

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
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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:

Carol Walters

Anthony Brinciau

Please Remember:

Maurice Genovese,

Adele Sartor, Silvino Sartor

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.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES

Our weekday morning Masses will resume this Wednesday, 30th September.

DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Remember to set clocks and watches one hour forward.



**Everyone is invited to join us
for morning tea after our
9.30 Mass next Sunday.**

MASS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

All our HSC students and their families are invited to join us for our Vigil Mass on Saturday 3rd October, to pray in preparation for the exams. This will also be our monthly Youth Mass.



THE HUMBLE PATH

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin?

This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel. The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8). Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, Humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see Romans 5:12–17). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

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FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

29 September	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
30 September	St Gerome, priest, doctor
1 October	St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor
2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels

2026 LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 24 October

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday, 24 October for LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2026. Join hundreds of young people and families for a Youth Mass at 6pm followed by festivities in the forecourt. Encounter the variety of talent and passion of Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, with live performances, inflatable games, small businesses, adoration and more. Register by visiting parracatholic.org/lifted-live

Major Pilgrim Relic & Exhibition of St Carlo Acutis: 28-30 September

The First-Class Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis will be at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 28 to 30 September. Come and pray before the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis and experience the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in the Chapel for personal prayer and veneration throughout the visit. All welcome. Find the full program on parracatholic.org/events/relic-exhibition-st-carlo-acutis

Bishop Vincent Presents: Kim Daniels on 'AI, Pope Leo and the future of human dignity'

Join us on **13 October at 6 pm** to hear from one of the Church's foremost experts on Catholic Social Thought and its importance in the age of artificial intelligence. A lawyer by training, Ms Daniels served for 10 years as a member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication until 2026, and during the Synod on Synodality from 2021-2024 was an expert participant and coordinator of the study group that focused on the Church's mission in the digital age. Registration is essential, visit parracatholic.org/kim-daniels

Catholic Outlook Magazine out now Season of Creation & Spring Edition

The latest Catholic Outlook magazine is out now, keeping you connected with news and events across the Diocese of Parramatta. Inside this edition, you'll find: Celebrating the Special Year of Saint Francis, our Papal and Diocesan award winners, why St Francis' message is right for our time, a profile on the new Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains ... and much more. Pick up a copy at your [local parish](http://local.parish) or read online at catholicoutlook.org/e-edition

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

WYD27 Songwriting Competition Submissions close 16 December

Young people of the Diocese of Parramatta, we want your original song to inspire our pilgrims on their journey to World Youth Day! Open to individuals or groups aged 16–35. All musical genres welcome. Find out more and submit your song via our WYD27 website: parrawyd.org

Public Talk on Nurturing an Australian Spirituality – Pre-Colonisation, Colonisation and Walking Together 1 November

Join Aboriginal Catholic leader Evelyn Parkin as she explores the meeting of Aboriginal and Christian spirituality, the impact of colonisation, and pathways for walking together. This presentation is part of a series titled the Stockton Conversation, named after the late Fr Eugene Stockton, STD, LSS, who was its inspiration and patron. Sunday 1 November 2026, 2.00pm, Mavis Wood Hall, Mid-Mountains Community Centre, 7 New Street, Lawson. All welcome.

St Luke's Mass for Doctors, Nurses and Medical Professionals

Saturday 17 October, 10.30am
St Joseph Church, Kingswood
After Mass there will be a get together with refreshments on parish grounds.

MASS ROSTER	26/27 SEPTEMBER			3/4 OCTOBER		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	Fiona Clarke	Carmel Fenton	Grace Buda	David Egan
Junior Servers	G.A. G.A.		M.T. T.T.	A.F. G.N.		J.S. J.S.
Ministers of the Word	Tenille Buttigieg Dina Burrell	Mackenzie Terry	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras	Youth Readers	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Br Michael Rose
Data Projector	Schoenstatt Choir	Lily Attard	James Cutajar	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino
Church Cleaning	28 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER: Alice & Angela			5-9 OCTOBER: Sammut Family		
Flowers	28 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER: Bernadette & Colleen			5-9 OCTOBER: Donna		

First Reading**Ezekiel 18:25-28**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:
 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are God my Saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 Do not remember the sins of my youth.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

Second Reading**Philippians 2:1-11**

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
 I know them, and they follow me.
 Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,
 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Humble Path*(Cont from page 2)*

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

Dr Scott Hahn

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Date: Monday 19 October 2026

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEDT

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