



DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

4th Sunday in Lent
30th March 2025 Year C

Thursday April 3, 6:30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
12 Apostles Church Jindalee Church
5 priests.

The "Story of the Prodigal Son" is often referred to as the "Story of the Merciful Father." In this narrative, a son asks his father to give him a portion of the inheritance that he would normally receive only after his father's death. By asking for his share while his father is still alive, the son wishes for his father's death. He treats his father as though he is absent from his life, seeking to free himself from him and find another source of love.

However, by distancing himself from his father, he ultimately falls into a state of slavery. After experiencing degradation and abuse, he decides to return home, but he no longer considers himself worthy of being called a son. Instead, he reduces himself to one of his father's servants.

When the father sees his son approaching from a distance, he is overwhelmed with joy. He falls into a state of euphoria, gets emotional, runs out to meet him, throws himself around his neck, and covers him with kisses. This affectionate welcome demonstrates the father's love and affection for his son; the son is dressed in a fine robe and receives a ring, which symbolises authority and the reinstatement of his right to his father's estate. The father puts sandals on his feet, which signify his son's freedom. The son who returned is no longer enslaved; he is now a free man.

In this narrative, there's also a second son who struggles to come to terms with his father's behaviour. His grievances against his father reveal that he, too, needs a change of heart. Until then, he had served his father faithfully, treating him as superior and viewing his sonship as a matter of "earning points." The father shows mercy towards him as well, inviting him to extend that same grace to his brother.

There's a bit of both sons in all of us, as we either squander God's gifts or work hard, deserving of salvation. Let's embrace the Father's mercy. He welcomes all his children into His Heart. 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



Last Tuesday, March 25, after the 9 Mass at Jindalee, when the Blessed Sacrament was placed on the altar, we began the 24-hour adoration. During these 24 hours, many parishioners visited the Twelve Apostles Church to adore Our Lord, to pray, reflect, and be in His presence. These visits occur at different times throughout the day, evening, night, and early morning on Wednesday. No doubt, this 24-hour period was a blessed time for our parish. I am confident that many blessings have come upon our parish through adoration and countless prayers.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who called in to adore the Lord and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Your dedication is truly inspiring. Many parishioners stayed until late at night, and others came to the Church very early in the morning. A special thank you to Sue and David Martin, who managed the logistics of the roster, phone calls, coffee, tea, and more. Your selfless service is deeply appreciated.

The next 24-hour adoration will take place **at Darra on Thursday, October 23, and will continue until Friday, October 24, concluding with a 6:00 p.m. Mass.** I encourage all of you to mark your calendars and plan your participation in advance. Let's make this event more blessed and successful than the last one.

Thanks to you all. Blessings Fr Jan



Archbishop Mark invites the people of the Archdiocese to the celebration of the Chrism Mass, during which the oils are blessed. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, 10 April, at 7:00 p.m. at St Stephen's Cathedral.**

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.

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: Sunday 13th April after 8am Mass at Jindalee. Contact is Audrey 0435 558 390

Last Saturday, March 22, at 9:00 am Mass, the **Feast of St. Joseph** was celebrated at OLSH Church, Darra. Many parishioners came to honour St Joseph in the Eucharist and the Litany. At this Mass, parishioners had the opportunity to make donations to support a worthy cause. On that day, **\$254.25** was collected, and I would like to thank all who contributed to this effort. The money collected will be donated towards Project Compassion 2025.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Fr Jan

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Lent 2025

"Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy; Come seek the tender faithfulness of God."



The lyrics of the hymn by Marty Haugen summarise the call that has been reappearing again and again in these days of Lent. We return to God by celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In Darra Jindalee Parish, we have the following opportunities for Confession.

Tues. April 1	9 – 10 am Jindalee
Wed. April 2	9 – 10 am Darra
Thurs. April 3	6.30 pm 2nd Rite Jindalee
Friday April 4	6 – 7 pm Darra
Tues. April 8	9 – 10 am Jindalee
Wed. April 9	9 – 10 am Darra

Apart from these times, there is a weekly Confession on Saturday morning after the 9 am Mass at Darra and from 5 – 6 pm at Jindalee.

