



# DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## RECONCILIATION TIMES

### Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

### Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

## 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 21 December 2025



More than one year ago, after the diocesan Synod 2024, the Archdiocese of Brisbane formulated the Archdiocesan Synod Action Plans. These plans were aimed to address challenges the church faces today, such as fewer people attending Mass, a declining number of priests, financial challenges, secularisation, etc. However, for plans to come to fruition, the Church must rely on God's grace and the collaboration of its pastors and parishioners. This principle also applies to God's plan of salvation, which entailed the Son of God assuming human flesh and entering the world. For this divine plan to unfold, both Mary and Joseph showed how to cooperate with God's grace. This Sunday's Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent highlights Joseph's cooperation. We learn that a divine messenger appeared to Joseph in a dream and asked him to trust in God's plan. This plan required him to believe that Mary, his betrothed, was pregnant by an act of God rather than by betrayal. With faith in God, Joseph did what God asked of him. We are told that "when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

While Matthew highlights Joseph's cooperation, Luke, in his Gospel, focuses on Mary's cooperation with God's plan for salvation. Luke tells us that the angel Gabriel came to Mary, telling her that, through the Holy Spirit, she would conceive and give birth to a son who would be "holy, the Son of God." Despite her confusion, since she, Mary, agreed to God's plan: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Mary and Joseph cooperated with God and were open to His grace. As a result, Christ the Saviour was born. May we follow St Joseph and Mary in their openness to God's grace and cooperate with God to bring His reign into our broken world.

Blessings 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



WE WISH ALL PARISHIONERS  
VISITORS AND FRIENDS A HAPPY  
HOLY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT MIDDAY CHRISTMAS  
EVE 24 DECEMBER 2025.

PARISH OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON  
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026 HOURS 9AM—2:30PM.

**Jindalee Church Christmas Vigil – Help with Additional Seating**

Help is needed to set up and return additional seating on the veranda and foyer of the Jindalee Church.

Please meet Jeff at the Church at **10am Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December** to help with setting up. It would be appreciated if parishioners could assist in returning the chairs to the hall after the Vigil Mass has concluded.

Dear Parishioners,

It is with deep Sadness we share that Fr Paul Mercieca CP passed away suddenly on 17 December 2025.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated by the Passionist Fathers on:  
**Tuesday 23rd December at 10am.**  
**The Passionist Community The Fort, Oxley.**

**All parishioners welcome.**  
**No adoration on Tuesday after the 9 am Mass**

**ROSTER TIMETABLE 20/21 December 2025**

**Readers**

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Juliana Pinheiro, Farrah Ferrando
7am Darra	Jim Tobin
8am Jindalee	John Duncombe, Jeff Haywood
9am Darra	LP Seow, Maria Nasalio
5:30pm Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Anna Seu

**Eucharist Ministers**

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Michael Dacono, Ann Chase, Philip Cheng
7am Darra	Nikolao Ropati, volunteer please
8am Jindalee	Chris Guyler, Barry Routledge, Germaine Guyler
9am Darra	Dravid Gilbert, Tomasi Iosefo
5:30pm Jindalee	Les Danielewski, Valerie Ng, Christine Alcoseba

**Altars Servers**

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer please
7am Darra	Mele Liufau Esera, Volunteer welcome
8am Jindalee	Natalie Dinh, Volunteer
9am Darra	Ioana Iosefo, Hozanah Iosefo
5:30pm Jindalee	Marian Weerasinghe

**Cleaners Jindalee**

**Group 2** Cuong Le, Noel Fernandes

**Darra** 27/28 Dec. Fatu & Faailoa Misi, volunteer please

**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 1 person per language.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES - EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS**

To ensure emergency vehicles have clear access to our Churches during our largest attended Masses, parishioner parking is not available in the Jindalee Church keyhole from 4:30pm to 7:30pm on Christmas Eve and inside the Darra Church gates from 8am to 10:30am on Christmas Day.

Parishioners are welcome to drop off/pick up family and friends at the Church doors. An attendant has been appointed to assist.

*Christmas Mass Times*

<p><b>WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE</b> OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, DARRA 4.30 PM VIGIL MASS 11.30 PM CAROLS MIDNIGHT MASS</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY</b> OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, DARRA 7 AM MASS 9 AM MASS</p>
<p><b>THE TWELVE APOSTLES, JINDALEE</b> 5.30 PM CAROLS/NATIVITY 6.00 PM VIGIL MASS</p>	<p><b>THE TWELVE APOSTLES, JINDALEE</b> 8 AM MASS NO 5.30 PM MASS</p>

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<p><b>FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER</b> DARRA 6.00 PM MASS</p>	<p><b>MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER</b> JINDALEE 9 AM MASS</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER</b> DARRA 9 AM MASS JINDALEE 6.00 PM MASS</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER</b> JINDALEE 9 AM MASS</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER</b> DARRA 7 AM &amp; 9 AM MASS JINDALEE 8 AM &amp; 5:30 PM MASS</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER</b> DARRA 9 AM MASS</p>
	<p><b>THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY</b> MARY, MOTHER OF GOD JINDALEE 9 AM MASS</p>

On Friday morning the youth and some of our parishioners went to visit Sinnamon Village to sing carols and Christmas songs. The residents were very happy to see the young people and listen to their singing. Their spirits were uplifted. We thank the chaplaincy team and staff at Sinnamon Village for their invitation and hospitality.

We also thank our young people and parishioners that were involved. At the end we enjoyed hot chocolate!

Blessings Fr Jan.



**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.

**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**

Fr Paul Mercieca CP, Luke Bowness, Maria Tran Thi Hoa, Maria Peralta, Joseph Phan, Amalia Florian, Gerard Berge, Salaivala Taiu'a Esera,

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Margaret Chan, Paddy Guyler, Yenthie and Adolphe Pavitt, Joseph Tran Ng Chuyen, Joseph Ng X Ky, 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,

**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.**

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

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

**Darra Jindalee Catholic Parish ID C11220707.  
PLASTIC BOTTLES CODE**

Darra Jindalee Parish has joined the environmental project **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 21 Dec 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A**

**First Reading**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 7:10-14**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:  
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men  
without trying the patience of my God, too?  
The Lord himself, therefore,  
will give you a sign.  
It is this: the maiden is with child  
and will soon give birth to a son  
whom she will call Immanuel,  
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

**Responsorial Psalm 23:1-6**

**(R.) Let the Lord enter;  
he is king of glory.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

**Second Reading**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7**

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in

Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Matthew 1:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:18-24**

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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**Divine Mercy Hour on Sunday will have a break  
over the Christmas period.  
We will resume in the New Year**