

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

02 4773 7100



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Remember:

Paul Refalo (2nd ann).

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.

NO WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES

We will not be having weekday morning Masses while Father Shinto is absent. Weekday Masses will resume on Wednesday 30th September. Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will be as normal.

YOUTH CONNECT

Faith • Food • Fellowship



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH LUDDENHAM

6pm-8pm Ages 12-18

Friday 18th September

Games Night!

 @youthconnect_sacredheatparish



Scan the qr code to register

“Mercy... is the characteristic of God, for God is love.”

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable that illustrates God's mercy. The Latin word for mercy is misericordia, which designates the suffering of the heart, or compassion—cum patior (I suffer with).

Mercy is identical to what the Old Testament authors refer to as God's hesed or tender mercy. It is the characteristic of God, for God is love. The love that obtains among the Trinitarian persons spills over into God's love for the world that he has made.

Think of a mother's love for her children. Could you ever imagine a mother becoming indifferent to one of her offspring? But even should she forget, we read in the prophet Isaiah, God will never forget his own. Consider the fact that nothing would exist were it not willed into being by God. But God has no need of anything; hence, his sustaining of the universe is an act of disinterested love and tender mercy.

There is no greater manifestation of the divine mercy than the forgiveness of sins. When G.K. Chesterton was asked why he became a Catholic, he answered, “To have my sins forgiven.” This is the greatest grace the Church can offer: reconciliation, the restoration of the divine friendship, the forgiveness of our sins.
Bishop Robert Barron

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Prayer of Commitment - “Love Protects”

God of compassion, you know each of us by name and hold every child close to your heart. Your love is patient and kind, not jealous or boastful, not rude or self-seeking; it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and it always protects. Today we renew our commitment to safeguarding in our parish: to listen when someone finds the courage to speak, to act without delay when there is a concern, to tell the truth even when it costs us, to never to confuse mercy with silence, and to reach out in practical care to those most easily overlooked - the children, the newcomer, the housebound, the elderly, the person living alone, the person with a disability, and anyone made vulnerable by their circumstances. Give us Sirach's wisdom to set aside the pride that hides wrongdoing, Christ's compassion that goes out to the wounded first, Paul's vision of a love that always protects, and the Psalmist's confidence that you, O Lord, redeem what is broken and crown the humble with kindness. May this parish be a true sanctuary, safe for the smallest among us, attentive to the most vulnerable, honest with the truth, and faithful to the God whose love always protects. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parramatta Diocese Healing and Support

Our Diocese offers a Healing and Support Service providing pastoral, therapeutic and spiritual care to anyone who has experienced harm in a Church context. We provide direct support, resources, and pathways to assist individuals in their process of healing and recovery. Our approach is person centred, assisting according to each person's individual needs and circumstances. If you, a loved one or someone you know has experiences of abuse in a Church context, you are welcome to contact our Healing and Support Counsellor lorena.portocarrero@parracatholic.org, or for more information visit parracatholic.org/safeguarding/healing-and-support

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 September	Our Lady of Sorrows
16 September	Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr



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. 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.

Donations can also be made using the QR Code.

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



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.

6–9 September 2026, Open all day.

10–13 September 2026, Open till late.

'Be The Witness' Musical: 10-13 September

Arrives at Riverside Theatres

Parramatta, 10–13 September.

Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish.

Book now at bethewitness.com.au

At the Well Gathering – Half Day Retreat: 19 September

Centred on the theme "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song," we will explore the hope at the heart of our faith and what it means to carry that hope in our everyday lives. Whether you're looking for community, creativity or formation, this Half Day Retreat has something for you. \$35 per person. Limited spots are available. Register at <https://parracatholic.org/events/at-the-well-retreat/> to secure your place!

MGL Sisters Creative Healing Retreat: October 16-18

Handmade: Creative Healing Retreat October 16-18, Carmel House, Varroville. Come away for a weekend of reflection on how carefully God has made and upheld your life through different creative prayer experiences.

Register at www.trybooking.com/DIDCB

Express your interest to be a Stall Holder or Performer at LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2026!

Be part of a vibrant evening filled with music, dance, activities, food, and community fun hosted by Catholic Youth Parramatta on Saturday, 24th October, within the precinct of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. We invite local performers, small business and organisations to express their interest via the links below! Expressions of Interest close Sunday 20th 11:59pm.

Stall Holder EOI:

<https://forms.gle/9cbyafAiumdgWW1dA>

Performer EOI:

<https://forms.gle/cza7pTd48eNL9MxM6>

Australian Catholic Historical Society – Pope Leo XIV Canon Law Thesis on Leadership in the Augustinian Order: 20 September

Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00 PM on Sunday 20 September. The Topic: Pope Leo XIV Canon Law Thesis on Leadership in the Augustinian Order. Presenter: Daniel Canaris. There is no charge. Details are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

Positions Vacant

Parish Secretary – St Madeline's Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst

Paralegal & Compliance Support – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

MASS ROSTER	12/13 SEPTEMBER			19/20 SEPTEMBER		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar		Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke	Colleen Nicholas	Domenic Corbo	Tony Vella
Junior Servers	C.D. S.S.		M.T. T.T.	J.F. J.F.		J.S. J.S.
Ministers of the Word	Alicja Abela Silvia Genovese	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Theresa Lia John Cutajar	Elaine Luppino Liz Murko	Moirabryan Mary Powell	Leia Br Barry
Data Projector	Janet Borg	Lily Attard	Karen/Tony	Deb Walters	Margaret	Theresa Lia
Church Cleaning	14-18 SEPTEMBER: Melinda & Vanessa			21-25 SEPTEMBER: Maria & Frank		
Flowers	14-18 SEPTEMBER: Melinda & Vanessa			21-25 SEPTEMBER: Kristela		

First Reading**Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm***R. The Lord is kind and merciful;******slow to anger and rich in compassion***

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

Second Reading**Romans 14:7-9**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 18: 21-35**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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