Stations of the Cross Darra Every Saturday in Lent, after the 9am Mass.

Stations of the Cross Jindalee Friday evening 's Jindalee at **7pm.**

ROSTER TIMETABLE 29/30 March 2025

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Leon Fernandes, Farrah Ferrando
7am Darra	Denise O'Malley, Jim Tobin
8am Jindalee	Peter Dash, Barry Routledge
9am Darra	Audrey Chan, Jessica Samaila
5:30pm Jindalee	Lily Pranata, Marindra Welgampola

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Lissy Fernandes, Michael Dacono, Jacques Coulon
7am Darra	Fatu Misi, Thieu Vu
8am Jindalee	Miguel Bernabe, Hervojka Pavic
9am Darra	Nirmalee Weerasingham, LP Seow, Rebecca Tasi
5:30pm Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Peter & Rosie Condon

Altars Servers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer please
7am Darra	Mele Liufau Esera
8am Jindalee	Kevin Khuu, Genevieve Dyer
9am Darra	Dominic Vitale, Jacob Samaila
5:30pm Jindalee	Marian Weerasinghe

Cleaners Jindalee

<u>Group 4</u>	Barbara Melville, Jan McMullen, Kerry Varvari, Halina & Damian Ridgeway
<u>Darra</u> 5/6 April	Fatu & Faailoa Misi

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



MONDAY 28 APRIL

Parents Information Evening
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Darra
6:30pm

TUESDAY 29 APRIL

Parents Information Evening
Twelve Apostles Church Jindalee
6:30pm

WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL

Parents Information Evening
Twelve Apostles Church Jindalee
6:30pm

THURSDAY 1 MAY

Parents Information Evening
Twelve Apostles Church Jindalee
6:30pm

FRIDAY 2 MAY

Parents Information Evening
Twelve Apostles Church Jindalee
6:30pm

SATURDAY 3 MAY

Presentation of Candidates
Twelve Apostles Church Jindalee
6pm

SUNDAY 4 MAY

Presentation of Candidates
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Darra
9am

Register at: <https://darrajindaleecatholicparish.org.au/holy-communion-registration/>
Registration opens Monday 24 March and closes Friday 2 May 2025



Adoration

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every first Saturday of the month

CHURCH OF THE THE TWELVE APOSTLES JINDALEE . 7 PM - 10 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Saturday 29 March,
Delilah Diane Janette Dunn –Cause,
Vincent John Vance and Amelia Jane Mason
will be graced with the
Sacrament of Baptism.
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, Paul Purcell, Savelio Fuiono, Walter
Pick, Blin Berhane , Pauline Lavey, Maria Makerita Auvaa, Amalia
Florian, Sr Margaret Mary Danaher (vision) Rita Fenech, Paul Gri-
ma, Maha Hachem, Dell Lambert, Peter Henderson, Valma King,
Jenny Magee, Graham McBryde, Annette Tanks, Ron Ford, Nina Uc-
chino, Lee Denton, **and for those who have need of our prayers
at this time.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bryan Smith, James Millar, Sevilla Garcia, Tricia Parry,
Joseph Buhagiar, Mary Concetta Galea, Alva Mejias

ANNIVERSARIES

Sam and Stella Saccasan, Angelo Bertoni, Joseph Hoang Dinh, Jo-
seph Nguyen Van Son, Paul Nguyen Bao Ngon, Calliope Boyatzes,
Michael Purcell, John Behm, Catherine Purcell, Beato S. Herbolario,
Jovita C. Herbolario, Stanislaw Borowski, Fr Peter Conroy,
Albert & Eileen Cumner (month of March)
and pray for: Mary Magdalene Tran Thi Khiem, John the Baptist Do
Xuan Trung Hung, Kevin Brown, 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 Ho-
ang 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.**

Project Compassion - Fourth Sunday of Lent

We pray for those driven away from their homes by violence, persecution
or poverty especially women. May our hearts be open to do all we can to
rebuild the lives of others through supporting caritas Australia and the
work of Project Compassion.

May we be instruments of God’s peace and pilgrims of hope.

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 30 Mar 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading

A reading from the book of Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Second Reading

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
5:17-21**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15: 1-3 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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