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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7 December 2025 Year A



Today's readings are like Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. The biblical authors sketch profiles of individuals after whom we can model our lives as we embark on our pilgrimage to eschatological fulfilment. Isaiah depicts the righteous messianic king; Paul provides us with a glimpse of Jesus, the one who ministers to all; and Matthew describes John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared for the Advent of Christ. The gifts Isaiah attributes to the messianic king are the same gifts that we receive with the anointing of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The

image of the messianic king may have been fulfilled in Jesus, but it is also offered to us as a model after which we can pattern our lives.

Paul declares that Christ came for all. Just as the Canterbury tales describe pilgrims of all backgrounds and characters, so our companions on the pilgrimage come from diverse circumstances. Since the invitation was extended to all, we are expected to welcome all. Some of Chaucer's characters were quite unpleasant, but they were part of the group. Many of the people to whom Jesus ministered were quite unpleasant, but this did not deter him. His example is set before us today.

John the Baptist lived a life of radical self-denial, but he did not require others to do the same. He preached repentance or change of heart, not a rejection of the circumstances of life. He called for a return to righteousness, to relationships rooted in honesty and respect. He condemned presumption and arrogant reliance on one's religious origin, complacency and the shirking of responsibility, disinterest in the welfare of others.

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PARISH COMMUNITY MEETING

7pm, Monday, 15th December – Jindalee Hall

Parishioners are invited to come along, hear what's happening in our Parish and to give input to the final preparations for Christmas.

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

Advent 2025

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Parishioners will have an opportunity to go to Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) on the following days.

Tuesday, Dec 9, Jindalee 9 am
Wednesday, Dec 10, Darra, 9 am
Wednesday, Dec 17, Darra 9 am

and

Wednesday, December 17th at the Twelve Apostles Church, Jindalee, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

There will be five priests available for confessions

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS – Help at Christmas

The Parish needs Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion for all Christmas Masses; few have volunteered so far.

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

TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH – CHRISTMAS VIGIL - FIRST AID OFFICER WANTED

The Parish needs a suitably qualified First Aid Officer for this Mass. If you can help, please contact Jeff Haywood 0402 402 005/ jhaywood@bigpond.net.au) or the Parish Office.

TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH - CHRISTMAS VIGIL – Multicultural Christmas Greeting

Parishioners of all ages are invited to give a multicultural Christmas greeting at the end of the Christmas Vigil at the Twelve Apostles Church.

If you or your child would like to participate, please contact Jeff Haywood 0402 402 005. The greeting is limited to one person per language.

Please note there is one more Confidential Prayer Support for this year is on Sunday 14th December after 8am Mass at Jindalee Audrey 0435 558 390

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 ph 0402 402 005, jhaywood@bigpond.net.au or the Parish Office.

ROSTER TIMETABLE 6/7 December 2025

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Anna Seu
7am Darra	Babes McGrath
8am Jindalee	Peter Dash, August Toleafoa
9am Darra	Parish School reader, Maria Samaila
5:30pm Jindalee	Lily Pranata, Darrylyn Edmestone

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Lissy Fernandes, Christine Alcoseba, Ann Chase
7am Darra	Andre Tranne, Thieu Vu, volunteer
8am Jindalee	Veronica Lah, Rachel Cleary, Dravid Gilbert
9am Darra	LP Seow, Anoma Fernando, Nirmalee Weerasinghe
5:30pm Jindalee	Katrina Bartholomew, James Bradley, Lucia Scuderi

Altars Servers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer please
7am Darra	Mele Liufau Esera, volunteer
8am Jindalee	Natalie Dinh
9am Darra	Annemaree Dyer, Genevieve Dyer
5:30pm Jindalee	Marian Weerasinghe

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 8	Margaret Hutchinson, Volunteer
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Darra 13/14 Dec.	Fatu & Faailoa Misi
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Christmas Mass Times

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, DARRA

4.30 PM VIGIL MASS
11.30 PM CAROLS
MIDNIGHT MASS

THE TWELVE APOSTLES, JINDALEE

5.30 PM CAROLS/NATIVITY
6.00 PM VIGIL MASS

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, DARRA

7 AM MASS
9 AM MASS

THE TWELVE APOSTLES, JINDALEE

8 AM MASS
NO 5.30 PM MASS

New cleaner rosters for Darra and Jindalee will be printed in the next few weeks.

Any parishioners that would be interested in going on the roster at either Jindalee or Darra, would be most appreciated.

The Darra roster is a six week turn around and the Jindalee roster is an eight week turn around.

Any current cleaners with any changes please advise the office. May God bless you with his choicest blessings.

TIP VOUCHERS If anyone has spare tip vouchers, please donate to the parish office. Thank you.



**WITH OUR PRAYERS
WE ENTRUST TO GOD'S MERCY**

THE SICK

Fr Barry Grayson, 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 Fuiono, Walter Pick, Blin Berhane, Pauline Lavey, Maria Makerita Auva, 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

Joseph Phan, Amalia Florian, Gerard Berge, Salaivala Taiu'a Esera,

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Danielewski, Italo Caperna, Betty Murphy, Violet Tan, Donald Lobo, Aida Cruz and all deceased members of the Cruz family.

and pray for:

Peter Nguyen Khac Tu, Anna Nguyen Thi Tinh, Joseph Nguyen Hong Thanh, Paul Nguyen Tuyen Phuong, Peter Pham Y, Paul Pham Tu-at, 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.

Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28.

On the 28th of December, the church honours the baby boys born in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago who were massacred by King Herod in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus. Every year, this day is dedicated to praying for infants who didn't have a chance to be born because of abortion. With her prayer, on that day, the church embraces the unborn children, the mothers expecting the birth of their children, and also mothers who, in the past, made this tragic mistake. The local branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross has, for over thirty years, requested to offer Mass on that day for the unborn children. This year, in keeping with tradition, **the Knights invite parishioners to pray for this intention at the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday, 28 December, at Jindalee. This much-needed prayer begins with the Rosary at 4:45 p.m.**

Please join us in praying on this day. This year, the Feast of the Holy Innocents falls on the Feast of the Holy Family. We pray for all families around the world to be open to the gift of life.

FUNERAL NOTICES

Monday 8 December
O.L.S.H. Darra 10:00am Requiem Mass for
Mrs. Salaivala Taiu'a Esera

Tuesday 9 December
12 Apostles Church—Jindalee @ 3pm Requiem Mass for
Mr. Gerard Berge

Friday 12 December
12 Apostles Church—Jindalee @ 10am Requiem Mass for
Mrs. Amalia Florian

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.

This weekend at the 9am Mass Ella King will be selling **Christmas wrapping paper**. \$1 per purchase is donated to SVDP.



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.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 15: 4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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Sunday 07 Dec 2025

Second Sunday of Advent A

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Justice shall flourish in this time, and fullness of peace for ever.

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 the earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. 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.)**
4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

**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**