

# 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month - Holy Family Church, Luddenham

### Spanish Mass

7.30pm, 4<sup>th</sup> 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

(3<sup>rd</sup> 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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### Extract from Homily on the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin by St John Damascene.

"The assembly of Apostles carried you, the Lord God's true Ark, as once the priests carried the symbolic ark, on their shoulders. They laid you in the tomb, through which, as if through the Jordan, they will conduct you to the promised land, that is to say, the Jerusalem above, mother of all the faithful, whose architect and builder is God. Your soul did not descend to Hades, neither did your flesh see corruption. Your virginal and uncontaminated body was not abandoned in the earth, but you are transferred into the royal dwelling of Heaven, you, the Queen, the sovereign, the Lady, God's Mother, the true God-bearer.

"O holy tomb, awesome, venerable, and adorable! Even now the Angels continue to venerate you, standing by with great respect and fear, while the devils shrink in horror. With faith, men make haste to render you honour, to adore you, to salute you with their eyes, with their lips, and with the affection of their souls, in order to obtain an abundance of blessings.

"A precious ointment, when it is poured out upon the garments or in any place and then taken away, leaves traces of its fragrance even after evaporating. In the same way your body, holy and perfect, impregnated with Divine perfume and abundant spring of grace, this body which had been laid in the tomb, when it was taken out and transferred to a better and more elevated place, did not leave the tomb bereft of honor but left behind a Divine fragrance and grace, making it a wellspring of healing and a source of every blessing for those who approach it with faith."

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased:

Emanuel Camilleri

#### Please remember:

Charlotte Vella (14<sup>th</sup> ann),  
Maurice Genovese 21<sup>st</sup> ann),  
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, Tony Lia.

#### 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.



### THANK YOU FROM OUR VINNIES VOLUNTEERS

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

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR

#### Youth Mass

5.30pm, 1st Saturday of each month

#### Children's Liturgy

5.30 pm, 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month

9.30am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

#### Morning Tea

After 9.30am Mass, 1st Sunday of each month



**Children at Holy Family School made paper flowers for Mary's Garden to commemorate the Feast of the Assumption.**

### FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

|           |                                          |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|
| 15 August | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary    |
| 20 August | St Bernard, abbot, doctor                |
| 21 August | St Pius X, Pope                          |
| 22 August | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary |





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Friday 21st  
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Holy Family Church  
Luddenham

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CAMINO of  
ST JOSEPH**

AN OVERNIGHT WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH

**21 - 22 AUGUST**

**JOIN US FOR 2026**

FOR MORE INFO: [SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/MAXIMUS](https://sydneycatholic.org/maximus)

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.

**Married Couples' Retreat**  
**Reflect, Renew & Reconnect: 5 September**

Married couples are invited to a special retreat day, Reflect, Renew & Reconnect, on Saturday 5 September 2026 at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion Street, Blacktown. The day runs from 8:30am–4:30pm and includes Mass with Bishop Vincent, light refreshments, and lunch. Couples will explore topics including Expressions of Love, Living Your Vocation of Marriage, 7 Principles of Making Marriage Work, Creating a Marriage First Aid Kit, and a Couple Prayer and Commitment Ceremony. Cost is \$45 per couple. Places are strictly limited. Bookings are essential. Register now at [parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/](https://parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/).

**Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Centenary Jubilee Celebrations at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa**

Come join us as we give thanks for the past 100 years and entrust the future to the loving care of the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt.

Date: Sunday 13th September

Time: Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10am start. The celebration is to conclude at approximately 3pm. The day will begin with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP followed by light refreshments and an official program. Parish bus groups are encouraged. An exhibition on the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary will be available for viewing in the Family Hall from 8:30am – 6:00pm. To RSVP and for more information scan the QR-Code or visit: [www.schoenstatt.org.au](https://www.schoenstatt.org.au)

| MASS ROSTER           | 15/16 AUGUST                       |                 |               | 22/23 AUGUST                |                                    |                               |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                       | Vigil                              | 7.30am          | 9.30am        | Vigil                       | 7.30am                             | 9.30am                        |
| Minister of the Altar | Michael Tolentino                  | Paul Rohan      | Carmel Fenton | Carmel Fenton               | Grace Buda                         | Tony Vella                    |
| Junior Servers        | A.F.<br>G.N.                       |                 | M.T.<br>T.T.  | J.N<br>L.N.                 |                                    | J.S.<br>J.S.                  |
| Ministers of the Word | Tenille Buttigieg<br>Dina Burrell  | Mackenzie Terry | Leia Br Barry | Br Joe Vassallo<br>Santina  | Marta Jennings<br>Christian Pervan | Karen Rogan<br>Tony Sciberras |
| Data Projector        | Deb Walters                        | Lily Attard     | Karen/Tony    | Schoenstatt Choir           | Lily Attard                        | Theresa Lia                   |
| Church Cleaning       | 17-21 AUGUST: Alice & Angela       |                 |               | 24-28 AUGUST: Sammut Family |                                    |                               |
| Flowers               | 17-21 AUGUST: Bernadette & Colleen |                 |               | 24-28 AUGUST: Kristela      |                                    |                               |

**First Reading****Isaiah 56:1. 6-7**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

**Responsorial Psalm*****R. O God, let all the nations praise you!***

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

**Second Reading****Romans 11:13-15. 29-32**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

**Gospel****Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

**Gospel Reflection**

**Jesus praises the faith of the Canaanite woman who persisted in her prayer for her daughter.**

St. Augustine offers a perspective on petitionary prayer. God wants us to ask persistently—not in order that he might be changed but that we might be changed. Through the initial refusal to give us what we want, God compels our hearts to expand in order to receive adequately what he wants to give.

In the very process of hungering and thirsting for certain goods, we make ourselves worthy vessels. It is not as though, in petitioning God, we are approaching a stubborn pasha or big city boss who we hope might be persuaded by our persistence. Rather, it is God who works a sort of spiritual alchemy in us by forcing us to wait.

In his treatment of the Lord's Prayer, Thomas Aquinas tells us, very much in the spirit of Augustine, that the initial petition of the Our Father, "hallowed be thy name," is not asking for something to change in God, for God's name is always holy; rather, it is asking that God might work a change in us so that we hallow God above all things.

*Bishop Robert Barron*