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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18 JANUARY 2026

Agnus Dei,

qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere
nobis.

The Israelites' mindset regarding expiatory sacrifices was this: if someone transgressed the Torah, he was obliged to offer a sacrifice for his sin. The sacrifice was a lamb, a goat, or a pair of slain doves brought right next to the altar. Watching the fire consume chopped pieces of animal meat, turning them into ashes and sending smoke into the sky, was an important lesson for the penitent. He was to think with fear and remorse: It is my body that should now be lost in the fire. It is I, the transgressor, who should lay down my life on the altar. And it is only because of God's great mercy that I, the sinner, deserve to continue living and atone for my transgressions, living life according to God's word.

From the book of Leviticus, we learn about the burden placed on the shoulders of the sinner. This burden is placed on the shoulders

of the sinner, who, as it says (*Lev 4:1-2*), even when he committed a sin unintentionally, was obliged to offer a sacrifice in the Temple. How great fear must have accompanied those who, while thanking the Creator for their lives, at the same time had to constantly fear Him so as not to violate His holiness.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist, the last prophet of the Old Covenant, pointing to Jesus, says openly: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"... "He is the Son of God." John the Baptist wants to tell the tormented and terrified Jews (and us!) that we will never again have to look at burnt offerings. We will no longer stand before God in fear, covering our faces with our hands. It is not our penitential works that will take away the "sin of the world". The penitential works help us grow in holiness, no doubt about it, but it is the Son of God who takes away the sin of the world, having done so by becoming the Sacrificial Lamb. God Bless Fr Jan

NB: No confession at 5pm this Saturday 17th Jan. - Jindalee

Australia Day Monday 26 January
9 am Mass Jindalee

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

HOURS 9AM—2:30PM.



A Mass with the administering of the Sacrament of the Sick will be held **on Wednesday, 11 February at 9:00 a.m.** at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Darra.

First Friday Adoration each month beginning Friday 6 February after the 6 pm Mass.

The monthly Saturday Adoration will be moved to the first Friday of each month. After the 6 pm Mass at Darra, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 10 pm. During the exposition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available.

In the last few months leading up to Christmas, the number of parishioners who would stay behind after the 6 pm Saturday Mass dropped significantly. The first Friday of the month holds a significant place in the Catholic tradition, and I believe more parishioners will stay behind to spend time with the Lord. Another reason is the Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated on the first Saturday of the month. Most of the time, there are many penitents for Confession after the 9 am Mass. Also, on Saturday at 11 am, the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated, and it is often challenging to be back on time for the Baptism at Jindalee.

Having extra time for the Reconciliation on the first Friday during the adoration will reduce the number of penitents on Saturday morning.

God Bless Fr Jan

CLEANERS DARRA

We thank the Vietnamese Cleaning Group for all their devotion to the cleaning of Darra Church over the years.

May God bless you abundantly.

We are in need of cleaners at Darra to go on roster. Please call the parish office if you can help out. Many thanks.

ROSTER TIMETABLE 17/18 JANUARY 2026

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Babes McGrath, Lyn Papa
7am Darra	Stephanie Slatyer, Jim Tobin
8am Jindalee	Germaine and Chris Guyler
9am Darra	Melanie Samaila, Jim Tobin
5:30pm Jindalee	Marie and Anthony Fernando

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Michael Waterhouse, Ann Chase
7am Darra	Andre Tranne, Thieu Vu
8am Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, August Toleafoa, Hervoika Pavic
9am Darra	Dravid Gilbert, Tomasi Iosefo, Lio Samaila
5:30pm Jindalee	Darrylyn Edmestone, Lucia Scuderi, Huu Do-an

Altars Servers

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

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 6	Hieu Nguyen, Jo Morton, Teresa Arunakumaren
<u>Darra</u> 24/25 Jan	Fatu & Faailoa Misi

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

RCIA sessions resume this Tuesday January 20th at 7 pm Jindalee hall.

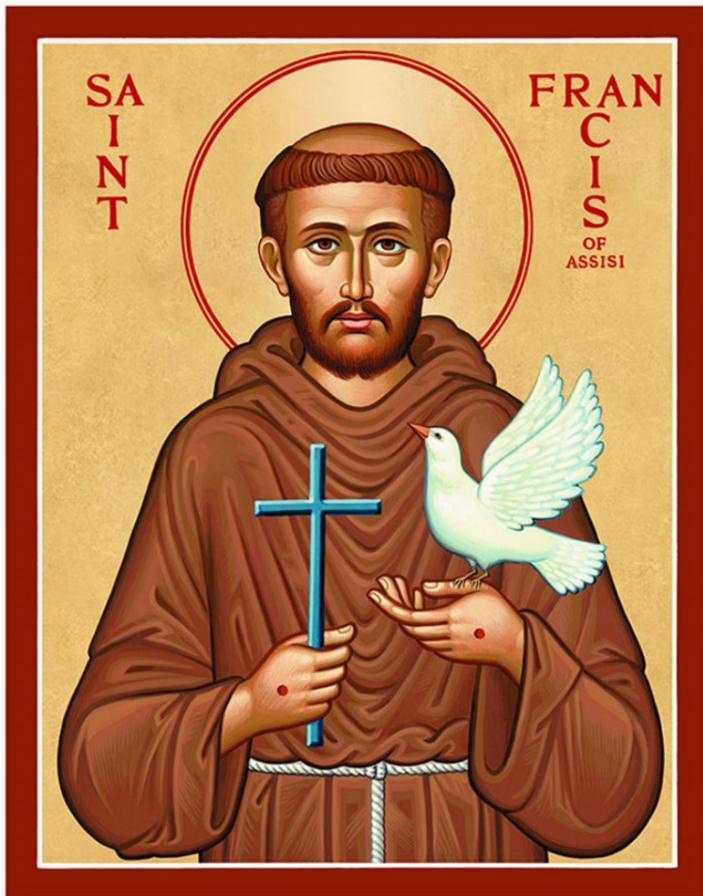
Please pray for our nine RCIA people who began this journey last year.

RCIA

SESSION 14

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY
7 - 8 PM . JINDALEE CHURCH

Sin and Forgiveness



On January 10, Pope Leo XIV proclaimed a “Special Year of St. Francis” to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint’s death. During this time of grace, which will extend until January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence.

This Franciscan Jubilee Year, is considered a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal.

Until Jan. 10 of next year 2027, the faithful can obtain this grace under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

In a world where “the virtual takes over the real, disagreements and social violence are part of everyday life, and peace becomes more insecure and distant every day, this Year of St. Francis spurs all of us, each according to our possibilities, to imitate the poor man of Assisi, to form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ,” the decree states.

St. Francis reminds us that “peace with God, peace among people, and peace with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.”

**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 Sarmiento, 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

Tony Walsh, Sandra Eileen Adams, Henrick (Hennie) Jansen van Nieuwenhuizen, Luke Bowness, Maria Tran Thi Hoa,

ANNIVERSARIES

Magdelene Ng. T. Luu, Santhiapillai Christy, Michael Purcell, Robert White, Thomas Ng. V. Long, Leonarda Pennisi, Frank Ross Pennisi, Socorro Bendico, Anthony Christopher Luck, Hector Welgampola, Jeanette Christy

and pray for: Purcell Family, Boyatzes Family, Beverley Hasson, **all souls, all deceased parishioners, deceased relatives and friends of all here present.**

**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.

Many to all those who have donated bottles after Christmas.



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 18 Jan 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back
the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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**Divine Mercy Hour will resume
on Sunday January 25, 2026
All parishioners are welcome to join in prayer
at 3 pm Jindalee church.**