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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Darra

Saturday 9:30 am

Jindalee

Saturday 5 pm – 5:45 pm

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2026



From the commentaries in today's Gospel, we learn that the Canaanite woman who asked Jesus to liberate her daughter from the evil spirits was, by race, a Phoenician from Syria. The Canaanites were the ancestral enemies of the Jews and were regarded as pagans and idolaters and, hence, as ritually unclean. By granting the persistent request of the pagan, Jesus shows that his mission is to break down the barriers and to remove the long-standing walls of division and mutual prejudice between the Jews and the Gentiles.

What Jesus demonstrates and teaches in today's Gospel is very far from what happens in the Middle East these days. Years of conflict and war after war have left thousands of lives lost and enormous suffering.

Today's Gospel highlights that God's love and mercy are extended to all who call on him in faith and trust, no matter who they are. In other words, God's care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation. It is therefore fitting that we should pray and do our bit so that the walls which our pride, intolerance and prejudice have raised may crumble. The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel has many "sisters" whose children suffer today not only in Syria but perhaps in many communities today because some people are unwilling to demolish the walls of their pride, intolerance and prejudice.

As baptised members of the Christian community, we have been given special privileges and easy access to God's love. But we also have a responsibility to make clear to others, with true humility and compassion, that God's love, mercy, and healing are for all because we are all God's children.

May God be praised, and may the Blessed Virgin pray for us.

Fr Jan.

PARISH COMMUNITY MEETING
MONDAY 17 AUGUST AT 7PM
JINDALEE HALL.
All parishioners welcome.

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

Wednesday, August 5, marked the 5th anniversary of Fr. Dan Carroll's passing. Parishioners, friends, and relatives gathered to remember him and to thank God for his 50 years of dedicated service at the Darra Jindalee Parish. After the Eucharist, we gathered in the hall for refreshments and planned to play a short video about Fr Dan's time in Darra Jindalee. At the time, the video wasn't complete, so this weekend we will show a few photos of Fr Dan's ministry to the parishioners of Darra Jindalee. I thank Valentina Salcedolozada and Jeff Haywood for putting together this video clip. Fr Jan

Agape Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting – Friday 21st August AGAPE will start at 7:00pm at Jindalee Church with Praise and Worship to be followed by Adoration & Intercessory Prayer. All are welcome.

Invitation to Agape Family Picnic - Sunday 23rd August 11am-3.30pm Jindalee Boat Ramp park (near playground) 110 Mount Ommaney Drive. BYO shared lunch, drinks, chairs, ball games or team games. If it rains we will be in Jindalee Church hall. All are welcome & bring your family & friends for a fun day. Call Gem 0414 341 506.

Please note the next Confidential Prayer Support is on Saturday 29th August after 6pm Mass at Jindalee.
Contact Audrey 0435 558 390



22-23 August 2026

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Becoming Catholic
RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

A special program, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is for those considering joining the Roman Catholic Church. The program prepares candidates for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation
Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist — and provides insight into the Catholic faith. Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or do you know someone who wants to learn about the Catholic Faith?
Please get in touch with the Darra-Jindalee Parish office by email to Luisa_ym.darjin@bne.catholic.net.au or ph 3715 8517. The RCIA participants meet once a week on Tuesdays at 7 pm.
The program commences on Tuesday, August 18, at 7 pm Jindalee hall.

ROSTER TIMETABLE 15/16 August 2026	
Readers	
6pm Vigil Jindalee	Stella Papa, Garry Everett
7am Darra	Julie Louie, Babes McGrath
8am Jindalee	Peter Dash
9am Darra	Maira Nasalio, LP Seow
5:30pm Jindalee	Marian Weerasinghe, Marindra Welgampola
Eucharist Ministers	
6pm Vigil Jindalee	Mai Pham, Rose & Michael Sopena
7am Darra	Namulauulu Esera, Nikolao Ropati
8am Jindalee	Tintu Melvin, Veronica Lah, Hervojka Pavic
9am Darra	Maria Nasalio, Roy Smith, Audrey Chan
5:30pm Jindalee	Marie Fernando, Jackie Hillman, Lucia Scuderi
Altar Servers	
6pm Vigil Jindalee	David and Chris Puthanangady
7am Darra	Mele Liufau Esera
8am Jindalee	Bruce Wright, Akilesh Thangarajah
9am Darra	Ioana & Hozanah Iosefo
5:30pm Jindalee	Arianna Bernabe, Antone Ngo
Cleaners	
<u>Jindalee</u>	
Group 4	Barbara Melville, Jan McMullen, Hanna & Damian Ridgeway
<u>Darra</u> 22/23 Aug.	Vietnamese Group
Every third Sunday of the month the Samoan Community Choir will be singing at the 9am Mass. Darra.	
Parishioners Planned Giving Envelopes will be available for collection 15/16 and 22/23 August at Darra Church. Thank you.	
WOOL REQUIRED: if any parishioners have any spare wool would you kindly donate to the parish office for Mrs. Flavie Vacher's crocheted work. Thank you so much.	

