take the next step in faith, offering what little we have and trusting God to do the impossible. Let us remember that everything depends on us and God.

Fr Shinto

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!



This year's Men's Camino is in the city region, visiting some of Sydney's most historic churches. The entire walk from start to finish includes 7 churches.

From stories to solidarity – A table talk on Homelessness 9 August

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, connection and community as we explore how relationships can inspire meaningful action on housing insecurity and homelessness. What is the call to us as members of the Diocese of Parramatta? What strategies can we put in place?

What to Expect: Light refreshments, Table conversations in mixed groups, Practical action we can take together. All are welcome! Please register at <https://parracatholic.org/events/pje-table-talk-homelessness/>

MASS ROSTER	1/2 AUGUST			8/9 AUGUST		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Carmel Fenton	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke	Colleen Nicholas	Domenic Corbo	David Egan
Junior Servers	J.F J.F		M.T. T.T.	G.A. G.A.		J.S J.S.
Ministers of the Word	Youth Readers	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Br Jeff Regan Mel Elmer	Elaine Luppino Liz Murko	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Theresa Lia John Cutajar
Data Projector	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	James Cutajar	Janet Borg	Margaret	Ethan
Church Cleaning	3-7 AUGUST: Melinda & Vanessa			10-14 AUGUST: Maria & Frank		
Flowers	3-7 AUGUST: Melinda & Vanessa			10-14 AUGUST: Donna		

First Reading**Isaiah 55:1-3**

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost,
wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not
bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to
eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will
live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *R.*

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. *R.*

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. *R.*

Second Reading**Romans 8:35-37-39**

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him who
loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us and the
love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that
comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 14:13-21**

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where
they could be by themselves. But the people heard of
this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So
as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he
took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and
said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped
by; so send the people away, and they can go to the
villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied,
'There is no need for them to go: give them
something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All
we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring
them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the
people were to sit down on the grass; then he took
the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to
heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the
loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to
the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and
they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets
full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand
men, to say nothing of women and children.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the
Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves."

Indeed, the Apostles themselves distribute the bread
blessed by Jesus (see Matthew 15:36).

And the leftovers are enough to fill precisely 12 baskets
—corresponding to each of the Apostles, the pillars of
the Church (see Galatians 2:9; Revelation 21:14).

In the Church, as we sing in today's Psalm, God gives us
food in due season, opens His hands and satisfies the
desires of every living thing. Now, as Paul reminds us in
today's Epistle, nothing can separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus.

DrScott Hahn