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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week	
Monday	No Service
Tuesday	9.15 AM Mass;
Wednesday	9.15 AM Mass;
Thursday	9.15 AM Holy Communion;
Friday	9.15 AM Mass;
Saturday	6.30 PM Mass;
Sunday	9.00 AM Rosary 9.30 AM Mass; 5.30 PM Mass;

Reconciliation:
30 minutes prior to all masses

Week's Roster				
13/14	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Rina Pereira	Tisar Chandrasekara	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Volunteer	Greg Ferreira	Clara Marasigan
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Jane Cassar	Raul Batallonis
20/21 NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Joe Connolly	Volunteer	Janine Phillips
	Reader	Volunteer	Joseph Nayna	Jessica Fernandez
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Volunteer

Please pray for.....

Those who are baptised : Luke Andrei Reyes Romero

Those who are sick: Joel Meunier, Sean Campbell, Pham, Linh Do & David De-Niese

Those who recently died : Fr. Michael Leonard Shadbolt


Those whose memories are sacred to us : Cesar, Carlitosa, Rosario Caballero , Cristi Centenera, Eladio, Dominga, Melceditas, Mr. Corazon Laureta Family, Fanny, Aurelio, Patrick, Manolito Antaran, Algenor Morel, Leonie Morel, Joseph Morel, Paul Morel & Anne Marie Morin

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 1,376.30
Presbytery Offering	\$ 1,333.45

ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH DONATION QR CODE

Scan the QR Code to contribute securely and conveniently for **donations towards the Presbytery, Thanksgiving & Special Collections**.

Your generosity ensures the continued support and care for our parish community.



Thank you for your kindness and support.

For those contributing by Direct Debit, if you notice anything unusual on your bank statement in relation to your pledge to our parish, please contact the parish office promptly.

Next Week's Reading	
FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT	
First Reading	Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading	Romans 1:1-7
Gospel	Mathew 1:18-24



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Third Sunday of Advent, Year A **14 December 2025**

First Reading Is 35:1-6, 10
God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.
or
(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 5:7-10
You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamations Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 11:2-11
Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?'

Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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SATURDAY 6.30PM & SUNDAY 5.30PM MASS	
GATHERING SONG O come O Come Emmanuel	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No 174; Page 172 verse 1 & 2
PROCESSION OF GIFTS Immaculate Mother	
COMMUNION SONG How Great Thou Art	No 94; Page 95
FINAL SONG O Come O Come Emmanuel	No 174; Page 172 Verse 3 & 4

SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS	
GATHERING SONG O come O Come Emmanuel	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" Joy to the World Book Page 29
PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG Come to My Heart Lord Jesus	Joy to the World Book Page 9
COMMUNION SONG You Shall Name This Child Emmanuel	Joy to the World Book Page 50
FINAL SONG O Come O Come Emmanuel	Joy to the World Book Page 29

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Third week of Advent

14 December 2025
A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen. Mt 11:11
Lord Jesus, help us forget ourselves by serving others, and find the peace that surpasses understanding Amen.

15 December 2025
Nor will I tell you my authority for acting like this. Mt 21:27
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the living God, prompt my heart with your questions so that, guided by your Holy Spirit, I may spiral ever deeper into knowledge and love of you. Amen.

16 December 2025
Which of the two did the father's will? Mt 21:31
Lord, help us to hear and respond to your word. Amen

17 December 2025
Come, Wisdom of our God Most High.
Wisdom of God, help me recognise your closeness and guide my steps in my journey to you. Amen

18 December 2025
Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever. Psalm Response
Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your peace this Christmas that others may feel the joy of your birth. Amen

19 December 2025
The Lord has done this for me. Lk 1:25
Dear Lord, today help me to remain open to your surprising grace-to recognise and to trust in your presence and action in the impossible places of my life. Amen

20 December 2025
But how can this come about? Lk 1:34
Lord, today I choose to say "yes" to you. Amen.

Parking Notice

Please be aware that for parishioners attending Mass, we kindly ask that you park your cars in the designated parking bays.

Please do not park in front of the church or school entrance. Let us all be mindful and considerate of everyone's safety.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday & Friday 11.30am - 3.30pm

Legion of Mary meet Every Wednesday after Mass at Coolibah Room (next to the parish office) New members are welcome.
Contact ; Yves & Lisiane D'Argent
Mobile no# 0478077703

BAPTISM (Baptism requires a months' notice)

Upcoming Baptism :

Church Cleaning 26 Dec : Matilda, Sheryn & Dominic
16 Jan : Heny & Hardi

Laundry December : Rita Fernandez

We need more volunteers for Laundry, Church Cleaning & Flowers Arrangement,
Please contact Parish Office or Rina # 0420986896

ALTAR SERVERS

Please encourage your child/children/Boys/Girls who have completed the sacrament of First Holy Communion to volunteer as altar servers during mass. Training will be given. Please contact ; Cheryl; 0422724572 or Clyde 0407543561

COMMENTATOR / READER

Father Tad would like to invite more parishioners to take more active part in the Liturgy. More specifically as the commentator or reader. Please stay back after mass if you would like to volunteer, our commentators and readers are available to assist you.

Australian Nativity Scene (ANS)

The Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) display will be open to the public from Monday, 1st December until Friday, 9th January 2026. The display will feature a weekly story as outlined below:

- Week 1: Introduction to daily life in Bethlehem and its surrounding villages | The journey to Bethlehem (Mary on a donkey with Joseph)
- Week 2: Joseph pays the tax and searches for lodging | The inn is full, but a kind innkeeper offers a stable | Joseph prepares the stable.
- Week 3: The birth of Jesus | An angel appears to the shepherds.
- Week 4: The shepherds visit | The three kings are seen afar, following the star.
- Week 5: The three kings visit the palace before heading to the manger (Feast of Epiphany) | They part ways | The holy family flees to Egypt, concluding the ANS display.

Note: Viewing is recommended before or after mass. Other visits must be by appointment only.
This year, the Nativity Scene will feature new figurines and materials. If you would like to sponsor any figurines or materials for the nativity scene, please provide your details on the ANS Figurine List. Your generous support has contributed significantly to the growth and improvement of this event over the years.
Thank you!

Safeguarding Unit

Our commitment to Children and Young People. We commit to making our Church a safe place for children and young people and protecting them from harm. Email: safeguardingunit@cam.org.au

During the Holy Season of Advent, Father Tad will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to each Masses.
Prior to Christmas
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd at 7:00pm – 8:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME

24 December 2025, Wednesday
Christmas Eve Family Mass, Carols 6:30pm, Mass 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
Carols 11:30pm, Mass 12:00am

25 December 2025, Thursday
Christmas Day Mass – The Nativity of the Lord
9:00 AM Rosary, 9.30am Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1 January 2026, Thursday

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
9:30am Rosary, 10:00am Mass

✨ We would like to invite all children who are attending the Christmas Eve Family Mass to come dressed as Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, the Three Kings or the disciples.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word at the end of this month. It will resume on the last Sunday of January, the 25th of January 2026.

Come and Visit Our Piety Stall

Lovely religious Christmas cards available, featuring images of the Australian Nativity Scene created by Wilson —priced at \$2 each or 6 for \$10.
The 2026 Columban Art Calendar is also available, along with a variety of religious gifts and Christmas items.