



DARRA JINDALEE CATHOLIC PARISH

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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm – 5:45 pm

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 17th May 2026



The Acts of the Apostles describe the Ascension as Jesus being “taken up into heaven.” While this image is clear, it may also cause some confusion. If Jesus is in heaven, how can he be present with us? How can he be within us? What does it truly mean for Jesus to be “with us always” while he is in heaven?

Well, the Lord “who has made this promise is faithful”, so we believe he is with us always. God is never absent. To think that God could be absent from our world is a rejection of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ (Emmanuel).

Because God became man and took flesh, our human flesh, he is forever present in our world.

As humans, we struggle with presence and absence, which pull us apart. From birth, when we’re cut off from our mother, we tend to see all separations as abandonment. Presence and absence are tied to external signs. Some say it would be easier if God were visibly present now, but this is not God’s way; he cannot impose himself or compel belief in him.

Jesus’ Ascension does not make him absent; it guarantees his presence to us in a new, real way rooted in faith and love. As we celebrate this feast today, let us reflect on our presence for others and how we expect them to be present for us. We might be with someone, but an incoming call or message often prompts an immediate response, as if it always requires an instant answer. Interestingly, while we sometimes choose to be absent, we expect others to always be present. The Ascension teaches us that presence and absence depend on our hearts.

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

Thursday Mass, May 21, at the Twelve Apostles Church, Jindalee, 10 am. On the 35th anniversary of my ordination, I will celebrate Mass, giving thanks to God for the gift of his priesthood. Parishioners are most welcome to come along. No fuss, just an opportunity to thank God for his generosity and providence. After Mass, light refreshments in the Parish Hall.
Easter blessings Fr J

FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

Speakers: Fr Nev Yun, Pat Keady, Steffanie Le and Len Airey

Coming together as one Current of Grace to praise, pray and be inspired by the Holy Spirit...



Saturday 23 May 2026
9.30am to 4.30pm
Church of the 12 Apostles,
111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee
BYO Lunch. Morning Tea Provided.

Enquiries: Len 0421 977 849
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Agape Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting – Friday 22nd May, AGAPE will start at 7:00pm at Jindalee Church with Praise and Worship to be followed by a testimony.
All are welcome.

Please note the next Confidential Prayer Support is on Sunday 24th May after 9am Mass at Darra. Contact Audrey 0435 558 390

In his recent publication, Fr Frank Brennan SJ asks us to seek a place for Women in the Church through Synodality To learn more, please join Fr Frank:
HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, HARRIETT ST, AUCHENFLOWER
7-8PM MONDAY 25TH MAY, 2026.

In preparation, you can listen to the Podcast on the book with Geraldine Doogue:
<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-big-tent/id1832437695?i=1000758556479>
Transcript of podcast: <https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/the-disruptive-legacy-of-pope-francis-geraldinedoogue-in-conversation-with-frank-brennan>
RSVP Toowong Parish Office 3324 3045 or Email: too-wong@bne.catholic.net.au

Companion (Casual / Part-Time)

The Daughters of Our Lady of The Sacred Heart are seeking a warm, reliable person to provide weekly companionship and local social support to an elderly Sister in an aged care facility. The role is focused on companionship, conversation, and consistent social connection. It would suit someone locally based who can offer a steady, friendly presence and help reduce isolation. **Approximately 2 hours per week**, with occasional additional time. Expressions of interest are confidential.
Please email your application to: health@olshaustralia.org.au

Cleaners Jindalee

Needed urgently cleaners to go on eight week roster at Jindalee. Please contact the parish office on 3715-8517. Thank you.

Thank you to all those who donated wool to the parish office. Mrs Flavie Vacher has collected the wool and thanks you very much. She has also dropped off already some items for Saint Vincent de Paul.



ROSTER TIMETABLE 16/17 May 2026

Readers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Lily Pranata, Farrah Ferrando
7am Darra	Tiumalu Esera, Esera Esera
8am Jindalee	Peter Dash, August Toleafoa
9am Darra	Lucia Scuderi, Audrey Chan
5:30pm Jindalee	Marian Weerasinghe, Jeff Haywood

Eucharist Ministers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Michael Dacono, Ann Chase, Lissy Fernandes
7am Darra	Namulauulu Esera, Andre Tranne
8am Jindalee	Jeff Haywood, Rachel Cleary, Veronica Lah
9am Darra	Tomasi Iosefo, LP Seow, Maria Nasalio
5:30pm Jindalee	Huu Doan, Valerie Ng, Darryln Edmestone

Altars Servers

6pm Vigil Jindalee	Volunteer please
7am Darra	Mele Liufau Esera, Volunteer
8am Jindalee	Volunteer please
9am Darra	Ioana and Hozanah Iosefo
5:30pm Jindalee	Arianna Bernabe, volunteer welcome

Cleaners Jindalee

Group 7	Sophie Kupis, Kerry O'Connor
<u>Darra</u> 23/24 May	Fatu & Faailoa Misi, volunteer please

