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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

25 December 2025



Many of our Christmas traditions come from the chilly, dark winter months of the Northern Hemisphere, which feel pretty different from Queensland's warm climate.

It's interesting how many winter traditions are still kept and practised in the middle of Queensland's summer. Those with Irish and British backgrounds often include Christmas pudding or fruit mince pies. The Polish people would make sure there is an opłatek on the table for the Christmas Vigil. Parishioners from other backgrounds (*Darra Jindalee Parish is blessed to have in abundance!*) would have their own Christmas customs. Traditions speak of our origins. For this reason, despite the Queensland heat, people make an effort to ensure traditional food is on the table for Christmas lunch or dinner. Traditions bring people together and help them remember where they come from.

Christmas is a time to share joy and build peaceful relationships that give hope and happiness to others. Similarly, the Eucharistic feast we call the Mass is rich in meaning — the bread and wine placed on the altar become the Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Communion we receive towards the end of Mass reminds us of our origin as God's children and our special bonds with God and one another. Each Eucharist reminds us that we are one family, where Jesus is our brother, God is our loving Father, and Mary is our gentle Mother.

May the hope and joy of Christmas fill each Eucharist and illuminate your families as you celebrate the birth of God's Son this year, in your own way.

From the office staff and myself, we wish parishioners, your families and all visitors a truly holy, peaceful, and blessed Christmas.

Fr Jan

New Year Eve's Vigil Mass Wednesday 31 January 2025 will be celebrated at 6pm

Jindalee Twelve Apostles Church.

After Mass there will be half an hour Adoration.

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

Thank You



I thank all the parishioners who gave their time and talents this year to prepare for our 2025 Christmas celebrations. At the core of these celebrations is the mystery of God becoming flesh and revealing Himself to us. In the Church, liturgies are always about what you see and hear. Keeping this principle in mind, many parishioners, including children and youth, spent hours practising carols and the Nativity play. Others dedicated their time to preparing our two churches, arranging flowers and decorations, and building beautiful Nativity scenes at Darra and Jindalee. The liturgical ministries—sacristans, altar servers, ministers of Holy Communion, readers, musicians, cantors, and collectors — have all done a fantastic job. Some parishioners monitored the sound system and technical equipment to ensure that everything spoken and sung could be heard. The youth and cast of the Nativity splendidly shared the story of Jesus' birth with us before the 6 pm Mass, and I extend my sincere thanks to the children and their parents for their efforts. I thank those parishioners who stepped forward to “cover” the ministries of this Mass.

Behind this year's Christmas celebrations at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and the Twelve Apostles is the hard work and dedication of many wonderful parishioners. Thank you all for your contributions. I also want to thank Fr Paul Goodland, Fr Truc and Fr Terry Moynihan for their assistance in celebrating the Christmas Masses in our parish.

I also want to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and gifts I've received lately. Your bottles of wine, 'spiritual' drinks, sausages, chocolates, biscuits, cakes, and heartfelt cards mean a lot to me. I genuinely appreciate these gifts and feel privileged to serve you and share our faith journey together.

God's grace be with you always,
Fr. Jan



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**THE PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FROM CHRISTMAS EVE
24 DECEMBER 2025.**

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

No First Saturday Adoration in January 2026.

The Adoration resumes in February 2026

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

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

JINDALEE 9 AM MASS

WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

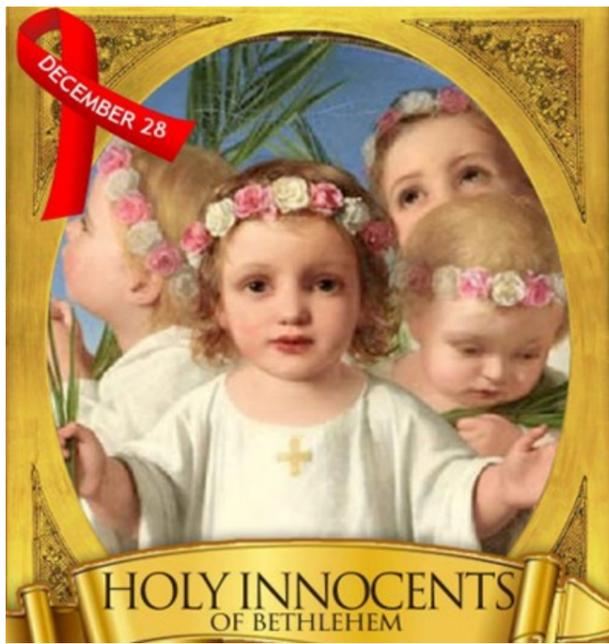
DARRA 9 AM MASS

THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

JINDALEE 9 AM MASS





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 Auvaa, 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, Diosdado Elicanal (Ely) , Maureen Doherty, Maria Tran Thi Hoa

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Chan, Paddy Guylar, Yenthie and Adolphe Pavitt, Joseph Tran Ng Chuyen, Joseph Ng X Ky, Brett Jackson, Seugamali'i Mikaele Fali Nasalio, John Charles Farry, Jack Glasheen, Chris Cook, Peter Ngo, Joseph Han, Maria Danielewski, Italo Caperna

and pray for:

Fr Daniel Carroll, 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.**

Thursday 25 Dec 2025

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Day

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 1: 1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect

copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1: 1-5 9-14

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us.
And we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.



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