



DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30 November 2025 Year A



For most of us, December is hectic, filled with preparations for Christmas. We rush breathlessly through crowded shopping centres trying to find the perfect present to satisfy every family member. We bake dozens of Christmas cookies and treats. We dust off the boxes of decorations stored away in garages or basements and decorate the house, stringing lights on the tree. We struggle to write last-minute cards, emails and holiday greetings to family members and dear friends. Each year, it seems to get worse.

As the days draw near to Christmas, our frantic pace accelerates. In the middle of this busyness, it's all too easy to lose sight of the true purpose of this special time. Most of the time, we forget who we are getting ready to welcome. Excitement fills the air and lifts our spirits as we sing or attend Christmas Carol gatherings. At the same time, worries and the still-lengthy "To Do" list weigh heavily on us as "the deadline" approaches.

During these busy days, the church offers us the season of Advent as a reminder of whose coming we are preparing for. Advent is meant to give us a spiritual focus for the upcoming celebration and a time for reflection and inner preparation. It can be compared to a spiritual "waiting room." The word 'advent' comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning 'coming' or 'arrival'. "Throughout the Advent season, we look forward to the coming or arrival of Christ, the anointed one, the Messiah, our saviour. The daily Scripture readings of Mass and reflections this month will highlight God's promise of salvation and its fulfilment in Jesus Christ. Through them, we will see an overview of the history of our salvation. God bless Fr Jan

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TRAFFIC SAFETY

Parishioners at Jindalee please note the **bone bus mobile laboratory** will be taking up to **two car spaces** in the Jindalee church grounds car-park on **Monday 1st and 2nd December in office hours**. Thank you for your understanding. Fr Jan.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 6th December 7pm—10pm Jindalee Church. All Welcome

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



On Friday, November 21, the volunteers and their families from our two churches gathered at Jindalee Hall to enjoy each other's company, some drinks, and delicious Vietnamese food.

A big thank you to Uyen (Vandough Bakery) for the delicious food. Vandough Bakery as last year, kindly donated all the food, starting with pork ball skewers, banh mi, brioche filled buns, assorted noodles, fried rice etc and then moving on to delicious pastries, fruit and thank-you cupcakes.

Your generosity is genuinely appreciated. All volunteers remarked on how generous and tasty the spread on the tables was.

For the office staff and me, this Friday's gathering was a way of saying thank you to all the parishioners involved in our Parish's various ministries. The atmosphere on Friday evening showed that the volunteers' work is not only about involvement in a particular ministry but also about contributing to our community, which, as one parish, worships at Darra and Jindalee — a **BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL** and blessings for the season of Advent. Fr Jan.



Our final Agape Charismatic Prayer Group meeting for 2025 - We invite you to share in the Joy of our special 2025 End of Year Agape Mass on Friday 5th December at 7.30pm at Jindalee Church and supper afterwards. All welcome!
Have a wonderful Blessed Christmas and New Year everyone.



WASTE TIME WITH GOD

Come and "be" with God praising, worshipping and listening to Him.
Church of the 12 Apostles, 111 Yallabee Road, Jindalee
Saturday 6th December from 10am to 12:30pm. Everyone welcome.

ADVENT ENRICHMENT Booklets

The Promise" Advent Booklet designed for individual or group spiritual journeying, reflection and devotional prayer. Available at both piety stalls. Cost \$5. Thank you.

Sunday 7am Mass Darra – Help Needed

The Parish needs volunteers to help as Ministers of Holy Communion and /or Readers at this Mass.

If you can help, please contact Jeff Haywood (0402 402 005, jhaywood@bigpond.net.au) or the Parish Office.

Rosters - Ministers of Holy Communion, Visiting Ministers, Readers & Altar Servers

New rosters will be prepared early next month for the period **1st January to 31st March 2026.**

Please advise Jeff Haywood (jhaywood@bigpond.net.au) or the Parish Office **before Monday 1st December** of the days you are **not** available to be rostered and the names of anyone on your roster who may have left the parish.

New volunteers: Parishioners are always welcome to volunteer for any of these ministries to serve approximately every 4-5 weeks. Training and support is provided and your help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jeff 0402 402 005 or the Parish Office.

