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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday	No Service	
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass; <i>St Francis Xavier</i>
Thursday	9.15 AM	Communion Service; <i>St John Damascene</i>
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass; <b>Benediction</b>
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass; <i>St Nicholas</i>
Sunday	9.30 AM	Mass;
	5.30 PM	Mass;

**Reconciliation:**  
30 minutes prior to all masses

Week's Roster				
29/30	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Volunteer	Belinda Liew	Janine Phillips
	Reader	Sarah Perera	Volunteer	Fiona Fernandez
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Yves D'Argent	Wilson Fernandez
6/7 NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Kate Robinson	Belinda Liew	Volunteer
	Reader	Joe Connolly	Sheryn Disanayake	Raul Batallonis
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Dominic Disanayake	Raul Batallonis

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 : 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	\$ 1,138.75
Presbytery Offering	\$ 1,104.55

**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	
SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT	
First Reading	Isaiah 11:1-10
Second Reading	Roman 15:4-9
Gospel	Mathew 3:1-12

# St Elizabeth's Parish

## Newsletter

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### First Sunday of Advent, Year A 30 November 2025

**First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5**  
*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.**

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' (R.)

4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. (R.)

**Second Reading Roman 13:11-14**  
*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**  
**Alleluia**

**Gospel Mt 24:37-44**  
*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

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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 Come as You Are	No 31; Page 34
COMMUNION SONG Bread Broken Wine Shared	No 155; Page 335
Jubilee Song – Pilgrims of Hope	Printed page separately
FINAL SONG O Come O Come Emmanuel	No 174; Page 172

SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS	
GATHERING SONG O come O Come Emmanuel	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No 174; Page 172
PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG Crimond	No 144; Page 144
COMMUNION SONG As We Prepare (Christmas Praise)	Text Attached
FINAL SONG Emmanuel	Text Attached

**AS WE PREPARE (CHRISTMAS PRAISE)**  
(By Jim Murray)

1. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord  
Let us always remember why He came  
And as we present our gifts  
To our friends and all our loved ones  
Let us offer Him the holy gift of praise.

CHORUS:  
Allelu, Alleluia, Allelu, Aleluia  
Allelu, Alleluia, Praise the Lord  
Allelu, Alleluia, Allelu, Aleluia  
Allelu, Alleluia, Praise the Lord

2. As we offer Him our praise  
Let us sacrifice our lives  
So that all the world may know of His love  
For His birth at Bethlehem  
Was a gift from God to man  
Thank you Father for Your perfect gift of Love

**EMMANUEL**  
(By Bob McGee)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
His name is called, Emmanuel  
God with us, Reveal in us  
His name is called, Emmanuel.

**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.

**First week of Advent**

30 November 2025  
Stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. Mt 24:42  
Lord, may I always be ready to receive you into my life, and into my heart. Amen

1 December 2025  
Just give the word. Mt. 8:8  
Jesus, I give you permission today to come into my life and into my worries. Let your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen.

2 December 2025  
The wolf lives with the lamb...The infant plays over the cobra's hole. Is 11:6,8  
Lord Jesus, you are our promise; help us reject self-sufficiency and place our trust in you. Amen.

3 December 2025  
How many loaves have you? Mt. 15:34  
Lord Jesus, give me strength to climb the hill where you are found, the courage to bring my loaves- whatever I have- and the grace to become your hands and heart in this world. Amen.

4 December 2025  
(The) sensible man who build his house on rock. Mt 7:24  
Lord Jesus, help me to build my life on you, Amen.

5 December 2025  
Do you believe I can do this? Mt 9:28  
Heavenly Father, teach me to trust you as Jesus did. Amen.

6 December 2025  
Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord. Ps 147:11  
Come, Lord Jesus, fulfilment of all our longing! Amen

**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

BAPTISMS (Baptism requires a months' notice)  
Upcoming baptism: 7 Desember 2025

Church Cleaning 12 Dec : Herman  
26 Dec : Matilde, Sheryn & Dominic

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](mailto: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.

✨ 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.

Fr Tad would like to thank all who attended the Thank You Christmas Gathering last Friday evening. He also extends his gratitude to everyone who contributed to making it a wonderful and enjoyable night.

**Come and Visit Our Piety Stall**

Sheryn warmly invites everyone to visit the Piety Stall. She has in stock beautiful religious Christmas cards featuring images of the Australian Nativity Scene created by Wilson—available for \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

The 2026 Columban Art Calendar is still available, along with a variety of religious gifts and Christmas items. Please drop by and have a look!

**HEALING MASS** at St Joseph's Church, Springvale (Cnr. St James Ave & Uckingham Ave)  
Monday 1st December at 7:30PM to 9:00PM  
Healing Mass, Anointing & Adoration (6:30PM Rosary: 7:00PM Praise & Worship)  
Celebrant: Fr. Aurelio Fragapane