



DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 FEBRUARY 2026



In today's Gospel, we see how Jesus goes up the mountain, sits down and teaches. Just as Moses once proclaimed the Law of the Old Testament, so now Christ announces a new program and approach to God's Kingdom. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus brings us closer to God's logic and encourages us to accept it. This teaching is known as the Gospel of the Beatitudes. The eight Beatitudes are, in fact, the eight signposts to true happiness. Their perception can be difficult for us today, because we usually associate happiness with success, pleasure, possession or power. Meanwhile, the Beatitudes do not take what the world considers great but focus on what is sometimes incomprehensible to the world or is perceived as a weakness. Every day, our paths cross God's ways. We constantly choose between God's perspective and our own point of view: between momentary pleasure and the spirit of poverty, between violence and gentleness, between selfish-

ness and compassion, and, finally, between our own plan and trust in God. Christ proposes to us the attitude of a man radically oriented towards love and eternity. For someone like that, every experience, even the most difficult, becomes a tool for growth. Thanks to this, a person can already feel blessed here on earth, waiting in hope for the fulfilment of his deepest promises and for seeing God. In the Beatitudes, we see a departure from the world's mentality. The Beatitudes are the path of growth that leads to happiness. True happiness begins when a person learns to see the good and the hand of God in the daily experiences of their life, recognising God's care and love.

God bless Fr Jan.

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 will be available. God Bless 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 Yallabee 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



February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which recalls when Joseph and Mary presented the Child Jesus in the Temple. In Poland, people also commemorate this day as "Our Lady of the Thunder Candle" (*Święto Matki Bożej Gromniczej*).

Through this commemoration, they honour Mary's maternal protection and her role in bringing Jesus to our world, who is our light.

This tradition is related to the blessing of candles that occurs before Mass. Traditionally, Catholics would attend Mass on this day and take home a blessed candle.

In Poland, this candle is called the "Thunder Candle" and was primarily lit during storms and to ward off wolves.

"The legend relates that Mary, the Mother of God of the 'Blessed Thunder Candle' (*Matka Boska Gromniczna*), watches over the people on cold February nights. With her thunder candle, she wards off the ravenous pack and protects the peasants from all harm."

While wolves are typically no longer a threat, Catholics still light the candles during thunderstorms or during times of prayer.

The candles are also reminders of the Light of Christ and how Mary can guide us through the darkness of our lives.

Traditionally, this candle would be brought out when someone was on their deathbed, offering them hope that Mary would lead them through their current darkness into the light of Eternal Light.

"O Mother of God, Mary, our Lady of the Thunder Candle! We come to you, seeking your protection and guidance in times of fear, danger, and uncertainty.

As we light this candle, we ask for your intercession, that you may shield us from all harm—from the fury of storms, from the dangers of the night, and from the darkness of sin. Mother of the Light, guide us to Jesus, our Saviour, and be a beacon of hope for us. Protect our homes, our families, and our hearts from every evil. Our Lady of the Thunder Candle, pray for us. Amen."

PARISH CALENDAR 2026

Alongside this Sunday's newsletter, parishioners will find the 2026 Parish Calendar. The calendar details the major upcoming events and liturgical celebrations for the year at our Parish. I hope it helps parishioners plan and organize their family and personal schedules around the Feast celebrations and events for 2026. Please take a copy and display it on your fridge or another visible spot in your home. Fr Jan



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.**

ROSTER TIMETABLE 31 Jan/1 February 2026

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	August Toleafoa, Lily Pranata
7am Darra	Esera Esera, Timalu Esera
8am Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Barry Routledge
9am Darra	Parish School reader, Maria Nasalio
5:30pm Jindalee	Anna Scott, Marian Weerasinghe

Eucharist Ministers

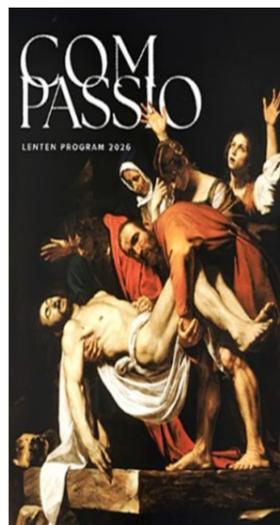
6pm Vigil Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Ann Chase, Philip Cheng,
7am Darra	Nikolao Ropati, Andre Tranne
8am Jindalee	Stephanie Slayter, Rachel Cleary, David Gilbert
9am Darra	Joseph Samila, Audrey Chan, Lucia Scuderi
5:30pm Jindalee	Katrina Bartholomew, James Bradley, Christine Alcosoba

