



DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14 December 2025



Halfway through Advent, we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering the kingdom of heaven here and now. He was the herald of Jesus' coming, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the floodgates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time.

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Parish Community Meeting Monday 15 December - 7pm Jindalee Hall
Parishioners are invited to come along to hear what's happening in our Parish and give input for final preparations for Christmas.

New rosters for Readers and Eucharist ministers are in the priest Sacristy at Darra and Jindalee. Thank you.

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

May Advent prepare your hearts for the encounter with Christ!

Pope John Paul II 2003



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

FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER

DARRA 6.00 PM MASS

SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER

DARRA 9 AM MASS

JINDALEE 6.00 PM MASS

SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

DARRA 7 AM & 9 AM MASS

JINDALEE 8 AM & 5:30 PM MASS

MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER

JINDALEE 9 AM MASS

TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER

DARRA 9 AM MASS

WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

DARRA 9 AM MASS

THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

JINDALEE 9 AM MASS

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.

ROSTER TIMETABLE 13/14 December 2025

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Trang Le, Stella Papa
7am Darra	Esera Esera, Tiumalu Esera
8am Jindalee	Denis Nolan, Anna Seu
9am Darra	Dravid Gilbert, Melanie Samaila
5:30pm Jindalee	Anna Scott, Jeff Haywood

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	August Toleafoa, Rose Sopena, Michael Sopena
7am Darra	Fatu Misi, Namulauulu Esera
8am Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Raymond Choong, Ellen Masters
9am Darra	Joseph Samaila, Audrey Chan, Lucia Scuderi
5:30pm Jindalee	Peter & Rosie Condon, Helga Duncan

Altars Servers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer please
7am Darra	Nita Misi, Volunteer welcome
8am Jindalee	Kevin Khuu, Volunteer
9am Darra	Ella Ninnes, Ruby Ninnes, Mathias Laughren
5:30pm Jindalee	Volunteer please

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 1 Nhu Huynh Family, Volunteer

Darra 20/21 Dec. Divine Mercy Samoan Group.

Every third Sunday of the month at the 9am Mass Darra the Samoan Community Chori will be singing.

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

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

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

Please call the parish office on 3715-8517. Thank you.

Advent 2025

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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



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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Saturday 13 December **Yasamin Elysia Ortega**

will be graced with the Sacrament of Baptism.

We warmly welcome their family to the Darra Jindalee Parish and entrust them in to Our Lady's motherly care.

**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

Seugamali'i Mikaele Fali Nasalio, John Charles Farry, Jack Glasheen, Chris Cook, Peter Ngo, Joseph Han, Maria Danielewski, Italo Caperna, Betty Murphy, Violet Tan, Donald Lobo, Charles Pinwill, Michael Toohey 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 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.

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.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026 Available for \$10 at the piety stalls.



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 14 Dec 2025

Third Sunday of Advent Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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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**