

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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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:

Alberto Elec

Please remember:

Noel Nicholas (11th ann),
Mirko Prcevic (9th ann),
Stipe Prcevic, Dome Prcevic,
Mario Rupnik (2nd ann),
David Patrick Gerhard (43rd 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.

In Memoriam

David Patrick Gerhard

23/8/66-25/8/83

Every wave whispers your name,
Every sunrise carries your memory.
We miss you very much. Love always
Mum & Dad, Peter, Rhonda &
Donald, Anthony & deb, Natalie, and
all their families.

Believe in Yourself, Trust in God First

Peter was hardly the kind of person one would naturally call a "Rock." He was neither consistently courageous nor unwavering. In fact, the Gospels often present him as someone driven by fear.

Peter was terrified even to hear that Jesus must face suffering and death, prompting Jesus to rebuke him: "Get behind me, Satan!" Later, gripped by fear of a servant girl, Peter denied Jesus three times, before weeping bitterly in repentance.

On his own, Peter was no rock. It was his trust in the endless mercy of God that made him strong. It is upon this very rock, Peter, frail in his humanity yet perfected by divine grace, that Jesus chose to build His Church. To this transformed Peter, Jesus declared that the gates of the underworld would never prevail against it.

Where do we place our trust: in ourselves, or in God? The world often tells us that simply "believing in yourself" is the answer to everything. Yet self-reliance without trust in God is bound to fail. Peter tried relying on his own strength when he vowed he would never deny Jesus, even if everyone else fell away, and he failed spectacularly.

True strength comes when our confidence is anchored in God's grace. When our lives are built on trust in Him, we no longer need to fear our weaknesses.
Fr Shinto

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (22nd August)

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.
franciscanmedia.org

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

22 August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24 August	St Bartholemew, Apostle
27 August	St Monica
28 August	St Augustine, bishop, doctor
29 August	The Passion of St John the Baptist



The Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary is pleased to invite you to a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating 100 years of our international community

Sunday 13th September 2026

Main celebrant:
The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP
Archbishop of Sydney

The day will begin with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP followed by light refreshments and an official program. **RSVP is required by 1 September** www.schoenstatt.org.au

Schoenstatt Couples Group Orientation Day

You are warmly invited to be part of a loving community where couples grow in faith, strengthen their marriage, and build a better world with Mary as our guide. Sunday 30 August 2026, 1.30pm – 3.30pm, Joseph Kentenich House Marian Hall, Mt. Schoenstatt 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa FREE Registration. Afternoon Tea provided. RSVP by 28 August - Derek and Joycelyn Boog
Phone 0420 543 364,
Sr Luisa Maria Phone 0439537976

Be a Witness to the Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition at St Patrick's Cathedral: 6-13 September

An extraordinary opportunity to encounter the mystery and history of the Holy Shroud of Turin. Show in the Chapel St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6–9 September 2026. Open all day. 10–13 September 2026 — Open till late. And while you're there, experience Be the Witness, a powerful musical exploring the life of Jesus through the eyes of Peter from 10–13 September 2026 at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta.

Married Couples' Retreat 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

Position Vacant:

Senior Development Manager –
Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Chronos and Kairos

Presentation by Br Barry Donaghue Saturday 5 September, 9.30-12.30

Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference
Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
02 4773 5555 info@winbourne.org

The material and spiritual are one. However, we tend to live in *Chronos* time, time as duration. The spiritual life, however, needs *Kairos* time, which is more of a time lapse, a moment of indeterminate time in which everything happens. It is here that prayer thrives.

Adult Confirmations 2026: 29 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. **Saturday 29 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm** at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. **The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 7:30pm at the St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.** For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Parish Feast Day Triduum & Celebration at St. Padre Pio Parish: 17-20 September

All are welcome to join St. Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park in celebrating the Feast Day of St Padre Pio. A 3-day Triduum Novena and Mass will be held on Thursday 17 Sept and Friday 18 Sept at 7:00pm and on Saturday 19 September at 5.30pm. On Sunday 20 September, a procession will start at 10am, followed by the Feast Day Mass, Veneration, Blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal. For any enquiries: (02) 4789 2232 or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org

MASS ROSTER	22/23 AUGUST			29/30 AUGUST		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Carmel Fenton	Grace Buda	Tony Vella	Colleen Nicholas	Domenic Corbo	Fiona Clarke
Junior Servers	J.N. L.N.		J.S. J.S.	I.B. J.V.		M.T. T.T.
Ministers of the Word	Br Joe Vassallo Santina	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras	Angela Georgia	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Br Michael Rose
Data Projector	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia	Deb Walters	Margaret	James Cutajar
Church Cleaning	24-28 AUGUST: Sammut Family			31 AUGUST-4 SEPTEMBER: Moira & Grace		
Flowers	24-28 AUGUST: Kristela			31 AUGUST-4 SEPTEMBER: Donna		

First Reading**Isaiah 22:19-23**

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel
all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the
haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

***“You are Peter and on this rock I will build my
Church. And the gates of the underworld can
never hold out against it.”***

Second Reading**Romans 11:33-36**

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom
and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his
motives or understand his methods! Who could ever
know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his
counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend
him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by
him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he
put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say
the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John
the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of
the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’
Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he
said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon
son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not
flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my
Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and
on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you
the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind
on earth shall be considered bound in heaven;
whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed
in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not
to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

**Catholic Care WSBM – Suicide Memorial Service:
10 September**

Catholic Care WSBM, together with White Lady
Funerals, invite you to a memorial service to remember
loved ones who have died by suicide or tragically lost
their lives. Join us on 10 September at **11am at Mamre
House**, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. The service will
include the opportunity to plant a rose bush in our
Garden of Remembrance, followed by light
refreshments. Free to attend, please RSVP by 7 Sept to
Lisa 0439 917 129 or Christy 4731 4385.