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| Prayers & Mass Times of the Week | | |
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| Monday 29 th Dec | No Service | |
| Tuesday 30 th Dec | 9:15 AM | Communion Service; |
| Wednesday 31 st Dec | 9:15 AM | Communion Service; |
| Thursday 1 st Jan | 9:30 AM 10:00 AM | Rosary Mass; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God |
| Friday 2 nd Jan | 9:15 AM | Mass Benediction |
| Saturday 3 rd Jan | 6.30 PM | Mass; <i>The most Holy name of Jesus</i> |
| Sunday 4 th Jan | 9.00 AM 9.30 AM | Rosary Mass ; <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> |
| | 5.30 PM | Mass; |
| | Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to all masses | |

| Week's Roster | | | | |
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| 27/28 | Ministries | SATURDAY, 6.30 PM | SUNDAY, 9.30 AM | SUNDAY, 5.30 PM |
| THIS WEEK | Commentator | Rina Pereira | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| | Reader | Volunteer | Volunteer | Fiona Fernandez |
| | Eucharistic Minister | Kate Robinson | Volunteer | Wilson Fernandez |
| 3/4 NEXT WEEK | Commentator | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| | Reader | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| | Eucharistic Minister | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |

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 :


Those whose memories are sacred to us : Anna Hoang Thi Lieu, Anna Nguyen Thi Hoa, Anna Hoang Thi Van, Maria Madalenna Phain Thi Qua, for the souls of the ancestors and all souls in purgatory.

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

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 | |
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| THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | |
| First Reading | Isaiah 60:1-6 |
| Second Reading | Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 |
| Gospel | Mathew 2:1-12 |


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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year A **28 December 2025**

First Reading Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
- Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-12
Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamations Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mathew 2:13-15, 19-23

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. here he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

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| SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:00AM & 5.30PM MASS | |
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| GATHERING SONG O Come All Ye Faithful | HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No 167; Page 166 |
| PROCESSION OF GIFTS Silent Night | No 168; Page 167 |
| COMMUNION SONG The First Noel | No 169; Page 168 |
| FINAL SONG Joy to the World | No 170; Page 169 |

CONCLUSION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

As we come to the conclusion of the Jubilee Year 2025, Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli invites us to reflect with gratitude on this sacred time of grace, mercy, and renewal.

Throughout the Jubilee, we have been called to deepen our relationship with Christ, to walk as pilgrims of hope, and to renew our commitment to reconciliation, justice, and compassion.

The Archbishop encourages us not to see the Jubilee as an ending, but as a beginning — carrying forward the fruits of prayer, conversion, and unity into our daily lives and parish communities.

May the spirit of the Jubilee continue to shape our faith, strengthen our witness, and inspire us to live the Gospel with renewed joy and courage.

Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings received during this Holy Year and entrust our Church and world to the mercy and guidance of the Lord as we move forward together.

The Archbishop Pastoral Letter is available on the foyer and notice board for your reference.

The Holy Family

28 December 2025
He loves you. Col 3:12
Lord Jesus, I trust in your love. Open my eyes to see you, my ears to hear you, and my heart to receive the joy of your presence. Amen

29 December 2025
Anyone who loves his brother is living in the light and need not be afraid of stumbling. 1 Jn 2:10
Lord, may I bring your light of love and forgiveness to others. Amen.

30 December 2025
She spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. Lk 2:38
Lord, as we prepare for a new year, remind us that you are a God who keeps his promises. Amen

31 December 2025
Sing a new song to the Lord. Ps 96:1
Lord, help me to sing with childlike freedom a new song for you today, perhaps in my head, maybe in my car, but definitely with gusto in my heart. Amen

1 January 2026, Mary, the Holy Mother of God
God sent his Son, born of a woman. Gal 4:4
Mother of God, and our mother, pray for us. Amen

2 January 2026
Live in Christ, then, my children. 1 Jn 2:28
Lord, help us forget ourselves by serving others, and so become one body, one spirit in Christ. Amen

3 January 2026
Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Jn 1:29
Lord, please help us to "look" at Jesus, and in looking, truly see him, know him, and let ourselves be drawn to live in him forever. Amen

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the "true model of life" from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.

Prayer: Most Holy Family of Nazareth, you were a true school of love in which the perfection of family love grew strong. Please bestow upon me, my family, and families everywhere the grace needed to more fully imitate the love you shared, so that families everywhere will continue to be the fundamental building block of the world. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us and have mercy on all. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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| 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 :

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| Church Cleaning | 26 Dec : Matilda, Sheryn & Dominic 16 Jan : Henny & Hardi |
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| Laundry | January : Sheryn Disanayake |
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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 8 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

Thank You to Our Christmas Choir Leaders

On behalf of Fr. Tad and the parish community, we extend our sincere thanks to Marcelle, Damien, Desire, Thien, and Ben Bolano for generously leading the choir during our Christmas Masses. Your dedication, talent, and prayerful music enriched our liturgy and helped us celebrate the joy of Christ's birth in a truly meaningful way. We are deeply grateful for the time and effort you gave to prepare and lead us in song and Christmas Carols. May God bless you abundantly for your service to our parish.

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.

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Paul (Greece & Turkey)

St Mary's Parish, Dandenong, led by Fr Sebastian Arockia, is organising a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey from 5–21 May 2026, following the missionary journey of St Paul. Places are limited, with some still available. For enquiries, please contact St Mary's Parish Office on 9791 4611 or Fr Sebastian.