



# DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## RECONCILIATION TIMES

### **Darra**

Saturday 9:30 am

### **Jindalee**

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

## 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT 8 MARCH 2026



The Samaritans lived in the central part of Palestine. They were mainly an immigrant group who, after the conquest of Samaria by the Assyrians in 722 BCE and the deportation of the Israeli elite, arrived from Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq) and mixed with the local Israeli population. Consequently, because of their "impure blood", they were not welcomed by the people in the south, namely Judea, and its capital, Jerusalem.

Mutual hostility worsened when, around 128 BCE, the Jews destroyed the Samaritan temple on Mount Gerizim. From that point on, hatred governed their relations, and the orthodox Jew, travelling north to Galilee, avoided the territories of Samaria. Only Jesus does not follow this pattern.

Not only does he walk right through the middle of it, but he also talks to a native of this area, and what is worse, it is a woman (the Jew did not even walk the road with his wife, let alone talk to her outside the house). Jesus breaks the social and cultural conventions of his time because, for Him, it is a person who matters, not traditions.

Jesus paused around noon, tired from the day's heat at the well dug by Patriarch Jacob and engaged in conversation with the Samaritan woman. He explained that God desires His followers to worship Him "in the true spirit," meaning worshipping with God's Spirit, which can happen on Mount Gerizim, in Jerusalem, or anywhere else — 'always and everywhere.' He communicated this message with love and truth, leading the Samaritans to believe in Him, despite Him being a Jew. They were deeply convinced that He was the true Saviour of the world.

Am I open to others, ready to listen and speak with them?

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

In these Lenten days, we hear the message of conversion. **“Return to God with all your heart the source of grace and mercy”** The best way to return to God is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Parish, Parishioners will have many opportunities to celebrate this Sacrament.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation with 5 visiting priests will be celebrated on Wednesday 18 March at Jindalee from 6 pm to 7 - 30 pm.**

Parishioners can come at any time in this one and half of hour to have confession.

Besides this opportunity throughout the season of Lent confessions will be available

**every Tuesdays and Wednesdays after the 9 am Mass (during the adoration).**

**During the 24 hour, adoration at Darra there will be additional opportunity for confession on Thursday night March 19<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 10 pm.**

Apart from these times there are regular confessions on Saturday morning at **Darra after the 9 am Mass** and Saturday evening **5 pm before Mass** at Jindalee.



**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.**

**Stations of the Cross** will be conducted every Saturday, immediately after the 9.00 am Mass at Darra starting Sat 21st Feb and ending Sat 28th March.

**Agape Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting** – Friday 13th March, AGAPE will start at **7pm** at Jindalee Church with **Stations of the Cross (throughout the Lenten season)** to be followed by Praise and Worship. All are welcome.

#### **ROSTER TIMETABLE 7/8 March 2026**

##### **Readers**

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Stella Papa, Farrah Ferrando
7am Darra	Tiumalu & Esera Esera
8am Jindalee	Germaine and Chris Guyler
9am Darra	LP Seow, Maria Nasalio
5:30pm Jindalee	Anthony & Marie Fernando

##### **Eucharist Ministers**

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Michael Dacono, Michael Waterhouse, Jeff Haywood
7am Darra	Nikolao Ropati, Fatu Misi
8am Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Rachel Cleary, David Gilbert
9am Darra	Audrey Chan, Lio Samaila, Rebecca Tasi
5:30pm Jindalee	Christine Alcoseba, Les Danielewski, Valerie Ng

##### **Altars Servers**

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer please
7am Darra	Nita Misi, Volunteer Please
8am Jindalee	Volunteer please

9am Darra	Eli Tasi, Nicholas Pham
5:30pm Jindalee	Volunteer
<u>Cleaners Jindalee</u>	
Group 5	Monica Tupicoff, Theresa Thomas, Anne Lambkin
<u>Darra</u> 14/15 March	Leo & Maria Samaila, Fanualelei Family

**24-hour Eucharistic Adoration** at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Darra.

The adoration will begin with the **6 pm Mass on Thursday March 19, the Feast of St Joseph, and conclude with Benediction on Friday evening at 6 pm.**



There are 30-minute intervals to maintain the continuous presence of at least two parishioners. If staying for half an hour is challenging, drop in for 10-15 minutes on your way to shopping, a medical appointment, picking up children from school, etc.

**During this 24 hour, there will be additional opportunity for confession on Thursday night March 19<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 10 pm.**



#### **Pilgrimage to Poland, Austria and Hungary September 9—23, 2026**

Pilgrims with Fr Jan will explore the religious sites of Poznan, Warsaw, Niepokalanow, Black Madonna Shrine, Krakow, Divine Mercy Shrine, Wadowice, Wieliczka (salt mine), Vienna, shrines of Melk Krems, Bratislava, Budapest, St Stephens Cathedral, Hungarian Parliament, Gellert Hill and more. Mass will be celebrated daily. 25 people are required for the pilgrimage to go ahead.

