



# 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 LENT 22 MARCH 2026



The resurrection of Lazarus of Bethany (Jn 11:1-45) is the last of the seven extraordinary miracles of Jesus recorded by St. John, and these miracles reveal his glory.

The turning of water into wine, the multiplication of loaves and walking on water, the healing of a dying child, the healing of a paralytic, and a man who has been blind from birth are more than a demonstration of Jesus' miraculous power. The Evangelist consistently refers to the events described as "signs". The sign demands a correct reading and response. Similarly, we read the road sign today.

The Gospel signs are God's speech, and in this speech, God reveals Himself. These are meant to lead us to a personal encounter with Jesus, who is God's Word sent to each of us. In dialogue with Him, faith is born — a response to God's call, like the faith of the healed blind man from (last Sunday Gospel) or Martha's declaration, "I believe, Lord!" (9,35-38).

The sign of bringing Lazarus from the grave indicates that death – the terrible and absurd cancellation of all human desires and aspirations – was defeated by Jesus and transformed into an encounter with God.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, together with Martha and Mary, we are invited to leave the house of mourning and bitter weeping to meet Jesus, the Lord of life.

Jesus' weeping at the tomb of his friend shows that He, who is the resurrection and the life, saves us by sharing in the torment of death with us (Heb 5:7; Jn 12:27), to find each one of us in our solitude and to be "God with us" even unto death and beyond, leading us to eternal life in heaven.

God bless Fr Jan

**PARISH COMMUNITY MEETING Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7pm – Jindalee Church Hall**  
Agenda: parish update, Easter planning, Dorothy's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration

## 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

**Chrism Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral**  
**Thursday 26th March at 7 pm**  
**A celebration for the entire Archdiocese**  
**All are welcome.**

**Pilgrimage to Marian Valley**

You're warmly invited to join the Darra-Jindalee parish pilgrimage to Marian Valley on **Saturday, 18 of April 2026**. To reserve your spot, please reach out to Babes McGrath at 0418 184 850 or email babesmcgrath2@gmail.com.

Bookings close on **Friday, 10 April**. The bus fare is just \$20, and we would be grateful for any donations to support the Pauline Fathers. Below, you'll find the program for the day. I look forward to sharing this day of prayer and fellowship with parishioners! Fr. Jan



**8:15** Depart - Jindalee Church  
**9:15** Arrive - Marian Valley  
**10:00** Mass - Divine Mercy Chapel  
**11:00** Lunch (Bring a plate to share)  
**12:00** Angelus  
**12:15** Procession to the Grotto  
**1:15** Piety Stall / Free time  
**2:30** Chaplet of the Divine Mercy  
**3:00** Depart - Marian Valley  
**4:00** Arrive – Jindalee Church

**EASTER – ADDITIONAL SEATING – TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH**

Help is needed at 9am on Good Friday to move chairs from the hall to the Church veranda to provide additional seating for the Good Friday Service and Easter Vigil Mass.

Help is also needed after the Easter Vigil to return the chairs to the hall. Please contact Jeff Haywood 0402 402 005 if you can help.

**EASTER – READERS and MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion are needed to help with the Easter Services/Masses. Please contact Jeff 0402 402 005 by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March if you can help.

**EASTER - EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS**

To ensure emergency vehicles have clear access to our Churches during our largest attended Masses/Services, parishioner parking is not available in the Jindalee Church keyhole and inside the Darra Church gates from 1:30pm to 4:30pm on Good Friday. The Jindalee Church keyhole will be closed to all vehicles from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on Easter Saturday due to the Easter Fire \*emergency vehicles excepted  
 Parishioners are welcome to drop off/pick up family and friends at the Church doors on Good Friday. An attendant will be available to assist.

**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 27th 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.

**Confidential Prayer Support** is available after various Masses. The next opportunity will be: **Sunday 12th April after the 5:30pm Mass at Jindalee**. Contact Audrey 0435 558 390.



