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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th January 2025 Year C



On today's Solemnity of Epiphany, the Church continues to celebrate and contemplate the mystery of Jesus' birth. Straight after Christmas celebrations, Epiphany emphasises the universal significance of Jesus' birth. By becoming a man in Mary's womb, the Son of God did not only come for the People of Israel, represented by the Shepherds but also for the whole of humanity, represented by the Magi. In the Gospel, we read that the men who arrived from the East asked: "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him".

What kind of people were they, and what kind of star was it?

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that something of this baby caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each one to become seekers after Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

© Fr Michael Tate;

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

Marking Homes with Blessed Chalk for the New Year.

Every year, at the feast of the Epiphany, Catholics mark their homes with an inscription referring to the visit of the three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the newborn son of God, the Prince of Peace. This ancient custom of marking the door of the home with blessed chalk is a way of incorporating the liturgical feast of the Epiphany as a domestic ritual into the family's prayer life. Chalk is first blessed in the parish church at Masses for Epiphany, and then people are invited to take some home and to mark the lintel of their front door as follows: **20 C+M+B 25**.

On this Sunday, the pieces of chalk will be at all Masses in our parish. After Mass, parishioners are welcome to take one home and mark their homes or places of business, e.g., bakeries, coffee shops, grocery shops, offices, etc. I encourage parishioners to practice this custom, which has a long tradition. In the Book of Exodus, Israelites marked the home to be protected by God.

The letters **C**, **M** and **B** stand for the traditional names for the Three Wise Men who come seeking Jesus: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. These letters also represent the words **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** (May Christ Bless this Abode).

AT HOME

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Peace be upon this house and with all of us who live here. Amen.

From the Gospel of St. Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11

The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking: Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage.

THE THREE WISE MEN + C + M +B +

CASPAR, MELCHIOR, BALTHASAR

FOLLOWED THE LIGHT OF THE STAR TO FIND JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, WHO CAME TO LIVE AMONG US TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

MAY CHRIST BLESS OUR HOME TODAY AND REMAIN WITH US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

20 25

God of mercy, fill our home with the light and love of Christ so that it may be a place of faith, hospitality and welcome. May Christ be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We wish all parishioners and visitors a very Happy, holy and blessed New Year 2025.

Fr Jan and the parish office staff.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2025

Are still available at Jindalee piety stall and Darra Church.

Now discounted to \$7.50

Thank you.

ROSTER TIMETABLE 4/5 January 2025

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	David Martin, Babes McGrath
7am Darra	Timalu Esera, Esera Esera
8am Jindalee	Chris Guyler, Germaine Guyler
9am Darra	LP Seow, Marj Burley
5:30pm Jindalee	Anna Seu, Paul Kennedy

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Marina Purcell, Alex Wong, Ann Chase
7am Darra	Nikolao Ropati, Jose Rosales
8am Jindalee	Raymond Choong, Lyn Thomas, Ellen Masters
9am Darra	Tomasi Iosefo, Rebecca Tasi, Joseph Samaila
5:30pm Jindalee	Lucia Scuderi, Valerie Ng, Huu Doan

Altars Servers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer
7am Darra	Mele Liufau Esera
8am Jindalee	Kevin Khuu, Genevieve Dyer
9am Darra	Ella, & Ruby Ninnnes, Mathias Laughren
5:30pm Jindalee	Marian Weerasinghe

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 8	Sophie Kupis, Jacques Coulon
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Darra 11/12 January

Vietnamese Group



THANK YOU

It is with a deep sense of humility and gratitude that Maria and children Ropati, Luisa, Rosalie, Felicia, Aileen, Jenny their spouses Tamara, Raymond, Gilberto, Justin along with grandchildren Isabella, Carter, Leilani, Beau, Cody, Keelayla, Mathias, Francis, Sienna, Joeloto, Ahurei, Courtney, Bella, Gilberto Snr, Cheryl, Sharon and Glen extend their heartfelt appreciation for your generous offerings and prayerful support whilst accompanying us during this new season. No amount of words could adequately articulate or compare to the extraordinarily profound love and respect our family has for your presence and expression of support being influenced by faith, culture or ways of life that our beloved Michael has paved namely to:

Fali-Nasalio and Va Families

The Parish Staff Louise, Pat and worshipping Communities of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Darra and Twelve Apostles Church – the Darra Jindalee Parish

Father Jan Bialasiewicz	Samuel Connor Lawn
Father Boni Buahendri SVD	Audrey Chan, LP Seow
Father Paul Goodland	Nicholas Seow and Sheila Hie
Father Jacob Kuman CP	Savelina Anderson and Family
Father Harry Moore	St Vincent De Paul Darra Jindalee
Father Nicholas Okafor	Conference
Father Chris Hanlon	Divine Mercy Samoan Groups
Father Mark Franklin	Greigels Afele
Legacy Funerals	Enchiro Screen Printing,
Darra Jindalee Youth Ministry and	Van Dough
Youth Choir	Ula Eatz
Reveille Young Adults	Qld Police Frontline, Skills and
AGAPE	Training
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Pri-	13 Cabs
mary School – Libby Banks, Nikki	Divine Ministries
Lysaght, Kurt Dutney and Carissa	Invocare
Lambert	St Oliver Plunkett Primary School
Sabrina Todd	TEEG Australia
Rebecca Tasi	
Peter Condon	
Jeff and Cheryl Haywood	
Mike Matthews	
Natania Butler	

All our love and prayers,
Maria and family.

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) , 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

Fr Joseph Truong OP, Jeanette Christy, Joseph Pham, Stella Raymond, Seugamali'i Mikaele Fali Nasalio, Jeff Kingston

ANNIVERSARIES

Hector Welgampola, Anna Huong Nguyen, , Michael Purcell, Cesar Marbella, Anthony Leszczynski, Harry Leszczynski, Krystyna Gierczak, Violet Tan, Donald Lobo

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.

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.

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 your 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 05 Jan 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1.O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

2.In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

3.The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. (R.)

4.For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.