



DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8 FEBRUARY 2026



We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominant tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the Gospel because our lives have been transformed by that gospel, and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul, we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life, such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. (1. Feed the hungry. 2. Give drink to the thirsty. 3. Clothe the naked. 4. Shelter the homeless. 5. Visit the sick. 6. Visit the imprisoned. 7. Bury the dead)

We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way. © Dianne Bergant CSA



Ash Wednesday 18 February
Mass Times

Jindalee: 6:30am and 6:30pm Darra: 9am

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

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

Agape Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting – Friday 13th February, AGAPE will start at 7pm at Jindalee Church with Praise and Worship to be followed by Adoration and Intercessory Prayer. All are welcome.

Confidential Prayer Support is available after various Masses, the next opportunity will be: **Sunday 8th February, after 5.30pm Mass at Jindalee.** Contact Audrey 0435 558 390.

Volunteer with IMPACT —
Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join **Palms International** Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives.

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 6 pm – 7:30 pm AEST

02 9560 5333

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ROSTER TIMETABLE 7/8 February 2026

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Farrah Ferrando, Babes McGrath
7am Darra	Denise O'Malley, Stephanie Slayter
8am Jindalee	Marietta & Cynthia Medina
9am Darra	Rebecca Tasi, Marian Weerasinghe
5:30pm Jindalee	Huu Doan, Jeff Haywood

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Christine Alcosoba, Michael Dacono, August Toleafoa
7am Darra	Claire Bellenger, Thieu Vu
8am Jindalee	Raymond Choong, Lyn Thomas, Veronica Lah
9am Darra	Anoma Fernando, Nirmalee Weerasingham, Dravid Gilbert
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 Ninnes, Ruby Ninnes, Mathias Laughren
5:30pm Jindalee	Volunteer please

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 1	Nhu Huynh Family, Volunteer
<u>Darra</u> 14/15 Feb.	Divine Mercy Samoan Group



Real Talk Australia's Annual Gala Dinner

THURSDAY | 26 FEB 2026

Victoria Park,
Herston Rd, Herston

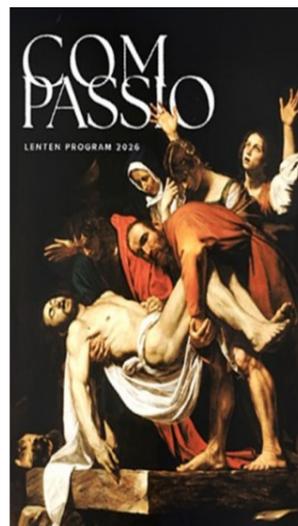
Tickets \$150 PP

visit: realtalkaustralia.com/dinner

Guest speakers

Danny & Leila Abdallah

Joining Paul Ninnes and the Real Talk team, Danny and Leila will share their powerful story and the life-changing message of forgiveness.



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)

COLUMBAN CALENDARS ARE REDUCED TO \$8.

AVAILABLE FROM THE PIETY STALLS.



MORNING TEA

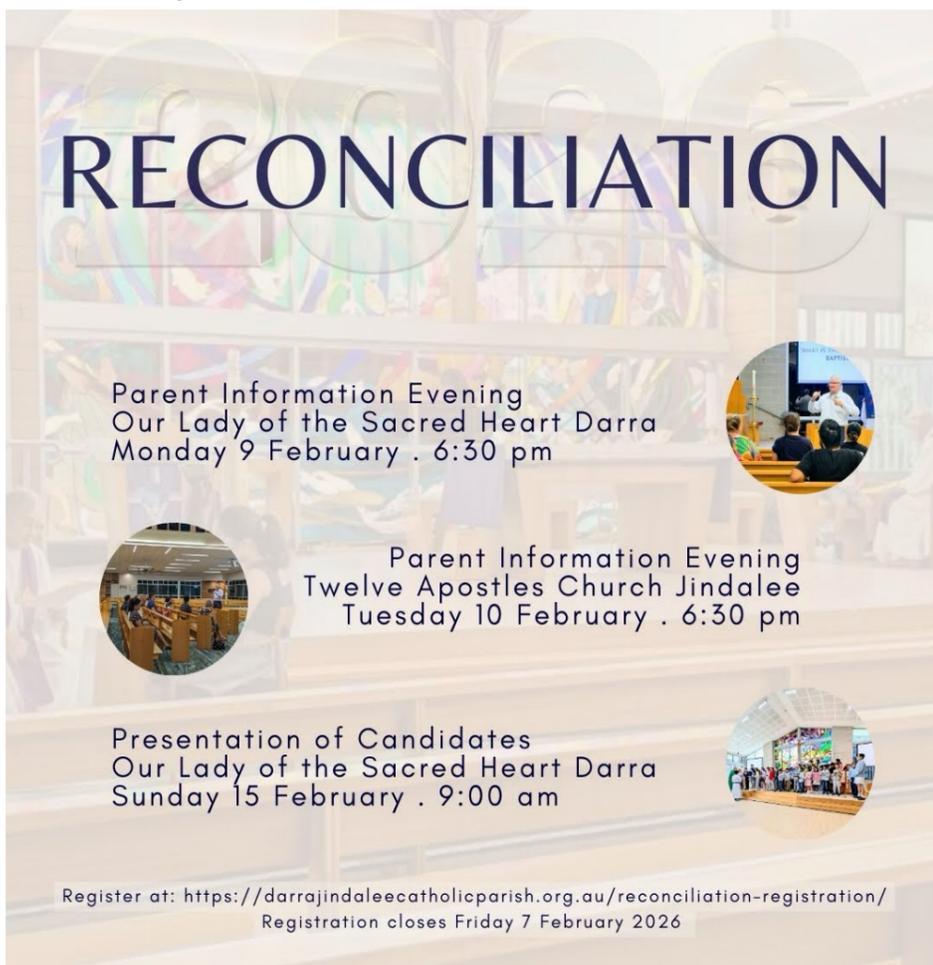
Parishioners are invited to morning tea following the 9am Mass and Adoration on **Tuesday, March 10th at 10am in the Jindalee Church Hall.**