**Palm Sunday Masses as per normal timetable.**

Monday 30 March Jindalee 7am Mass  
 Tuesday 31 March Jindalee 9am Mass  
 Wednesday 1 April Darra 9am Mass

**Holy Thursday: 2 April**

Jindalee: 6:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday 3 April**

Darra 9am Stations of the Cross  
 Jindalee 9am Stations of the Cross  
 Darra 3pm Commemoration of the Passion  
 Jindalee 3pm Commemoration of the Passion

**Holy Saturday 4 April**

Darra: 10:30am Polish Easter Food Blessing  
 Jindalee 6pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday 5 April**

Darra 7am & 9am Mass  
 Jindalee 8am Mass  
NO 5:30pm

**Easter Monday 6 April Public Holiday**

Jindalee 9am Mass

**ROSTER TIMETABLE 21/22 March 2026**

**Readers**

6pm Vigil Jindalee Babes McGrath, Lyn Papa  
 7am Darra Emilia & Shona Misi  
 8am Jindalee Barry Routledge, Denis Nolan  
 9am Darra Maria Samaila, Rebecca Tasi  
 5:30pm Jindalee Youth Reader, Marian Weerasinghe

**Eucharist Ministers**

6pm Vigil Jindalee Philip Cheng, Lissy Fernandes, Christine Alcoseba  
 7am Darra Thieu Vu, Namulauulu Esera  
 8am Jindalee Raymond Choong, August Toleafoa, Ellen Masters  
 9am Darra Joseph Samaila, Lucia Scuderi, LP Seow  
 5:30pm Jindalee Darrylyn Edmestone, Katrina Bartholomew, James Bradley

**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 please

**Cleaners Jindalee**

Group 7 Sophie Kupis, Kerry O'Connor  
Darra 28/29 March Vietnamese Group

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please unite with us as we pray for the 48 candidates that will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Tuesday 24 at Darra and Wednesday 25 at Jindalee. Loving Father, open their hearts so that they can understand the precious and wonderful gift of love and forgiveness that Jesus is offering them in this Sacrament. Amen.



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## SESSION 23

TUESDAY 24 MARCH  
7 - 8 PM . JINDALEE CHURCH

*Holy Week*



# HOLY WEEK MUSIC REHEARSALS

Rehearsal for Holy Thursday and Good Friday  
Monday 16, 23, 30 March . 6:30 - 9 pm . Jindalee Church

Rehearsal for Easter Saturday Vigil  
Sunday 22 March . 4 - 6:30 pm . Darra Church  
Saturday 29 March . 7:30 - 9 pm . Jindalee Church

## WITH OUR PRAYERS WE ENTRUST TO GOD'S MERCY

### THE SICK

Anna, Isabella Seppanen Taylor (Vincent), Suzanna Blacow, 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 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 Pierre Rahi, George Nahra (died in Lebanon)  
Roger Persich, Domencio Chemello, Barry Kirchner, Carolyn George (nee Lynch), Francis Benedict Linjungan, Rosa Pezzenti, Matthew Jansa,

### ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Hoang Thi Nu, Maria Hoa Tran, Peter Phu Le, Sevilla Garcia, Cel-estino Garcia, Fr Peter Conroy, Calliope Boyatzes, Maria Boyatzes, John Behm, Michael Purcell, Parent & Theresa Ngoc, Maria Vu thi Men, 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, Thadde-us 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 rela-tives and friends of all here present.**

Celebrating the Life of Roger Persich, who has peacefully passed into God's Care.



A memorial service will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 12:30pm at The Church of the Twelve Apostles.  
We ask that you keep Roger in your thoughts and prayers.

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 22 Mar 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

### First Reading

#### A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. (R.)

### Second Reading

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

### Gospel Acclamation

See John 11:25. 26

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me  
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,  
but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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**Divine Mercy Hour 3pm**

**Sunday Jindalee Church**

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