



DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH CONTACTS

-  darjin@bne.catholic.net.au
-  07 3715 8517
-  darrajindaleecatholicparish.org.au
-  www.facebook.com/darrajindaleecatholicparish
-  www.instagram.com/darrajindaleecatholicparish/

PRIESTS

- Fr. Jan Bialasiewicz - **Parish Priest**
- Fr. Paul Goodland - **Priest in Residence**

PARISH OFFICE

- Mrs Louise Toohey - **Parish Secretary**
darjin@bne.catholic.net.au
- Mrs Pat Bowness - **Finance Officer**
ps.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au
- Mrs Luisa Laughren - **Pastoral Associate**
sacramental.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au
ym.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

- Mrs Ann Chase
- Mr Jeff Haywood
-  l.sr.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au

-  0475 620 498

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 4 JANUARY 2026



Since the fourth century, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, also known as the Feast of the Three Kings (Magi). Pope Leo the Great (d. 461) taught that the kings offered the newborn gifts: gold to signify the royal dignity of Jesus, incense to express faith in His Divinity, and myrrh to foreshadow His death. Today, the Church invites us to pay homage to the newborn and to continue on the path of truth and faith. These Wise Men from the East symbolise everyone who is open-minded, curious, and willing to face potential hardships in the pursuit of truth.

In their search, the Wise Men were open to any advice and help they could get – they asked Jewish leaders and scholars. Despite their hostile

attitude towards the newborn Messiah, they pointed seekers in the right direction. However, those who should have been closest to God's truth and the saving plans of God were, in fact, the ones who did not seek this truth and were not open to God's plan of salvation. Perhaps they were too attached to their own thinking, habits, and expectations. Possibly, unlike those wise men from the East, they did not want to take the risk of embarking on a demanding journey, one that involved effort and risk and required readiness for something new and surprising.

The Gospel of Epiphany tells us that Jesus, the Saviour, the Truth, is found only by those who are ready for a certain effort and risk, who are open to novelty and to the advice of others, perhaps even to a longer journey....

May the Gospel we hear today be a guide and consolation to those who are still seeking the truth, salvation, and Jesus, who have long been on the journey for truth and meaning. God will certainly reward their patience, openness, effort, and faithfulness.

God bless and happy New Year 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



BLESSING OF THE CHALK WILL BE DONE ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



Every year, at the feast of the Epiphany, Catholics mark their homes with an inscription commemorating the visit of the three wise men from the East, who came to pay homage to the newborn son of God. This ancient custom of marking and blessing homes (schools, workplaces, etc.) on Epiphany revives the beautiful practice of making our homes sacramentals. Sacramentals make us more mindful, receptive and cooperative with God's grace. This blessing also reminds us that Christ is the One Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. He is the source of our hope, our comfort and our joy. This Sunday, at the end of Mass, the chalk will be blessed, and parishioners are welcome to take one piece afterwards to mark their homes and places (such as bakeries, coffee shops, grocery stores, and offices). I encourage parishioners to practise this custom, which has a long tradition.

The inscription written over the door changes every year. For this year, you should write: "20 + C + M + B + 26."

The Letters **C**, **M**, and **B** have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also the first letters of the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The + signs represent the cross, and 2026 is the year.

After writing the inscription, the family says this prayer.

We ask you, Lord, to bless this house and all those who live in it: may there always be love, peace and forgiveness in this home; grants its residents sufficiency of material goods and abundance of virtues; who are welcoming and sensitive to the needs of others; that in joy they praise you, Lord, and in sadness they seek you; at work they find the joy of your help, and in need they feel close to your comfort; and may the peace of Christ reign in his hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

ROSTER TIMETABLE 3/4 JANUARY 2026

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Leon Fernandes, Babes McGrath
7am Darra	Tiumalu Esera, Esera Esera
8am Jindalee	Barry Routledge, Denis Nolan
9am Darra	Marian Weerasinghe, Rebecca Tasi
5:30pm Jindalee	Paul Kennedy, Marindra Welgampola

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Lissy Fernandes, Michael Dacono, Philip Cheng
7am Darra	Thieu Vu, Namulaululu Esera
8am Jindalee	Veronica Lah, Lyn Thomas, Dravid Gilbert
9am Darra	Maria Nasalio, Joseph Samalia, Audrey Chan
5:30pm Jindalee	Huu Doan, Peter Condon, Rosie Condon

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 4	Barbara Melville, Jan McMullen, Kerry Varvari, Halina & Damien Ridgeway
---------	---

Darra 10/11 Jan Vietnamese Group



After the 9 am Christmas Day Mass at Darra a mobile phone was found. Please get in touch with the office to collect phone 07 3715 8517.



“All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God”.

Photos of our Christmas Vigil Mass with our treasured faith family and friends.

We thank all those involved in making all the Christmas celebrations such a wondrous and spirit filled celebration.

Thank you also to our dear Natania Butler for capturing the spirit of joy at the Live Nativity and Christmas Vigil Mass.

Blessings and peace,
Luisa Laughren
Pastoral Associate

**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,

ANNIVERSARIES

Hector Welgampola, Jeanette Christy

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.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
HOURS 9AM — 2:30PM.**

**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 04 Jan 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The scriptural texts are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

A Requiem Mass will be held for

Mr Luke Bowness

At the Church of the Twelve Apostles
Thursday 8th January 2026, 11.00am

Burial at Dutton Park Cemetery

Refreshments to follow:

The Junction Hotel
Annerley Rd

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