

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

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Zarko (Jack) Marincic, Boris Satara.

Please remember:

Isobel Sproule (14th ann),
Andrew Sproule (7th ann),
Lorraine Agius,
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.

Readers Needed for 7.30am Mass

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

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..

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.



Help us Tidy Our Church Garden.

The front garden at Luddenham needs a little loving care, including some weeding and mulching. We are so grateful to the wonderful family who currently looks after it!

However, with just a few extra helping hands once a month, we can keep our garden looking beautiful and welcoming.

If you can spare an hour or two occasionally to do some basic gardening, please speak to Fr Shinto after Mass or reach out to the parish office. Every bit of help makes a difference.

This week, children in our parish will begin preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

GOSPEL REFLECTION - THE KINGDOM WITHIN YOU

When someone asks, "What is light?", we almost never answer with a scientific definition of what light actually is composed of. We answer with how we experience it in our everyday lives: a sunny day, a rainbow, moonlight, reflections, prisms, flashes, lightning, and so on. We explain the nature of light through its expressions. From this mental picture of its familiar forms, we piece together an idea of what light actually is. But if you ask a scientist what light is, they'll tell you it's electromagnetic radiation or quanta of energy—which isn't very helpful for the average person.

For the last three Sundays, Jesus has been explaining the many characteristics of the Kingdom of God through a series of parables. We started with the parable of the sower; last week we heard the parables of the weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast; and this week we hear about the treasure in the field, the fine pearl, and the dragnet cast into the sea. At the end of all these, he asks the disciples, 'Have you understood?'

Origen, one of the early church fathers, observed that the Kingdom of God is
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The new lighting on Holy Family Church

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!

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/>

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

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personified in Christ Himself (autobasileia). Jesus was not inviting the disciples to master the Kingdom as a profound abstract idea, but to experience it by living in Him. The values taught in these parables are, in fact, the very character of Christ: the receptivity of the good soil, the patient endurance of the wheat against the dandel, the exponential growth of the mustard seed, the quiet transformation of the leaven, and the overwhelming joy of finding the hidden treasure and fine pearl. All of these describe the transformation of a person who walks with Jesus. If we wish to belong to this Kingdom, we need to know the King in person, by spending time with Him in prayer, and attentively obeying His word in our daily lives. Therefore, the Kingdom is not merely a place or a system; it is present in the person of Jesus Christ, and to experience the Kingdom live in conformity with His will.

Fr Shinto

MASS ROSTER	25/26 JULY			1/2 AUGUST		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Tony Vella	Carmel Fenton	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke
Junior Servers	C.D. S.S.		J.S. J.S.	J.F J.F		M.T. T.T.
Ministers of the Word	Alicja Abela Silvia Genovese	Mackenzie Terry	Br Michael Rose	Youth Readers	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Br Jeff Mel
Data Projector	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	James Cutajar
Church Cleaning	28-31 JULY: Karen & John			3-7 AUGUST: Melinda & Vanessa		
Flowers	28-31 JULY: Donna			3-7 AUGUST: Melinda & Vanessa		

First Reading**1 Kings 3:5. 7-12**

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm***R. Lord, I love your commands.***

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field."

Second Reading**Romans 8:28-30**

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52**

Jesus said to the crowds,

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?'

They said, 'Yes.'

And he said to them,

'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'