



# DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

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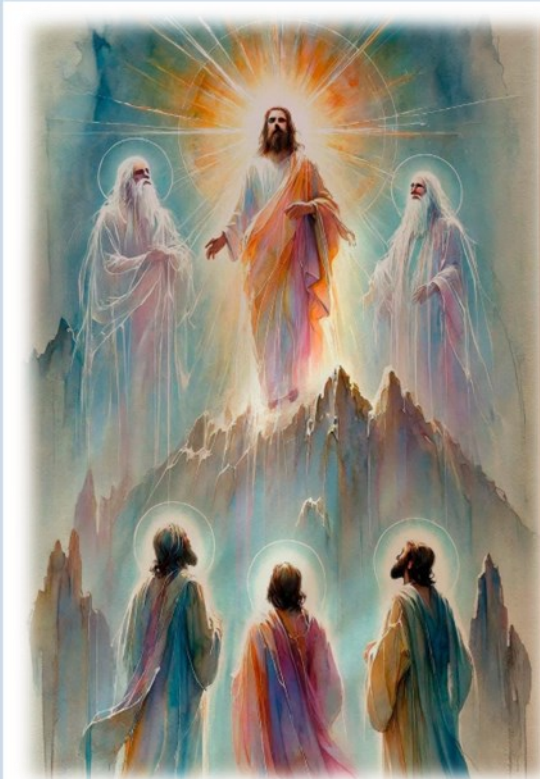
### Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

### Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

## 2nd Sunday in Lent 16th March 2025 Year C



### Transfigured Body-souls

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' *body* was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy.

Jesus' *body* was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny that God also desires for us. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, *body-soul*. That is our *ultimate* destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the saint's dazzling bodily transformation, with a blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, and our hearts filled with infinite joy.

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### PARISH COMMUNITY MEETING

7pm, Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March – Jindalee Hall

Parishioners are invited to come along and hear Fr Jan's update on what's happening in our Parish. The meeting will include final preparations for Easter. Parish coordinators are welcome to update the community on their ministry's activities.

## 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





The 24-hour Eucharistic adoration at the Twelve Apostles Church in Jindalee offers a wonderful opportunity to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament during this Lent. The adoration will begin with the 9 a.m. weekday Mass on **March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation**, and will conclude with Benediction the following day. Mass will follow Benediction on **Wednesday morning, March 26**, at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Eucharistic adoration is a well-known spiritual practice that invites us to spend time in the presence of the exposed consecrated Host. During this 24-hour time, we are called to be with Our Lord, bringing our cares, concerns, prayers, hopes, and thanksgiving to Him. I encourage all parishioners to set aside some time to step away from their busy lives and enter a space where they can connect intimately with their God.

Catholics believe that the consecrated Host is **the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ**. Everyone finds their own way of spending time with Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament. **At the heart of any adoration is reverence, veneration and a time of silence.** In a prayerful way, some people read the Scripture; others sing hymns of adoration, and others open themselves to Jesus' love and adore him in humility of heart. The whole point is to make time for Jesus as we make time for our loved ones (for your spouse, your children, your friends, or any important relationship).

At the back of our two churches, you will find sheets/cards with the schedule to ensure we have at least two people in the church during these 24 hours of adoration. There are 30-minute intervals to secure the continuous presence of at least two parishioners.

If some find it challenging to stay for half an hour, drop in for 10-15 minutes on your way to shopping, a medical appointment, picking up children from school, etc. During the adoration, there will be an opportunity for Confession.

Dear Parishioners,

Darra Jindalee Parish is blessed to have many parishioners who quietly fulfil ministry roles within our community. Each of us has unique gifts, and throughout our journey in life, we are called to share those gifts.

At the beginning of this year, we noticed an increase in children participating in the Children's Liturgy. Currently, the Children's Liturgy is held at Jindalee and Darra. The number of children at the 9 a.m. Mass in Darra, especially during the Sacramental programs, can be 70+. I am sure everyone appreciates and is happy to see so many children at Mass. However, to ensure adequate care for these two groups, we need more catechists who would cover the various roles required for this ministry. I am very thankful to the team who are currently involved in the Children's/Sacramental Ministry. Having so many children sometimes requires the team to take double roles to ensure everything runs smoothly. The Children's Liturgy involves not only delivering lessons but also managing the logistics of this ministry. I appeal to parishioners to help us in this ministry. Attendance of so many children to church on Sunday testifies that our parish is growing and full of "spiritual energy".

**Please come forward; Darra Jindalee children need you.**

Contact Parish Office 3715 8517 or Pastoral Associate Luisa email [ym.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ym.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au)

Blessings,  
Fr Jan



### Stations of the Cross Darra

Every Saturday in Lent, March 8th; 15th; 22nd March (immediately following devotions to St Joseph), March 29th and April 5th and 12th after the 9am Mass.

### PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM Jindalee Friday's

Venue: Church of the Twelve Apostles

Time: **7pm Stations of the Cross followed by our Parish Lenten**

Program. Refreshments afterwards.

14 March God's Love Poured Out

21 March The Breath of God

28 March The Spirit's Witness

4 April The Fruits of the Spirit

11 April The Gifts of the Spirit

*These DVD presentations are from the "Wild Goose" series by Fr Dave Pivonka. Enquires Gem and Chris Guyler 0414 481 506*

Confidential **Prayer Support** is available after various Masses, the next opportunity will be: Saturday 22nd March after 6pm Mass at Jindalee. Contact Audrey 0435 558 390

### ROSTER TIMETABLE 15/16 March 2025

#### Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Babes McGrath, Lily Pranata
7am Darra	Jim Tobin, Babes McGrath
8am Jindalee	Barry Routledge, Denis Nolan
9am Darra	Maria & Melanie Samaila
5:30pm Jindalee	Darrylyn Edmestone, Marian Weerasinghe

#### Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Jacques Coulon, Ann Chase, August Toleafoa
7am Darra	Nikolao Ropati, Jose Rosales
8am Jindalee	Chris Guyler, Lyn Thomas, Germaine Guyler
9am Darra	Peter & Rosie Condon, Lio Samaila
5:30pm Jindalee	Lucia Scuderi, Valerie Ng, Huu Doan

#### Altars Servers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer please
7am Darra	Mele Liufau Esera
8am Jindalee	Joshua Buys, Volunteer
9am Darra	Ella & Ruby Nannes, Mathias Laughren
5:30pm Jindalee	Volunteer please

#### Cleaners Jindalee

<u>Group 2</u>	Cuong Le, Noel Fernandes
<u>Darra</u> 22/23 March	Leo & Maria Samaila, Fanualelei Family

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Giving envelopes and boxes are available in the church foyers. Alternatively you can donate at [project-compassion.org.au](http://project-compassion.org.au)



### SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Please unite with us as we pray for our 41 candidates Adam, Aisling, Alexander B, Alexander N, Amelia B, Amelia D, Annemaree, Beau, Bruce, Charlotte C, Charlotte D, Charvonte, Christian, Daniel, Elisha, Evelyn, Genevieve, George, Isla, Isobel, Jax, Jeyvina, Lahni, Liam, Lucy, Mathias, Michael, Miguel, Nilon, Patrick, Raymond C, Raymond N, Samuel, Sienna, Sofia, Violet, Violeta, Zac, Zahlia who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 19 March and Tuesday 25 March. May they come to know the loving mercy of our faithful God.



### DARRA JINDALEE YOUTH MINISTRY

Once a term at Darra Jindalee we are honoured to have Adoration as a fixed part of our mission to spend time with Our Lord. On Sunday 23 March we are excited to also to hear of one of our newest leaders Jeremy Farrow's testimony in how the Jubilee Year of Hope has shaped his heart to follow Jesus. We really encourage all year 6-12 students along with their parents, siblings and families to spend time with us for a night of faith, fun and family. For more information please connect with Luisa at [ym.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ym.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au)



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We congratulate all those who were and will be graced with the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend and this weekend:

**Remi Rosanna Rassel, Kyro Giovanni Biu, Ellevarina Giovanna Biu, Zion Samuelu Biu, Addison Grace Kitching and Jordan Rupake.**

We warmly welcome their family 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

Jennifer R. Stephens, Bryan Smith, Antonio Sarmento, Chanel Beaver, Fr Vince Hobbs, 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 Uccchino, Lee Denton, **and for those who have need of our prayers at this time.**

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Tricia Parry, Joseph Buhagiar, Toma Nguyen Quang Son, Edward Wilson, Fr Leo Burke, Sr Christa Marie Therese Murphy SSpS, George Imad, Andre Nguyen Cau, Clarry Kitzelman,

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Peter Conroy, Albert & Eileen Cumner (month of March)

Adrian Ackley,

**Birthday Anniversary:** James Kahakayam,

**and pray for:** Achamma James, 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.**

### St Patrick's Day Mass

**The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Association, will be celebrated again this year in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10.00am on 17 March 2025. All are welcome to attend.**



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 16 Mar 2025**

**Second Sunday of Lent Year C**

**First Reading**

**A reading from the book of Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18**

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,  
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

**Responsorial Psalm 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1**

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:20 – 4:1**

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Matthew 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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**St Joseph's celebration at the Darra Church**

This year, the feast of St Joseph on March 19 falls on Wednesday. To make this celebration more accessible to parishioners and guests, the feast will be moved to the nearest Saturday, **March 22, our usual weekday Mass at 9 a.m.**

All parishioners and visitors are welcome to join us in honouring St Joseph, the patron of the Church. After the Mass, there will be a devotion to St Joseph. We will ask him to intercede for the Church and the Holy Father, Pope Francis.