

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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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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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Fr Eugene Stockton

Please remember:

Helen Nohra (2nd ann),
Luija Jeronic,
John Micallef (12th ann),
Carmen Micallef (11th ann),
Victoria Borg (4th ann),
John Gauci, Joe White,
Catherine & John Gauci,
Victor & Victoria Vella,
Tony & Rita Vella

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.

“Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done.”

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus.

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ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Feast Day 8 August

Mary Helen MacKillop (15 January 1842 – 8 August 1909),

also known as Saint Mary of the Cross, was an

Australian Roman Catholic nun who, together with Father Julian Tenison Woods, founded the Sisters of

St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and a number of schools

and welfare institutions throughout Australasia with an emphasis on education for the poor, particularly in country areas. Since her death she has attracted much veneration in Australia and internationally.

On 17 July 2008, Pope Benedict XVI prayed at her tomb during his visit to Sydney for World Youth Day 2008. On 19 December 2009, Pope Benedict XVI approved the Roman Catholic Church's recognition of a second miracle attributed to her intercession. She was canonised on 17 October 2010 during a public ceremony in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. She is the only Australian to be recognised by the Roman Catholic Church as a saint.



FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

10 August	St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
11 August	St Clare, Virgin
14 August	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr
15 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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Friday 21st August
6pm to 8pm

Holy Family Church Luddenham

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Bishop Vincent Presents:

Vatican correspondent Gerard O'Connell and Elisabetta Pique
Public lecture featuring two of the world's most respected Vatican journalists, Gerard O'Connell and Elisabetta Piqué. Hear their insider's account of the historic transition from Pope Francis to Pope Leo XIV. **Wednesday 26 August, 6:00–8:00pm**, at St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. All are welcome. Register at parracatholic.org/oconnellpique.

Adult Confirmations 2026: Saturday 29 August

Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. 9.30am – 2.00pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. **The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1 September.** For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



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.

Diocese of Parramatta World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Launch.

Come and discover the pilgrimage to the 17th International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea (26 July – 11 August 2027). **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!

Music for the Sacraments of Initiation Workshop: 20 August

All musicians in the diocese are invited to attend the Office for Worship's new upcoming music workshop. Mr Eric Grella will focus this workshop on choosing music that is suitable for the Sacraments of Initiation. **Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 7pm-8:30pm.** Please register via the link: parracatholic.org/events/music-for-the-sacraments-of-initiation-workshop or contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

MASS ROSTER	8/9 AUGUST			15/16 AUGUST		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Colleen Nicholas	Domenic Corbo	David Egan	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Carmel Fenton
Junior Servers	G.A. G.A.		J.S J.S.	A.F. G.N.		M.T. T.T.
Ministers of the Word	Elaine Luppino Liz Murko	Moiria Bryan Mary Powell	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Tenille Buttigieg Dina Burrell	Mackenzie Terry	Leia Br Barry
Data Projector	Janet Borg	Margaret	Ethan	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony
Church Cleaning	10-14 AUGUST: Maria & Frank			17-21 AUGUST: Alice & Angela		
Flowers	10-14 AUGUST: Donna			17-21 AUGUST: Bernadette & Colleen		

First Reading**Kings 19:9. 11-13**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

*R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. *R.*

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. *R.*

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. *R.*

Second Reading**Romans 9:1-5**

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

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