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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11 JANUARY 2026



Today's liturgy places the sacrament of baptism at the centre of the Eucharist. It is the first sacrament received by those who want to enter the Christian community, choose Jesus as their Lord and Master, and place their hope for eternal life in Him – in Jesus Christ – that is, believing in God and in eternal life, that after earthly life, in the body, there is new life in the presence of God. Baptism allows the baptised to receive all the other sacraments. The necessity of baptism is highlighted by the Lord himself, who said: "Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved; and whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mk 16:16). He also said: "Unless anyone is born of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (Jn 3:5).

Baptism can be received only once in a lifetime. Because the sacrament of baptism is associated with spiritual birth, it can also be received only once.

You cannot be born twice. It is administered by immersion or pouring water. In natural symbolism, water purifies from uncleanness and is necessary for life. Water not only cleanses the body of dirt but also revives a person. It is indispensable for life. Without water, there is no life. We also know that life emerged from the water. We, too, before we see the light of day, are in amniotic fluid. Other symbols of Baptism are the white robe, a sign of purity and innocence, and the candle, or rather its flame, which symbolises light and new life in faith. The oil signifies strengthening the baptised for the spiritual battle and for the election to participate in Christ's mission as the priest, prophet, and king. This Sunday invites us to renew the Sacrament of Baptism, to renew our belonging to the Church, and to recognise our responsibility for the Church, its spiritual, beautiful, welcoming environment of life, where the baptised can grow spiritually to the likeness of Christ.

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 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

Happy New Year 2026

**“May God of Hope fill you with
all joy
And peace as you trust him”**

Rom 15:13

**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, at 9:00 a.m.** at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Darra.

Ordinary Time is the longest season in the Church’s year. Comprising thirty-three weeks, it is divided into two sections: one short and the other very long. The weeks between Christmas and the Lenten season are the shorter part of Ordinary Time, while the weeks between Pentecost and the Advent season form the long stretch. The word ‘ordinary’ comes from the word ordinal, which means ‘counted’. Each week is known by a number, e.g. the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The use of the term Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar distinguishes it from the other seasons — **Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter**—which focus on particular aspects of Christ’s life: his birth, suffering, death and resurrection. Ordinary Time celebrates Jesus’ teaching and ministry. It gives us time to reflect on how we live as Christians. We have thirty-three weeks to examine and ‘order’ our lives while we focus on a particular Gospel, in a three-year cycle, and to enter it deeply. We are presently in Year A, the year of Matthew.

Year A – The Gospel of Matthew

Year B – The Gospel of Mark

Year C – The Gospel of Luke

The weekday Masses are organised in a two-year cycle: **Year I (odd years) and Year II (even years)**. The first readings and the gospels of weekdays are read in continuity, so that one day’s readings follow the next. In this way, we are enabled, over time, to enter deeply into the spirit of the readings.



GREEN, the colour of Ordinary Time, tells us much about its significance in the Church’s life. It is the rich colour of growth and new life. Ordinary Time deserves to be lived extraordinarily—in the depths of our own hearts, in our families and in the worshipping community. It is important for us to immerse ourselves deeply in the spirituality of Ordinary Time because it contains the essence of who we are in the ‘everydayness’ of our Christian lives.

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ROSTER TIMETABLE 10/11 JANUARY 2026

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Trang Le
7am Darra	Babes McGrath, Denise O’Malley,
8am Jindalee	Anna Seu, John Duncombe
9am Darra	Maria Samaila, David Gibert
5:30pm Jindalee	Ben Francis, Lily Pranata

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	August Toleafoa, Rose and Michael Sopena
7am Darra	Nikolao Ropati, Fatu Misi
8am Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Barry Routledge, Ellen Masters
9am Darra	Anoma Fernando, Nirmalee Weerasingham, Lucia Scuderi
5:30pm Jindalee	Helga Duncan, Les Danielewski, Valerie Ng

Altars Servers

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

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 5	Monica Tupicoff, Theresa Thomas, Anne Lambkin,
<u>Darra</u> 17/18 Jan	Samoan Divine Mercy Group

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

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.



After the Christmas season on Monday, we re-enter the ordinary time. In 2026, following the reading cycles, we will be travelling with the Gospel of St Matthew over the coming weeks. The Gospel of Matthew is the first book in the New Testament. It tells the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It was written by St Matthew the Apostle, also known as Levi, for a group of Jewish Christians who believed Jesus was the Messiah promised in the Old Testament. Matthew wanted to show that Jesus is the Saviour. He uses many quotes from the Old Testament. He shows how Jesus fulfils God's promises. This helped the early Christians understand who Jesus really was.

The book begins with the birth of Jesus. Then it contains our Lord's teachings, miracles, and how he died and rose again. Matthew includes many of Jesus' words. These words teach us how to live, pray, and treat others.

This Gospel is well-loved in the Church. It gives us the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, and the story of the Last Judgment. Catholics have read and prayed with this book for many centuries. It still speaks to us today.

The Gospel of Matthew remains important for us today. It is not just an old book. It speaks to our lives. Matthew reminds us that Jesus is with us. At the end of the Gospel, Jesus says, "I am with you always" (Mat 28:20), offering hope to those who feel alone or afraid. This Gospel also teaches us how to live. The Beatitudes call us to be humble, gentle, and kind. The Lord's Prayer shows us how to talk to God. The parables help us understand what God wants from us. Matthew also invites us to reflect on the Church. Jesus gives Peter a special role. Catholics see this as the beginning of the pope's mission. The Church is not just a building. It is the people who follow Jesus and live his teachings.

For Catholics today, the Gospel of Matthew is a guide. It helps us trust in Jesus, care for others, and keep going in hard times.

The symbol for the Gospel of Matthew is a winged man. In the second century, St. Irenaeus famously associated symbols from Ezekiel 1:1-21 and Revelation 4:6-8 with each of the four gospels. He suggested that the winged man represented Matthew: "This, then, is the Gospel of His humanity; for which reason it is, too, that the character of a humble and meek man is kept up through the whole Gospel"



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Saturday 10 January **Margot Seccombe , Ignatius Shearer, Ezekiel Gilbert and Harvey Colwell** will be graced with the Sacrament of Baptism. We warmly welcome their families 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 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

Henrick (Hennie) Jansen van Nieuwenhuizen, Fr Paul Mercieca CP, Luke Bowness, Maria Tran Thi Hoa,

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Purcell, Robert white, Thomas Ng. V. Long, Socorro Bendico, Anthony Christopher Luck Hector Welgampola, Jeanette Christy

and pray for: Purcell Family, Boyatzes Family, Beverley Hasson, 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.**

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 11 Jan 2026

The Baptism of the Lord Year A

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of
the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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