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

Recently Deceased:
Monica Muscat, Carmen Galea

Please Remember:
Vince Apap (57th ann),
Vincent Apap (35th ann),
John Apap (5th ann),
All those whose names are recorded in our Book of Remembrance

Sick:
Peter Bazdaric, Terry Lia, Kevin,
Doreen Vella, Chris Hamilton,
Frank Bewley, Rosemary Penza,
Manuela Santos, Oliver Franklin,
Lyall Elliott, Julie Curry, Matthew Khairy,
Lynne Clarke, Nicolas Mort



KINDLY DONATE ONLINE TO OUR PARISH BY SCANNING OUR QR CODE. Please use your name as the reference.

Advent; The Choice of Gratitude

Welcome to the season of Advent. The second reading from the letter to the Corinthians opens with a hymn of thanksgiving. There is some shock value to this style of opening, because the Corinthians were expecting a rebuke from Paul. If he were to follow the traditional style of introduction in Greco-Roman writings (where the opening would summarise the theme of the letter), he should have started with a sharp rebuke, for he was writing to warn the church in Corinth, which was arguably the most scandalous and unspiritual of communities. Yet Paul does not open with a rebuke. Instead, he chooses to give thanks for the gift of faith: "I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ."

Often, we enter December feeling behind or spiritually inadequate. However, please remember to begin this season by acknowledging the faithfulness of God, which has been evident throughout the year. Then, like St Paul, discard all fears and scepticism and choose to look forward to the blessings of the coming year, because together with Paul we also believe that "He will keep us steady and without blame until the last day."

This hope does not rest on our own perfection and strength, but on a faithful God who holds fast to everyone who choose to hang around him. Let us persevere, believe in His goodness, and wait in joyful hope.

Fr Shinto







Christmas Fete at Bodington Wentworth Falls: 4 December

Catholic Healthcare is raising funds to help our residents tick off their bucket list wishes — every contribution makes a difference! Date: 4 December 2026.
Time: 4.30pm – 7pm.
Location: 6 Bodington Drive (off Tableland Rd), Wentworth Falls.

Young Adults Advent Retreat: 5 December

Prepare for Christmas with a day of prayer, reflection and community at the Catholic Youth Parramatta Young Adults Advent Retreat. Join us for a special day featuring international guest Fr Patrick Briscoe OP, co-host of the Godsplaining podcast and speaker at Eucharist28.
Held at St Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook, with Mass at 9:15am and conclude at 2:30pm.
Register here: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-advent-retreat

Table Talk Building an Inclusive Church for Families with Special Needs and Disabilities: 5 December

The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton's "Special Hearts Ministry" and MET are hosting a Table Talk to raise awareness of the challenges and barriers faced by people with disabilities, particularly families with children with additional needs, in participating fully and actively in parish life. Saturday 5 December 2026, 2:00pm – 4:00pm,
136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton.
Please register at tinyurl.com/IDPwD-tabletalk-26

The Saint Behind Pope Leo XIV: St Augustine's Timeless Christmas Message for Today Webinar

The Order of St Augustine (Province of Australasia) are hosting a free one-hour online webinar on **Thursday 10 December 2026 at 8:00 PM AEDT** with Professor Emeritus Joseph Kelley (Merrimack College, Massachusetts; President, Augustinian Heritage Institute). Free, registration required: https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1675810

Responding to our Diocesan Synod and Pastoral Plan

A key theme of our Diocesan Synod was the need for ongoing and substantial formation for lay women and men, so that they can more meaningfully respond to the call of their baptism and become more active and coresponsible participants in the life and mission of the Church.
The Diocese of Parramatta has partnered with BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education (BBITAITE) to offer a nationally recognised Undergraduate Certificate in Theology (Two years part time). The program is offered face-to-face at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown supported by online student help.
No previous tertiary study is required. Open to anyone over the age of 18.
The cost of the course is shared between the Diocese, the candidate's parish and the candidate. Applications are now open for the first cohort, commencing in Semester 1, 2027. If you are interested in applying please speak with your Fr Shinto.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2026

Can you help St Vincent de Paul spread Christmas hope this year by donating items for our Christmas Hampers and Children's presents?

The last day for gifts and hamper items to be brought to Luddenham or Warragamba church is Sunday 6 December.

MASS ROSTER	28/29 NOVEMBER			5/6 DECEMBER		
	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am	Vigil	7.30am	9.30am
Minister of the Altar	Michael Tolentino	Paul Rohan	David Egan	Carmel Fenton	Grace Buda	Fiona Clarke
Junior Servers	J.N. L.N.		J.S. J.S.	I.B. J.V.		M.T. T.T.
Ministers of the Word	Angela Georgia	Mackenzie Terry	Leia Br Barry	Youth Readers	Marta Jennings Christian Pervan	Karen Rogan Tony Sciberras
Data Projector	Deb Walters	Lily Attard	Ethan Tolentino	Youth Choir	Lily Attard	Theresa Lia
Church Cleaning	30 NOVEMBER - 4 DECEMBER: Karen & John			7-11 DECEMBER: Melinda & Vanessa		
Flowers	30 NOVEMBER - 4 DECEMBER: Bernadette & Colleen			7-11 DECEMBER: Melinda & Vanessa		

First Reading **Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

FEAST DAYS DURING THIS WEEK

30 November St Andrew, apostle
3 December St Francis Xavier

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