This is an opportunity to meet, catch up with fellow parishioners of our Parish and perhaps welcome any new members to our church community. If the morning is successful and parishioners would like to continue coming together Father Jan has suggested that the morning tea could be held every second month.

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



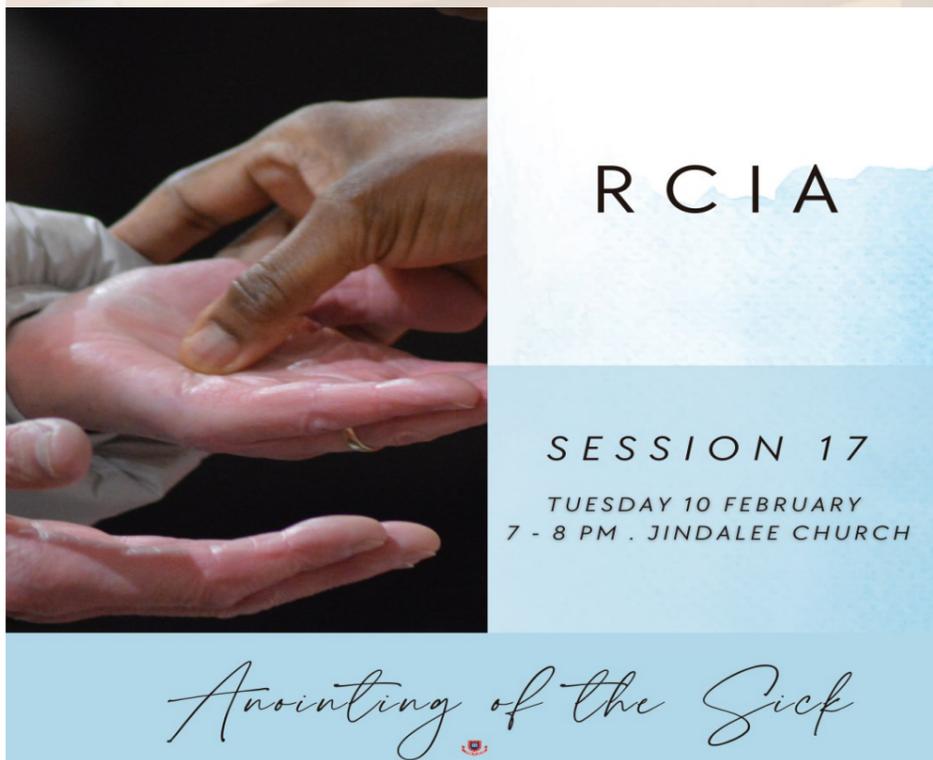
RECONCILIATION

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



R C I A

SESSION 17
TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY
7 - 8 PM . JINDALEE CHURCH

Anointing of the Sick

WITH OUR PRAYERS WE ENTRUST TO GOD'S MERCY

THE SICK

Clare Caverswall, Patricia Curnow, Alojzija Rutar, 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

Pat King (Toronto, Canada), Helena Lukowski, Sandor Ferenc Fekete, Fr Peter Casey, Chris Hall, Maria Vu thi Quy, Sebastian Caminiti, Regina Mary Thevasagayam, Frederick Van Der Zant, Alison Bennett, Tony Walsh

ANNIVERSARIES

Agnes Tu Khanh Vinh, Mattheo Nguyen The Trinh, Dominic Vu duy Han Br. Patrick Matthew Mcken (Br Matt), Zoran Pavic, Filipe Moran Paul Do Xuan Hoe, Anna Nguyen Thi Nhu, Anna Nguyen Thi Nga, Theresa 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, **and pray for: all souls, all deceased parishioners, deceased relatives and friends of all here present.**

Birthday Anniversary: Fr Daniel Carroll

FEBRUARY—Pope Leo X1V Prayer Intention

That those who care for others might receive care.
Let us pray that those who care for the health of others might receive the support they need, and that with patience, wisdom, and fortitude, they might open avenues of inner healing and hope.

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 08 Feb 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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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

Parishioners, families and friends are warmly
invited to a very special

100th

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Honouring

Dorothy Russell

Sunday 19th April

8 AM: Mass - Twelve Apostles Church, Jindalee

9 AM: After-Mass celebration - Church Hall

(incl. morning tea)

RSVP (for catering) before **5th April** by SMS: 0402402005 or

email: lsr.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au

Please advise any dietary requirements.

Divine Mercy Hour

Every Sunday at the Twelve Apostles Church 3pm.

All parishioners are welcome to join in prayer.