Altars Servers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer please
7am Darra	Mele Liufau Esera, Volunteer welcome
8am Jindalee	Volunteer please
9am Darra	Jacob Samaila, Nicholas Pham
5:30pm Jindalee	Volunteer please

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 8	Margaret Hutchinson, volunteer
<u>Darra</u> 7/8 Feb.	Leo & Maria Samaila, Fanualelei Family



LENT ENRICHMENT 2026 – COMPASSIO Lenten Booklets The Darra/Jindalee Parish has ordered a limited quantity of *Wollongong Catholic Diocese's* Lenten Enrichment Booklets, 'COMPASSIO' ("suffer with").

'COMPASSIO' offers you the tools to rediscover Hope, Solidarity, and the Healing Love of Christ. It includes spiritual enrichment through reflections on spiritual readings for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Also, the booklet offers a detailed examination of conscience and guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to deepen further your Faith journey. **Booklets will be available from Saturday 31 January 2026 after each weekend Mass from the 12 Apostles Jindalee and OLSH Darra Piety Stores (and via Jim Tobin @ 7:00am OLSH Darra). Cost is \$6.00/booklet (or what you can afford).** Further enquiries contact Michael W. (0404 859 545).

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CHANGES

Dear Parents,

- ◆ This year, the Sacrament of the Eucharist will be combined with Reconciliation commencing with Reconciliation in term 1.
- ◆ Parents' Information Evenings on Monday, 9 February (Darra), and Tuesday, 10 February (Jindalee), both at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ PLEASE NOTE IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED YOUR CHILD IN 2025 FOR ALL SACRAMENTS THROUGH FLOCK-NOTE, YOUR ENROLMENT HAS AUTOMATICALLY ROLLED OVER.
- ◆ Alternatively, if you have not registered and your child has received the Sacrament of Confirmation please go to <https://darrajindaleecatholicparish.org.au/reconciliation/>.
- ◆ Additionally, if your child received the Sacrament of the Eucharist in 2025, Reconciliation preparation will commence from Monday 20 July.
- ◆ A more comprehensive letter from Fr Jan explaining the changes can be found at <https://darrajindaleecatholicparish.org.au/events/>
- ◆ Please direct all enquiries to Luisa at sacramental.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au

DOROTHY'S 100TH Celebration

To help the Parish prepare a memorable celebration of Dorothy's 100th birthday, parishioners are asked to help by sharing photos and videos they may have of Dorothy through the many years she has devoted to our Parish. Please send photos/videos to the Parish Office: darjin@bne.catholic.net.au

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 Mak-erita Auva, Sr Margaret Mary Danaher (vision) Rita Fenech, Maha Hachem, Peter Henderson, Jenny Magee, Graham McBryde, An-nette Tanks, Ron Ford, Lee Denton, **and for those who have need of our prayers at this time.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Peter Casey, Chris Hall, Maria Vu thi Quy, Sebastian Caminiti, Regina Mary Thevasagayam, Frederick Van Der Zant, Alison Bennett, Tony Walsh,

ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Do Xuan Hoe, Anna Nguyen Thi Nhu, Anna Nguyen Thi Nga, The-resa Do Thi Nhiem, John The Baptist Do Xuan Trung Hung, Peter Do Manh Hung, Anna Truong Kim Lien, Maria Rzepnikowska, Tony Condon, James Seamus Brannigan, Regina Mary Thevasagayam, Krystyna Nowicka, Br. Dominic Maria Doan Duc Khiem, Joseph Buivan, Maria, Leo Herbolario, Magdelene Ng. T. Luu, Santhiapillai Christy, Mi-chael Purcell, Robert White, Thomas Ng. V. Long, Leonarda Pennisi, Frank Ross Pennisi, Socorro Bendico, Anthony Christopher Luck, **and pray for: all souls, all deceased parishioners, deceased rela-tives and friends of all here present.**

Special intention for Charles - for healing from cancer.