RECONCILIATION

For Candidates who received **First Holy Communion in 2025**

SUNDAY 26 JULY

9AM DARRA MASS
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

9AM DARRA MASS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
10AM SACRAMENTAL LESSON 1

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

9AM DARRA MASS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
10AM SACRAMENTAL LESSON 2

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

9AM DARRA MASS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
10AM SACRAMENTAL LESSON 3

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

9AM DARRA MASS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
10AM SACRAMENTAL LESSON 4

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

9AM DARRA MASS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
PRACTICAL PREPARATION

Recently we were excited to invite Sean Cleary to share with the young people the life of Saint Óscar Romero who became a global symbol and was recognised as the "voice for the voice-less" before being martyred on March 24, 1980, during the celebration of the Holy Mass.

Saint Oscar Romero believed that at the core of living and evangelizing the Gospel was connected to upholding the dignity of the marginalized and poor.





SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026

JINDALEE CHURCH HALL

DJYM SAINTS SERIES



6:30PM - 8:30PM

2026

CONFIRMATION



MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
Parents Information Evening
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Darra
6:30pm



TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER
Parents Information Evening
Twelve Apostles Church Jindalee
6:30pm



SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
Presentation of Candidates
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Darra
9am

Register at: <https://darrajindaleecatholicparish.org.au/confirmation/>
For those who are Baptised and in Year 3 and above
Registration closes Friday 4 September 2026

WITH OUR PRAYERS
WE ENTRUST TO GOD'S MERCY

THE SICK

Quy Van Vo, Pamela Cooper, Lisa-Marie O'Donnell (nee Folkman) , Tadeusz Kopansk, Shaun W. Janine Rowe, Lou Wilkinson, Des Lavey, Reshma Monteiro, Anna, Isabella Seppanen Taylor (Vincent), Justin Duncombe, Clare Cavers wall, Patricia Curnow, Alojzija Rutar, Annalie DJ. Herbolario. Jonathon Caldwell, Ron Lucas, Jennifer R. Stephens, Antonio Sarmiento, Fr Vince Hobbs, Tom McCracken, Mary Sturgeon, Theresia Fisher, Paul Purcell, Savelio Fuiono, Blin Berhane, Maria Makerita Avaa, 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

Claude Foster, Terence Lyons

ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Cheng, Hazel Machin, Patricia Edge, Denis and Evelyn Ong, Fred Neubronner, Peter and Constance Abad, Fr Daniel Carroll, Bronislawa Staniks, Barbara Jozef Stanislaw, Cicahy, Aleksandra Jozefa Zajeziarski, Mieczyslaw Zajeziarski, Anna and Jan Swiderek,

and pray for: Peter Nguyen Khac Tu, Anna Nguyen The Tinh, Joseph Nguyen Hong Thanh, Peter Pham Y, Paul Pham Tuat, Anna Bui The Lan, Anna Tran The Can, Paul Pham Kim Nhan, Anna Pham The Nghia, Anna Pham The Huong, Elisabeth Nguyen The Can, Peter Hoang Su, Maria, Thaddeus NHB, Peter T.V.L, Stella Gibbs, Peter C.V.G, Peter N.V.T, Joseph L.V.T, John the Baptist Di, Paul Nguyen Tuyen Phuong, Huynh Kiem Long, Pham The Ky, Huynh Khuong Ninh, Ly The Hong Anh, Joseph Ly Van Tai and pray for: all souls, all deceased parish-ioners, deceased relatives and friends of all here present.

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PLASTIC BOTTLES CODE

Darra Jindalee Parish has joined the environmental project

Containers for Change.

To allocate your donation to the parish, you need to refer to the depot the member number id below.

Money raised goes to our youth ministry.

Thank you.



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 16 Aug 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tiro and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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



This year, we will once again gather at the **Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church on Sunday, 30 August, at 2.00 pm**. We will embrace this year's theme from Pope Leo: **"Even just one of these children."** Mass will be presided over by **Archbishop Shane Mackinlay** and concelebrated by priests who minister to cultural communities across the Archdiocese.

After Mass, a joyful celebration featuring cultural performances, refreshments, and activities for children will take place on the church grounds. **Join us for a day of prayer, celebration and shared joy!**