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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

29th December 2024 YEAR C



In the Jewish religious tradition, there was an obligation to participate in celebrations at the temple in Jerusalem three times a year: during the Feast of Passover, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles. However, this obligation applied only to men—specifically, those who were 13 years old "and one day" and whose residence was within a day's walk of Jerusalem. From this, we can conclude that none of the members of the Holy Family of Nazareth were required to attend these three significant annual feasts. Jesus, being only 12 years old, was not obligated; Mary, as a woman, was also not required to attend; and Joseph, living in Nazareth, was more than a day's journey away from Jerusalem. So, why did they go "every year," as emphasised by the Evangelist? They did so out of piety. They held a deep conviction that one cannot be truly pious "at a distance" or only engage in worship online like some Catholics today.

St Luke notes that Jesus' parents began searching for Him only after they had travelled a day's journey. Why didn't they notice His absence sooner? It was customary for men and women to return in separate groups. Mary might have assumed Jesus was walking with Joseph, thinking He was nearly an adult at the age of 12. Conversely, Joseph could have thought Jesus was with the women since He was still considered a child at 12. It was only after they had travelled a full day, when all the obligatory participants of the celebration in Jerusalem had dispersed, and only the most devout remained, that they realised Jesus was missing. Was He lost? **No, He had stayed in the temple, within His Father's house.** Only those who leave this house (the Church) become lost.

God's grace be with you always, Fr Jan

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

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

What is the religious significance of the 12 Days of Christmas?

The 12 Days of Christmas hold powerful religious significance. They invite us to delve deeper into the mystery of the Incarnation and its implications for our faith and lives. This period serves as a bridge between the joyous celebration of Christ's birth and the revelation of His divinity to the world.

At its core, this time reminds us that the Nativity is not a fleeting moment, the beginning of a new era in salvation history. Each day offers an opportunity to contemplate different aspects of Christ's mission and the faithful's response to His coming.

From a theological perspective, these 12 days encompass key feasts that illuminate various facets of our faith. We honour the first martyr, **St. Stephen**, reminding us of the cost of discipleship. We celebrate **the Holy Innocents**, those children slain by Herod, which calls us to protect the vulnerable. **The feast of the Holy Family** invites reflection on the importance of family life and the domestic church; this extended celebration allows time for the powerful truth of the Incarnation to penetrate our hearts and minds more deeply. It gives us space to process the emotional and spiritual impact of God's love made manifest in human form.

Historically, these days were marked by continuous feasting and celebration in many Christian cultures. This joyous atmosphere underscored the gladness that should fill our hearts at the news of our Saviour's birth. It was a time when the usual social order was often upended, reminding us of the radical nature of God's entrance into human history.

The culmination of this period with **the Epiphany** holds particular significance. It marks the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, signifying that salvation is offered to all peoples. This progression from the intimate scene of the Nativity to the broader proclamation of Christ's kingship mirrors our own journey of faith, from personal encounter to public witness.

The 12 Days of Christmas invite us to a prolonged meditation on the powerful implications of Emmanuel – God with us. They challenge us to carry the spirit of Christmas forward, allowing the transformative power of Christ's birth to shape our lives and our world throughout the year.

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**The parish office will be closed from Wednesday
25 December—Wednesday 1 January 2025**



As we begin the New Year, we are invited by the church to learn from Mary. In the midst of the different rituals and practices that the world offers for the New Year, like writing New Year's resolutions, making noise and exploding firecrackers, the church offers Mary's example as a fresh approach to beginning the New Year.

What can we learn from Mary as we begin the New Year? Like Mary as *theotokos*, we are called to be God-bearers. Last Christmas, we celebrated the incarnation of God in each one of us. God identified with all our experiences – our joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties. As we begin the New Year, we feel renewed and strengthened that God is with us and accompanies us to a new beginning. Like Mary, as we begin the New Year, we bear God in our lives every step of the way. The challenge for us is to nurture and sustain God's incarnation all throughout the New Year by our trust and confidence in Christ who dwells in us. By our firm confidence in the Emmanuel we will show others to Christ who is also dwelling in their own lives.

by Baclaran Phenomenon



This Sunday we warmly welcome Redson's family, his wife and two children, who arrived in Brisbane on Christmas Eve. They will begin the new chapter of their lives in Darra where they have found a house to rent. Let us keep them in our prayers.

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.

ROSTER TIMETABLE 28/29 December

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee Juliana Pinheiro, Lily Pranata
7am Darra Denise O'Malley, Jim Tobin
8am Jindalee Barry Routledge, Anna Seu
9am Darra Rebecca Tasi, Audrey Chan
5:30pm Jindalee Marian Weerasinghe,
Darrylyn Edmestone

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee August Toleafoa,
Michael Waterhouse, Philip Cheng
7am Darra Namulauulu Esera, Thieu Vu
8am Jindalee Chris Guyler, Marina Purcell,
Germaine Guyler
9am Darra Nirmalee Weerasingham, LP Seow
5:30pm Jindalee Miguel Bernabe, Helga Duncan,
Peter Condon

Altars Servers

6pm Vigil Jindalee Volunteer
7am Darra Mele Liufau Esera
8am Jindalee Natalie Dinh, Volunteer
9am Darra Eli Tasi, Jacob Samaila
5:30pm Jindalee Volunteer please

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 7 Sophie Kupis, Jacques Coulon

Darra 4/5 January

Leo & Maria Samaila,
Fanualelei Family

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 Auva, 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

Stella Raymond, Seugamalii Mikaele Nasalio, Rosemary Martha Turner, Janet Fakhry, Achamma 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.**

Mass Times

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

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

Wednesday 1 January9am Mass Darra

Thursday 2 Jan onwards Normal timetable resumes

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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.

Our goal by the end of the year is \$500. 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 y our support.**



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.

Sunday 29 Dec 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. (R.)

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)

3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;

and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed,
all we know is, that when it is revealed

we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,

and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments

and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ

and that we love one another

as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments

lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us

by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.