ABLAZE

INTERGENERATIONAL RETREAT
FRIDAY 26 - SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2026 . LANDSBOROUGH
REGISTRATION CLOSES FRIDAY 5 JUNE

REGISTER NOW

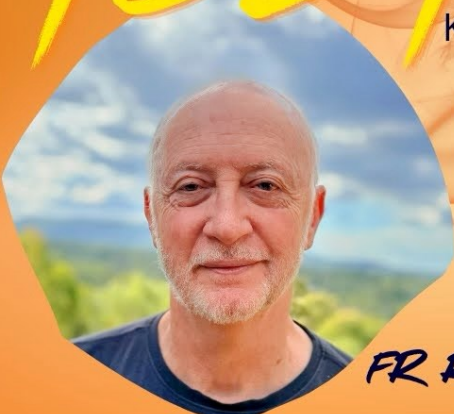


DAVID KEADY



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



FR RAY SANCHEZ

ABLAZE

26-28 JUNE 2026 LANDSBOROUGH

SCHEDULE

"I HAVE COME TO CAST FIRE UPON THE EARTH, AND WOULD THAT IT WERE ALREADY KINDLED!"

DAY 1

4:00PM REGISTRATION FOR BUS (YOUTH)
6:30PM MAIN INDUCTION
7:00PM DINNER
8:30PM P & W & INTRO
10:00PM LIGHTS OUT

DAY 2

7:00AM ROSARY
8:00AM BREAKFAST
9:30AM PRAISE & WORSHIP
10:00AM MASS
10:45AM MORNING TEA
11:00AM SESSION ONE
12:30PM LUNCH
1:30PM GROUP ACTIVITIES
2:15PM SESSION TWO
3:15PM AFTERNOON TEA
3:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
4:00PM FREE TIME
6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM ADORATION/CONFESSION
9:30PM BOND FIRE
10:00PM LIGHTS OUT

DAY 3

7:00AM ROSARY
7:30AM BREAKFAST
8:00AM VACATE CABINS
9:00AM PRAISE & WORSHIP
9:20AM REFLECTION
9:30AM MASS
10:30AM FINAL SESSION & MT
11:15AM AFFIRMATIONS
12:00PM LUNCH
1:00PM DEPARTURE
3:00PM ARRIVAL AT HALL

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Saturday 16 May Matilda and Darcy Skennar will be graced with the Sacrament of Baptism. We warmly welcome their family to the Darra Jindalee parish and entrust them in to Our Lady’s motherly care.

WITH OUR PRAYERS

WE ENTRUST TO GOD’S MERCY

Lou Wilkinson, Des Lavey, Reshma Monteiro, Anna, Isabella Seppanen Taylor (Vincent), Justin Duncombe, Clare Caverswall, Patricia Curnow, Alojzija Rutar, Fr Barry Grayson, Annalie DJ. Herbolario. Jonathon Caldwell, Ron Lucas, Gerry Redmond, Jennifer R. Stephens, Antonio Sarmiento, 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.**

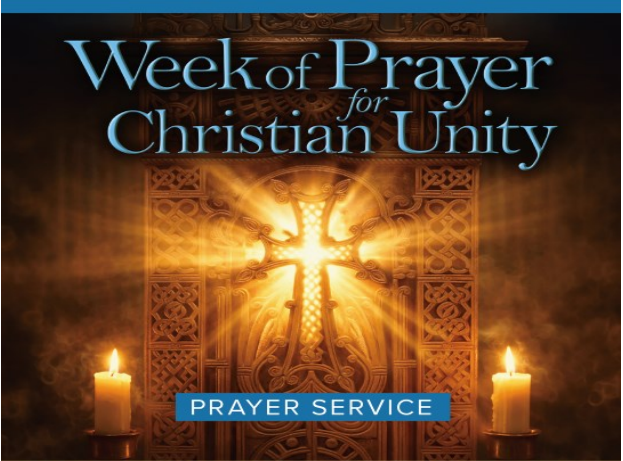
RECENTLY DECEASED

Larry Perrett , Teresa Nguyen Thi Thin (died in the U.S.), the mother of Fr Joseph Vu SVD. Maxwell (Max) Rose, Colleen Rowland, Margaret Condon, Maureen Lu, Maria Ha Nguyen, Ivanka Cecchini, Barbara Louise Mainman Waterhouse, Sheila Shaw

ANNIVERSARIES

Rosy Johny, Calliope Boyatzes, Donald Lobo, Joseph Do Trong Thuy, John Baptist Cheng, Conrad Azcona, Angelitto and Angela Bellizario, Dominic Leong, Margaret Thompson, Rita Welgampola, John Louie, Raeeda Daoud, Camilo Crane, Philippa Mary MacKenzie, **and pray for:** 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.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 11AM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling"
(Ephesians 4:4)

Light refreshments will follow in the Hanly Room.

Join us for a prayer service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**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 17 May 2026

The Ascension of the Lord A

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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**Divine Mercy Hour every Sunday at the
Twelve Apostles Church 3 pm.
Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and
reflections based on the Diary of St Faustina**