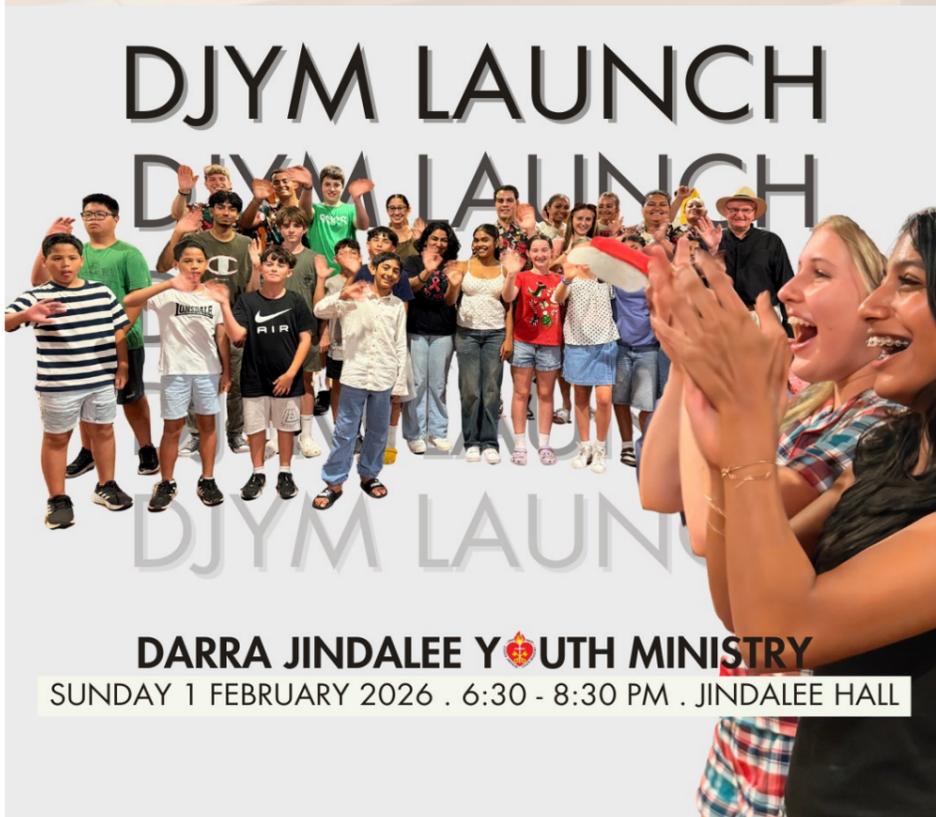
RECONCILIATION

Parent Information Evening
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Darra
Monday 9 February . 6:30 pm

Parent Information Evening
Twelve Apostles Church Jindalee
Tuesday 10 February . 6:30 pm

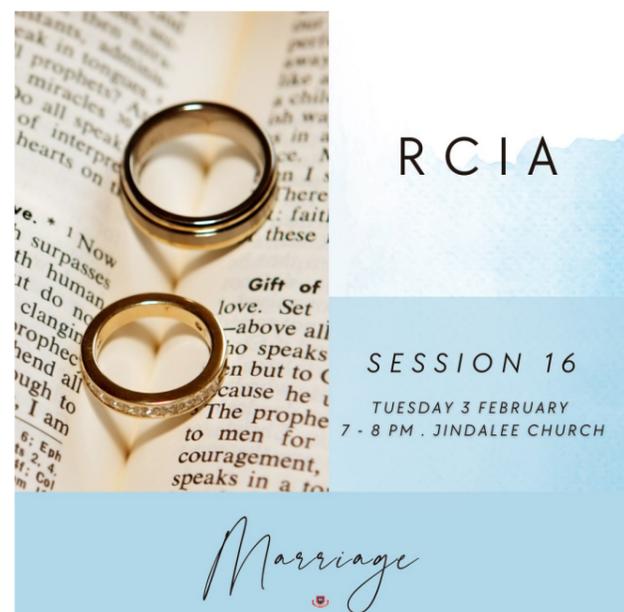
Presentation of Candidates
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Darra
Sunday 15 February . 9:00 am

Register at: <https://darrajindaleecatholicparish.org.au/reconciliation-registration/>
Registration closes Friday 7 February 2026



DJYM LAUNCH

DARRA JINDALEE YOUTH MINISTRY
SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026 . 6:30 - 8:30 PM . JINDALEE HALL



RCIA

SESSION 16
TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY
7 - 8 PM . JINDALEE CHURCH

Marriage

**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 01 Feb 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of
the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
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 first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common

and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5 1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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Divine Mercy Hour

Every Sunday at the Twelve Apostles Church 3pm.

All parishioners are welcome to join in prayer.

Funerals

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay invites the Clergy,
Religious and people of the Archdiocese of
Brisbane, and all relatives and friends to participate
in

a Funeral Mass for **Father Peter Casey**

to be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen,

Elizabeth St, Brisbane on **Thursday, 5th February 2026 at 10.00am.**