The cost is 3580 euros pp excluding air fare and insurance.

All enquiries contact parish office.

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

**100<sup>th</sup>**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
Honouring  
*Dorothy Russell*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**8 AM:** Mass - Twelve Apostles Church, Jindalee  
**9 AM:** After-Mass celebration – Church Hall (incl. morning tea)

RSVP (for catering) before **5<sup>th</sup> April** by SMS: 0402402005 or email: [lsr.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Please advise any dietary requirements.

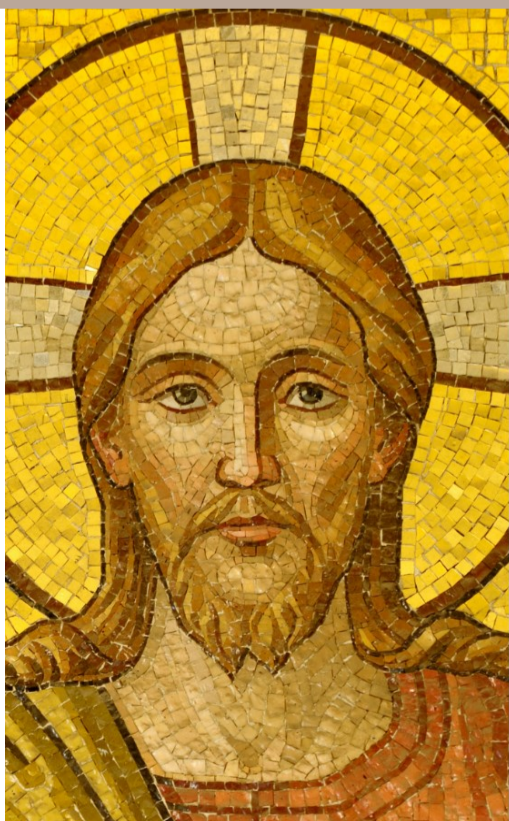
## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We are well underway through the Sacrament of Reconciliation sessions for the first round. Please join us as we continue to pray for the 47 candidates as they journey through this sacred season of Lent and sacramental preparation as they will be receiving the Sacrament on the 24th and 25th of March. Loving Father, we pray that the candidates and their families will come to know you, the one true loving and merciful God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. Amen



# Jesus waits

DARRA JINDALEE YOUTH MINISTRY  
SUNDAY 8 MARCH . JINDALEE HALL . 6:30 - 8:30PM



## R C I A

### SESSION 21

TUESDAY 10 MARCH  
7 - 8 PM . JINDALEE CHURCH

*Authority and Wisdom*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend Eva Ngui, Ally Osborne, Christopher Tran and Pia Whittaker 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

Suzanna Blacow, Barry Kirchner, Ann Hogan, Justin Duncombe, 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

Francis Benedict Linjungan, Rosa Pezzenti, Matthew Jansa, Laurie Jordan, Andre Nguyen van Cau, Tephano Tran dinh Hoe, Anthony Maira Pham Van Ring, Pauliina Yogam Smathar, Perry Cecilo, Chibble Tabet, John Gurr, Robert Taylor

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Colleen Radnedge, Carmel Orford, Kazimierz Borowski, John Ong Ha Vu, Peter Nguyen Khac Tu, Anna Nguyen Thi Tinh, Joseph Nguyen Hong Thanh, 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, Paul Nguyen Tuyen Phuong, Huynh Kiem Long, Pham Thi Ky, Huynh Khuong Ninh, Ly Thi Hong Anh, Joseph Ly Van Tai, **and pray for: all souls, all deceased parishioners, deceased relatives and friends of all here present.** Special intention for Charles - for healing from cancer.

#### Date claimer - Pilgrimage to Marian Valley

Come join the Darra-Jindalee parish pilgrimage to Marian Valley on Saturday, 18 April 2026.

More details in next week newsletter.



**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 Mar 2026**

**Third Sunday of Lent Year A**

**First Reading**

**A reading from the book of Exodus 17: 3-7**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8**

(R.) If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

**Second Reading**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2. 5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:5-15. 19-26 39-42**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:  
Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water  
will get thirsty again:  
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give  
will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give  
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming  
when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.  
You worship what you do not know;  
we worship what we do know;  
for salvation comes from the Jews.  
But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –  
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:  
that is the kind of worshipper  
the Father wants.  
God is spirit,  
and those who worship  
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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**Divine Mercy Hour 3pm**

**Sunday Jindalee Church**

**All parishioners are welcome to join in prayer**