



# DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## RECONCILIATION TIMES

### Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

### Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

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“Joseph went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.” (Luke 2: 5-7)

Every year on Christmas Eve, the passage from St. Luke's Gospel touches our hearts. The nativity scene beautifully expresses God's tender love and mercy. The mystery of the Incarnation amazes us, as God becomes a child to be close to us, allowing us to love Him in return. St. Luke tells us that God's Son was born in a manger "because there was no place for them in the inn."

On Christmas Day, a similar remark is made when St. John comments on the lack of room at the inn. He gets to the core of the issue when he writes, “He came to his own home, and his own people received him not” (John 1:11).

May the peace and blessings of Christmas be yours, and may the coming year, 2025 be filled with joy, good health and Mary's eagerness to do God's will in your lives.

May there always be enough room for God in our lives and hearts so that He might be the beginning and the end of all our activities in 2025.

At Easter Vigil, preparing the Paschal candle for the blessing, the priest says: *Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age and forever. Amen.*

Holy and Blessed Christmas to all parishioners, your families and visitors.

Fr Jan and the Parish Office staff.

## MASS TIMES

### Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Darra

103 Darra Station Road, Darra

#### Sunday Masses

Sunday 7:00 am  
Sunday 9:00 am

#### Weekday Mass

Wednesday 9:00 am  
Friday 6:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am

### Twelve Apostles Church Jindalee

111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am  
Sunday 5:30 pm

#### Weekday Mass

Monday 7:00 am  
Tuesday 9:00 am



**Thank you to all the parishioners** who have dedicated their time and talents this year in preparation for our Christmas celebrations. The mystery of God becoming flesh and visible to our eyes is at the heart of these celebrations. Meaningful liturgies are always about seeing and listening. In this spirit, many parishioners, including children and youth, spent hours practising carols and the Nativity play. Several parishioners devoted their time to preparing our two churches, while others patiently arranged flowers, decorations, and beautiful Nativity scenes at Darra and Jindalee.

The liturgical ministries—sacristans, altar servers, ministers of Holy Communion, readers, musicians, cantors, and collectors—have all done a fantastic job. Some parishioners monitored the sound system and technical equipment to ensure that everything spoken and sung could be heard. The youth and cast of the Nativity splendidly shared with us the story of Jesus birth before the 6 pm Mass, and we extend a big thank you to the children and their parents for their efforts.

This year, we added an extra 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at Darra to allow the young families to spend more time with their children after Mass. I thank those parishioners who stepped forward to “cover” the ministries of this Mass.

What parishioners and visitors experience this year at Christmas at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and the Twelve Apostles is the result of the hard work and dedication of many wonderful parishioners. Thank you all for your contributions. I thank Fr Paul Goodland, Fr Jacob Kuman, and Fr Mark Huong for their help in celebrating Christmas Masses for us.

Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude for the Christmas cards and gifts I have received in recent days. Thank you for the bottles of wine, various "spiritual" drinks, sausages, boxes of chocolates, biscuits, cakes, and thoughtful cards. I truly appreciate these gifts and I am privileged to serve you and share our journey of faith together.

God’s grace be with you always,  
Fr. Jan

**Thursday 26 December.....No Mass**

**Normal timetable resumes**

**Monday 30 December..... 9am Mass Jindalee**

**Tuesday 31 December..... 9am Mass Jindalee**

**Wednesday 1 January .....9am Mass Darra**

PARISH OFFICE closed from Christmas Day  
25 December to Wednesday 1 January 2025.



### A NATIVITY BLESSING

May the humble stable remind us of the power of hospitality and acts of kindness, however small, to change lives and instil hope.

May the presence of the animals challenge us to greater respect and care for our created world and the creatures who share the Earth with us.

May the journey of Mary and Joseph encourage us to step out courageously on new paths in the service of God’s mission.

And may the Star which shone brightly over Bethlehem, shine in our hearts enabling us to be agents of Gods’ love , compassion and peace in this Christmas season and throughout the year to come.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES –NOTICES

#### Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, who have walked and cared for this land for thousands of years, and their descendants who maintain their spiritual connection and traditions. We thank them for sharing their cultures, spiritualities and ways of living with the land in this place we all now call home. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. May we continue to walk gently and respectfully with each other.

#### Wheelchairs/Prams:

Jindalee - please locate wheelchairs/prams in front of the first row of pews or next to a pew in a diagonal aisle.  
Darra – please locate wheelchairs/prams in front of the pews at the front of the Church or in the centre of the Church.

Incense: will be used in the Jindalee Vigil Mass. Parishioners who may be affected should sit in a well-ventilated part of the Church away from the Sanctuary.

First Aid: is available at the Jindalee Vigil Mass. Please proceed to the Sacristy.

Mobile Phones: Please be considerate and ensure your phone is silenced during Carols/Nativity and Masses.

Seating: Please use seats where available and avoid standing against the walls of the Church. Additional seating should not be brought into the Church to keep the aisles clear in case of emergency.

## THE JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025

### Pilgrims of Hope

#### Excerpt from Archbishop of Brisbane Mark Coleridge

Pope Francis will inaugurate the Jubilee Year of 2025 on Christmas Eve this year. It will come to its conclusion on the feast of the Epiphany 2026. He has invited all the dioceses of the world to inaugurate the Jubilee locally on **Sunday, 29 December**, which is not the most convenient time in this part of the world. Nonetheless, the Dean of St Stephen's will lead a celebration inaugurating the Jubilee at the Cathedral, blessing the Holy Door and leading the people through it as a sign of walking as pilgrims with Christ into newness of life. I invite parishes and deaneries to be as creative as possible in inaugurating and celebrating the Jubilee Year.

