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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026



Today's Gospel scene is beautifully depicted in the painting of the Divine Mercy image "Jesus I Trust in You" by the Vilnius artist Ludomir Sleńdziński. On Easter Sunday afternoon, Jesus visits his disciples and stands against the background of the closed door of the Upper Room, which is shut for fear of the Jews. He greets them with a typically Jewish phrase: "Peace be with you!" (which can be translated as our "good morning" or "welcome!"), but in this context, it rather signifies the true gift of God's peace that the Risen Lord brings. He shows them His wounds and grants the Holy Spirit to forgive people's sins.

The Apostles needed the gifts of peace and joy because they received a mission. The Lord entrusts them with a task that he himself received from the Father. He sent them out into the world to carry out his work of reconciliation. It turns out that the first and most important gift of the Risen Lord to the community of believers is nothing less than the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation! A true sign of God's mercy and peace towards us, sinful people.

The second appearance of the Risen Lord prompts the "unfaithful" heart of Thomas to humbly say: "My Lord! My God!" It is not a cold, calculated, emotionless confession of faith; it is an exclamation full of love, wonder and humility

To Thomas, but with us in mind, Jesus speaks important words: "You have believed, because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

And this is precisely the purpose of the Gospel of John: that we believe that Jesus is truly the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him we may have eternal life within us.

Easter blessings 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



The Easter Octave is an eight-day period celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time of great joy for Christians around the world, marking the Lord's victory over death and the beginning of eternal life for all who believe in him. The term octave derives from the Latin word for "eighth" (in music, the eighth note). The celebration of the Easter Octave began in the 4th century and is based on the Jewish tradition of celebrating festivals over eight days. This period symbolises fullness and perfection, which are attributed to the event being celebrated.

The Octave of Easter stands at the very heart of the Church's liturgical year as an extended, intensified celebration of the Resurrection. Rather than treating Easter Sunday as a single feast that passes quickly, the Church, in her wisdom, unfolds it across eight days — **from Easter Sunday to the following Sunday (often called Divine Mercy Sunday)** — as though it were one single, unbroken solemnity.

In the liturgy, an "octave" isn't just about remembering an event; it's about extending the wonder of that moment of the Resurrection. Each day of the Octave is treated as if it were Easter Sunday itself: the Gloria is joyfully sung, the Alleluia is sung with strength, and the readings return to the amazement of the Resurrection. The Church stays at the empty tomb, not rushing forward, so that the truth of Christ's victory over death can settle deeply into our hearts and into time itself.

Pilgrimage to Marian Valley



You're warmly invited to join the Darra-Jindalee parish pilgrimage to Marian Valley on **Saturday, 17 May 2025**. Bookings close on Wednesday, April 15. The bus fare is just \$20, and we would be grateful for any donations to support the Pauline Fathers.

Please contact **Babes McGrath on 0418 184 850** or email babesmcrath2@gmail.com.

I look forward to sharing this day of prayer and fellowship with parishioners and friends! Fr. Jan

ROSTER TIMETABLE 11/12 April 2026

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Farrah Ferrando, Lily Pranata
7am Darra	Denise O'Maley, Babes McGrath
8am Jindalee	Anna Seu, Denis Nolan
9am Darra	Maria Nasalio, LP Seow
5:30pm Jindalee	Paul Kennedy, Marindra Welgampola

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Philip Cheng, Michael Dacono
7am Darra	Claire Bellenger, Thieu Vu
8am Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Lyn Thomas, Veronica Lah
9am Darra	Anoma Fernando, Nirmalee Weerasingham, Tomasi Iosefo
5:30pm Jindalee	Helga Duncan, Les Danielewski, Lucia Scuderi

Altars Servers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer please
7am Darra	Nita Misi, Volunteer
8am Jindalee	Volunteer please
9am Darra	Ioana & Hozanah Iosefo
5:30pm Jindalee	Marian Weerasinghe

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 2	Cuong Le, Noel Fernandes
<u>Darra</u> 18/19 April	Divine Mercy Samoan Group

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, Jindalee Church 11 am – 3.30 pm

Parishioners and visitors are invited to join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday at Twelve Apostles Jindalee. The program includes talks, adoration, confession, Benediction, praying the chaplet, and more.

Please bring your own lunch; tea and coffee will be provided.

WOOL WANTED

If anyone has spare wool they can donate, please give to the parish office for Mrs Flavie Vacher who will crochet little blankets, ponchos etc for young children for winter.

Thank you.

Containers for Change.

Darra Jindalee Catholic Parish ID C11220707.

PLASTIC BOTTLES CODE

Darra Jindalee Parish has joined the environmental project

To date we have raised \$ 1054.40 for the parish.

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.



The Sacrament of Eucharist

Dear Parents,

For all those that **have not** registered their child in FLOCKNOTE for the Sacrament of Eucharist (for the children in grade 4 who have completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation) please go to <https://darrajindaleecatholicparish.org.au/communion/>

Registration closes Friday 17 April.

Parent Information Evenings

Monday 20 April 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church

Darra

Tuesday 21 April 6:30pm at Twelve Apostles Church Jindalee



THANK YOU



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In a special way we thank Natania Butler-Seow for capturing these sacred moments during the Easter Triduum season.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Saturday 11 April Juniper Hoang, Riano Khristi, Psalm Sasulu and Jasmine Fuller 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

Reshma Monteiro, Anna, Isabella Seppanen Taylor (Vincent), Ann Hogan, Justin Duncombe, Clare Caverswall, Patricia Curnow, Alojzija Rutar, Fr Barry Grayson, Annalie DJ. Herbolario. Jonathon Caldwell, Ron Lucas, Gerry Redmond, Jennifer R. Stephens, Bryan Smith, Antonio Sarmento, Chanel Beaver, Fr Vince Hobbs, Tom McCracken, Mary Sturgeon, Theresia Fisher, 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.** Healing for Susie (Mass Intention)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dallas O'Neill, Prena Kalaja, Liza Pashuku, Mikel Gjekaj,

ANNIVERSARIES

Jens Dreyer, Gavin Giorgio, Betty Thomas, Boutros Nahas, Harry Leszczynski, Alice Garvey, Lawrence McMullen, Joan Torbey, Valerie Hoogewerf, Janice Turner, Sam & Stella Saccasan, Jozef Marczak, Maria Marczak, Fanny De Angola, Stanislaw Borowski, Mervyn Samaratunga, Maria Hoang Thi Nu

and pray for: Anthony Leszczynski, Monteiro and Singh family, 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.**

**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 12 Apr 2026

Second Sunday of Easter Year A

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:2-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold,

which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.