

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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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

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NO WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN SEPTEMBER

Father Shinto is being sent to do some studies at the Catholic University in Belgium during September. During his absence, there will be no weekday morning Masses from this Friday, 4th September, until Saturday 26th September. Weekday Masses will resume on Wednesday 30th September. Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will be as normal.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend, children in our parish are making their First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from the 1st of September to the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th. During this time we celebrate God as Creator, and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing action that summons us to collaborate with the Creator to love and care for God's abundant gifts of life. We will pray the Diocesan Order of the Mass for the Season of Creation at **9.30am next Sunday, 6th September**.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"The entire momentum of the life of Jesus is toward the cross"

Last week we heard the great Gospel describing Peter's confession. Because he says correctly who Jesus is, he is declared rock, the firm ground upon which the Church shall be built. And just moments later—our Gospel for today—he is told that he is a Satan, a stumbling block, thinking not as God thinks but as men think. What accounts for this rather remarkable reversal?

In the Gospel, it's always relatively simple: he doesn't get the cross. The entire momentum of the life of Jesus is toward the cross. All sorts of forces are trying to keep him from it—some out of self-interest, some out of genuine concern. But they all have this in common: they don't get it; they don't get him.

So Peter, probably out of genuine love for Jesus, urges him away from the Passion: "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." Having correctly confessed who Jesus is, Peter promptly forgets what that entails. Being the Son of God, he thought, meant power and lordship, not ignominy and death.

Bishop Robert Barron

St Gregory the Great

Born in Rome in 540 AD, Gregory's first career was in politics as a Prefect to the city. In his mid-thirties he turned from politics to prayer, founding monasteries and himself becoming a monk. But his talents for leadership and administration were too well known for him to be left peaceful in his monastic home.

The Pope sent him as envoy to Constantinople for five years. Soon after his return, Gregory, himself, was elected Pope and ruled for thirteen years. He was responsible for sending missionaries to England, a task he had earlier desired to fulfil himself.

He guarded and guided his people in times of famine, flood and foreign invasion. He wrote extensively on matters of scripture, morals and pastoral care. He was the impetus behind a renewal and enrichment of church liturgy and music. Gregorian chant takes its name from him.

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Marcia Davies, Baby Boston,
Ron Honeybrook

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We have Children's Liturgy at our Vigil Mass on the first and third Saturday of each month, and at our 9.30 Mass on the third Sunday of each month.



FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

3 September St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor

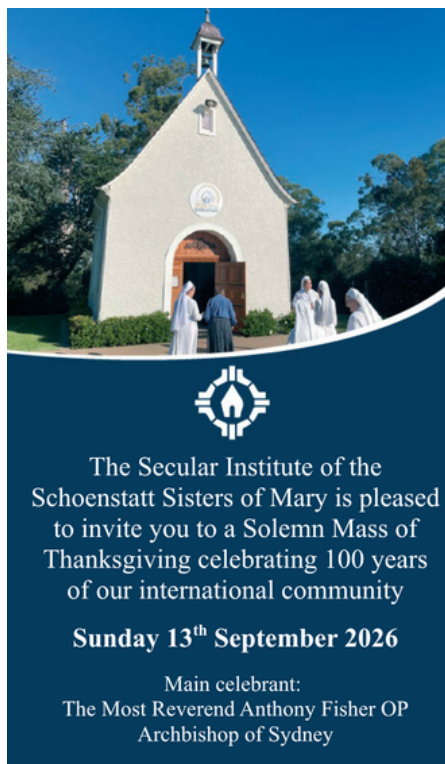


Bishop's Father's Day Appeal – Honour a lifetime of faithful service

We give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, mentors and spiritual fathers who have guided us with love, wisdom and faith. Among them are our priests, who have devoted their lives to serving God's people. They have celebrated the Sacraments with us, prayed with us, accompanied our families and helped bring us closer to Christ. After a lifetime of faithful service, many of our senior priests now need practical care and support as they face the challenges of ageing, illness and retirement. Your generous tax-deductible gift will help care for our retired and unwell priests and ensure they can live with the dignity, care and support they deserve.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or use the envelopes provided.

Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.



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

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.

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.

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.

Position Vacant

Parish Secretary
St Madeline's Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

MASS ROSTER	29/30 AUGUST			5/6 SEPTEMBER		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Colleen Nicholas	Domenic Corbo	Fiona Clarke	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	David Egan
Junior Servers	I.B. J.V.		M.T. T.T.	J.S. J.S.		J.S. J.S.
Ministers of the Word	Angela Georgia	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Br Michael Rose	Youth Readers	Mackenzie Terry	Br Jeff Regan Mel Elmer
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Margaret	James Cutajar	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino
Church Cleaning	31 AUGUST-4 SEPTEMBER: Moira & Grace			7-11 SEPTEMBER: Karen & John		
Flowers	31 AUGUST-4 SEPTEMBER: Donna			7-11 SEPTEMBER: Sylvia & Lorraine		

First Reading**Jeremiah 20:7-9**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm***R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.***

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth
shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

Second Reading**Romans 12:1-2**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 16:21-27**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

St Gregory the Great*(Cont from page 1)*

Reflecting on his own life, Gregory remarked: "The creator and redeemer of mankind can give me, unworthy though I be, the grace to see life whole and the power to speak effectively of it. It is for love of him that I do not spare myself in preaching him." May the Lord continue to give to his Church, in its bishops and priests, and in each faithful follower of Christ, this grace to see life whole, and to speak effectively of it.

*Credit: Magellan Media***'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