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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 22 nd Dec	No Service 7:00PM – 8:00PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 23 rd Dec	9:15 AM 7:00PM – 8:00PM	Mass; Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 24 th Dec	7:00PM 12:00AM	Christmas Eve Family Mass Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
Thursday 25 th Dec	9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Rosary Christmas Day Mass The Nativity of the Lord
Friday 26 th Dec	No Service	
Saturday 27 th Dec	6.30 PM	Mass; <i>St. John, apostle, evangelist</i>
Sunday 28 th Dec	9.00 AM 9.30 AM 5.30 PM	Rosary Mass ; <i>The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> Mass;
Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to all masses		

Week's Roster				
20/21	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Joe Connolly	Volunteer	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Volunteer	Joseph Nayna	Clara Marasigan
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Raul Batallonis
27/28 NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Rina Pereira	Volunteer	Janine Phillips
	Reader	Volunteer	Volunteer	Fiona Fernandez
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Wilson Fernandez

Please pray for.....

Those who are baptised :

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

Those who recently died : Ursule Tuyau & James Raffaut


Those whose memories are sacred to us : Maria Baldacchino

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 1,183.70
Presbytery Offering	\$ 985.10

ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH DONATION QR CODE

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





Thank you for your kindness and support.

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Next Week's Reading	
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	
First Reading	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Second Reading	Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel	Mathew 2:13-15, 19-23

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A **21 December 2025**

First Reading Is 7:10-14
The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory

- The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
- Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 1:1-7
Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead.

Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamations Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 1:18-24
Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:00AM & 5.30PM MASS

GATHERING SONG O come O Come Emmanuel	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No 174; Page 172 verse 1 & 2
PROCESSION OF GIFTS Isaiah	No 49; Page 90
COMMUNION SONG Hail Mary Gentle Woman	Text Attached
FINAL SONG O Come O Come Emmanuel	No 174; Page 172 Verse 3 & 4

HAIL MARY GENTLE WOMAN

Hail Mary, Full Of Grace The Lord Is With You Blessed Are You Among Women And Blessed Is The Fruit Of Your Womb Jesus.	Gentle Woman Quiet Light, Morning Star So Strong And Bright. Gentle Mother Peaceful Dove, Teach Us Wisdom Teach Us Love
Holy Mary Mother Of God Pray For Us Sinners Now And At The Hour Of Death. Amen.	Blessed Are You Among Women. Blest In Turn All Women Too. Blessed They With Peaceful Spirits. Blessed They With Gentle Hearts.
Gentle Woman Quiet Light, Morning Star So Strong And Bright. Gentle Mother Peaceful Dove, Teach Us Wisdom Teach Us Love.	Gentle Woman Quiet Light, Morning Star So Strong And Bright. Gentle Mother Peaceful Dove, Teach Us Wisdom Teach Us Love.
You Were Chosen By The Father. You Were Chosen For The Son. You Were Chosen From All Women And For Woman Shining One.	Teach Us Wisdom Teach Us Love.

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.

Fourth week of Advent

21 December 2025
She has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son. Mt 1:21-22
Lord, may all the seasons of the year compel us to generosity and make us more lovable. Amen.

22 December 2025
My heart rejoices. Psalm Response
The Almighty has done great things for me; Holy is his name. Amen.

23 December 2025
What will this child turn out to be? Lk 1:66
We pray that every child will be raised in the awareness that they are a beloved child of God, created for a purpose, created for God. Amen

24 December 2025
He has raised up for us a power for salvation. Lk 1:69
Lord, we thank you for always keeping your promises and pray that we can trust in your perfect timing. Amen.

25 December 2025, Christmas Day
The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory. Jn 1:14
Today, Jesus, let all the ends of the earth and all the corners of my heart see the saving power of God. Amen

26 December 2025
Into your hands. O Lord, I entrusted my spirit. Ps 31:5
Lord Jesus, receive my spirit this day. Amen

27 December 2025
.... reached the tomb first. Jn 20:4
Thank you Lord for the gift of faith given to us through the witness of those who have gone before us! 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 : Henny & 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

Christmas Lights Displays at Scanlon's Family

You are warmly invited to visit the Scanlon Family's Christmas Lights Display, featuring a beautiful Nativity scene. Where: 6 Neasham Drive, Dandenong North
When: 16 December 2025 – 4 January 2026, Time: 8:45 pm – 11:00 pm
Parishioners are welcome to walk on the lawn—please take care around cables. The Scanlon family would love to meet members of the parish community. You may also wish to visit the Christmas Lights Display of Andrew Vaccaro (St Gerard's Parish) at Ring Court, Dandenong North, running on the same dates and times, also featuring a Nativity scene.

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.