ROSTER TIMETABLE 29/30 November

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Lyn Papa, Lily Pranata
7am Darra	Jim Tobin
8am Jindalee	Chris Guyler, Germaine Guyler
9am Darra	Rebecca Tasi, Marian Weerasinghe
5:30pm Jindalee	Marindra Welgamapola, Ben Francis

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Rose Sopena, Michael Sopena, Michael Dacono
7am Darra	Claire Bellenger, Volunteer requested
8am Jindalee	Ellen Masters, Barry Routledge, August Toleafoa
9am Darra	Audrey Chan, Lio Samaila, Maria Nasalio
5:30pm Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Huu Doan, Darrylyn Edmistone

Altars Servers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer please
7am Darra	Mele Liufau Esera, volunteer
8am Jindalee	Kevin Khuu, Volunteer welcome
9am Darra	Jacob Samaila, Nicholas Pham
5:30pm Jindalee	Volunteer please

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 7	Sophie Kupis, Mrs Anh Do, Kerry O'Connor
Darra 6/7 Dec.	Vietnamese Group

Every 3rd Sunday at the 9am Mass the Samoan Community Choir will be singing.

Congratulations



On Saturday, November 22, on the feast of St. Cecilia, Henry Ján McMahon received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Because of the family's prior arrangements, Henry was away in September when his group celebrated this Sacrament. Congratulations to Henry and his parents, Anastazia and Cole.

Having received confirmation on the feast of St Cecilia, we pray that his faith will be as strong as St Cecilia's, who is the patroness of choirs and music. In the photo, Henry is receiving anointing (Confirmation name Joseph) and his sponsor, Livia.

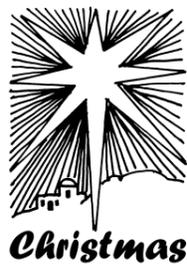
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

SVDP Darra/Jindalee seeks your support for this year's Christmas Envelopes exist in the foyer for monetary or credit card donations.

Our bank details for EFT are: -

BSB: 064-786 Account: - 10002 6064

Please insert your surname as a reference. If you require a tax receipt, kindly send an email to olsh4076@svdpqld.org.au. Non-perishable food donations can be made with suggestion cards tied to the Xmas tree in the foyer. **All proceeds will be used to make up hampers on 10th December for the needy families in our parish.** God bless you for any assistance you can provide.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Parishioners will have an opportunity to go to confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Wednesday 17th December

at the Twelve Apostle's Church from 6pm – 7:30pm

There will be five priests available for confessions.

Church of the Twelve Apostles Jindalee Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Darra

<p>Wednesday 24th December 2025 Christmas Eve 5:30pm Carols/Nativity 6pm Vigil Mass</p> <p>Thursday 25th December 2025 Christmas Day 8am Mass</p>	<p>Wednesday 24th December 2025 Christmas Eve 4:30pm Vigil Mass 11:30pm Carols Midnight Mass</p> <p>Thursday 25th December 2025 Christmas Day 7am Mass 9am Mass</p>
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WITH OUR PRAYERS WE ENTRUST TO GOD'S MERCY

THE SICK

Annalie DJ. Herbolario. Jonathon Caldwell, Ron Lucas, Gerry Redmond, Reshma Monteiro, Jennifer R. Stephens, Bryan Smith, Antonio Sarmento, Chanel Beaver, Fr Vince Hobbs, Tom McCracken, Mary Sturgeon, Theresia Fisher, Ron Atkins, Paul Purcell, Savelio Fuono, Walter Pick, Blin Berhane, Pauline Lavey, Maria Makerita Auva, Amalia Florian, Sr Margaret Mary Danaher (vision) Rita Fenech, Maha Hachem, Peter Henderson, Jenny Magee, Graham McBryde, Annette Tanks, Ron Ford, Lee Denton, **and for those who have need of our prayers at this time.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Amelia Florian, Maureen Cholakos,

ANNIVERSARIES

Aniela and Fred Sroka, Mary Ngo Thi Man, Justin Tran Van Ham, Anna Nguyen Thi Nga, Father Joseph Nguyen Huu Duyen, Lou'e Kalaja, Anna Nguyen Thi Nga, Peter Nguyen Quang Huy, Peter Nguyen Dinh Canh, Anna Do Thi Tu. Paul Do Xuan Hoe, John the Baptist Do Xuan Trung Hung,

and pray for:

deceased members of Burgos and Francheschini Families, Deceased members Lah, Chun and Son Families, Peter Nguyen Quang Huy, Therese Do Thi Hue, Anna Do Thi Tu, Paul Do Xuan Hoe, John the Baptist Do Xuan Trung Hung, Peter Nguyen Khac Tu, Anna Nguyen Thi Tinh, Joseph Nguyen Hong Thanh, Peter 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, 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, Relatives & Friends, all Souls, Joseph Ly Van Tai, ancestors, **all souls, all deceased parishioners, deceased relatives and friends of all here present.**

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PLASTIC BOTTLES CODE

Darra Jindalee Parish has joined the environmental project **the Containers for Change.**

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

We thank you for your support. All donations go towards the parish.



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 Nov 2025

First Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13: 11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24: 37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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**Divine Mercy Hour every Sunday at the
Twelve Apostles Church 3 pm.
Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and
reflections based on the Diary of St Faustina**