The motto of this Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope". Any journey we make through this year we make not as tourists or holiday-makers but as pilgrims. It is a journey of faith. And it is driven by a hope which is not mere wishful thinking but the proclamation of a true hope in a world which often seems hopeless, a hope grounded ultimately in Easter. This hope is an expectation that what God has done in Jesus he will do in the world and even the cosmos. God will bring light from darkness, life from death.

The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that "there remains a sabbath rest for the people of God" (4:9). In a deeply restless world, may this Jubilee Year be a time of sabbath which God alone can provide, refreshing our souls and putting new heart into the Church as we take the path traced by the Archdiocesan Synod and its Action Plans. Amen.



Thank you to the Darra Jindalee Parish parishioners for bringing hope to helpless and homeless individuals and young people in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. \$2,057.00 was donated from the parish.

### Darra Jindalee Catholic Parish ID C11220707. PLASTIC BOTTLES CODE

Darra Jindalee Parish has joined the environmental project **the Containers for Change**. All the funds will be donated to our parish ministries.

To allocate your donation of 10c to the parish, you need to refer to the depot the member number id below.

**We thank you for your support.**



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Saturday 28 December, **Aaliyah Render, Thomas Field, James Field and Alexandra Field** will be graced with the Sacrament of Baptism.

We warmly welcome their families to the Darra Jindalee Parish and entrust the family into Our Lady's motherly care.

### WITH OUR PRAYERS WE ENTRUST TO GOD'S MERCY

#### THE SICK

Fr Vince Hobbs, James (Seamus) Brannigan, Tom McCracken, Mary Sturgeon, Theresia Fisher, Ron Atkins, Richard Sitek, Paul Purcell, Savelio Fuiono, Sevilla Garcia, Walter Pick, Blin Berhane (6 years old), Jeanette Christy, Pauline Lavey, Maria Makerita Auvaa, Amalia Florian, Sr Margaret Mary Danaher (vision) Rita Fenech, Paul Grima, Maha Hachem, Dell Lambert, Peter Henderson, Valma King, Jenny Magee, Graham McBryde, Annette Tanks, Ron Ford, Nina Uchino, Lee Denton, **and for those who have need of our prayers at this time.**

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Theresa Desphy, Seugamalii Mikaele Nasalio, Rosemary Martha Turner, Janet Fakhry, Chamma James,

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Chris Cook, Jack Glasheen, Joseph Tran Ngoc Chuyen, Robert White, Violet Tan (27 Dec.) Brett Jackson, Michael Toohey, Peter Ngo, Joseph Han, Patrick Maroun, Margaret Chan, John Charles Farry, Adolphe and Yenthie Pavitt, Maria Danielewski, Aida Cruz, **and pray for:** Joseph T.N. Chuyen, Joseph N.X. Ky, Peter Nguyen Khac Tu, Anna Nguyen Thi Tinh, Joseph Nguyen Hong Thanh, Paul Pham Y, Paul Pham Tuat, Anna Bui Thi Lan, Anna Tran Thi Can, Paul Pham Kim Nhan, Anna Pham Thi Nghia, Anna Pham Thi Huong, Paul Pham Kim Nhan, Elisabeth Nguyen Thi Can, Peter Hoang Su, Maria, Thaddeus NHB, Peter T.V.L, Peter C.V.G, Peter N.V.T, Joseph L.V.T, John the Baptist Di, Huynh Kiem Long, Pham Thi Ky, Huynh Khuong Ninh, Ly Thi Hong Anh, Joseph Ly Van Tai, ancestors, **all souls, all deceased parishioners, deceased relatives and friends of all here present.**

A Requiem Mass will be held at the 12 Apostles Church on Friday 27 December at 11am for the late Mrs Rosemary Martha Turner, former parishioner of Darra Jindalee parish. Parishioners welcome to attend.

### A big thank you to everyone that attended the First Saturday of the month Adoration.

There will be No Adoration in January.  
Adoration will resume in February 2025.  
Blessings for Christmas from Sue and David Martin.

In the scriptures, by the Spirit,  
May we see the Saviour's face,  
Hear his word and heed his calling,  
Know his will and grow in grace.

**Wednesday 25 Dec 2024**

## **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Day**

### **First Reading**

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful on the mountains,  
are the feet of one who brings good news,  
who heralds peace, brings happiness,  
proclaims salvation,  
and tells Zion,  
'Your God is king!'  
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,  
they shout for joy together,  
for they see the Lord face to face,  
as he returns to Zion.  
Break into shouts of joy together,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord is consoling his people,  
redeeming Jerusalem.  
The Lord bares his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

### **Responsorial Psalm 97: 1-6**

**(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. (R.)
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

### **Second Reading**

#### **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 1:1-6**

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Maj-

esty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come you nations and adore the Lord.  
Today a great light has come upon the earth.

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:1-5. 9-14**

In the beginning was the Word:  
the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the beginning.  
Through him all things came to be,  
not one thing had its being but through him.  
All that came to be had life in him  
and that life was the light of men,  
a light that shines in the dark,  
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light  
that enlightens all men;  
and he was coming into the world.  
He was in the world  
that had its being through him,  
and the world did not know him.  
He came to his own domain  
and his own people did not accept him.  
But to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God,  
to all who believe in the name of him  
who was born not out of human stock  
or urge of the flesh  
or will of man  
but of God himself.  
The Word was made flesh,  
he lived among us.  
And we saw his glory,  
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

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## **THANK YOU**

A huge 'Thank-You' to our parishioners, benefactors and friends for your monetary and goods donations to our Christmas Appeal 2024. Your donations will go a long way in helping us to achieve our mission of aspiring to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy. We are extremely thankful for your support and commitment to our cause, and hope to continue to have your support in the future. We wish you all a safe and Blessed Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

~ St Vincent de Paul Darra-Jindalee Conference ~