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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday	No Service	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass; <i>St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i>
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass; <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; <i>St Damasus I</i>
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass; <i>Our Lady Guadalupe</i>
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass; <i>St Lucy</i>
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary
	9.30 AM	Mass;
	5.30 PM	Mass;

Reconciliation:
30 minutes prior to all masses

Week's Roster				
6/7	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Kate Robinson	Belinda Liew	Volunteer
	Reader	Joe Connolly	Volunteer	Raul Batallonis
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Raul Batallonis
13/14 NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Rina Pereira	Tisaru Chandrasekara	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Volunteer	Greg Ferreira	Clara Marasigan
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Jane Cassar	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 :


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

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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	
THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT	
First Reading	Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
Second Reading	James 5:7-10
Gospel	Mathew 11:2-11

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Second Sunday of Advent, Year A **7 December 2025**

First Reading Is 11:1-10
He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loin cloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

- O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
- In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 15:4-9
Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:1-12
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father,"

because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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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 Like a Shepherd	No 160; Page 160
COMMUNION SONG The Cry of the Poor	No 83; Page 84
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" No 174; Page 172 verse 1 & 2
PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG Blessed Are You Lord God of All Creation	Text Attached
COMMUNION SONG Father I Thank You	Text Attached
FINAL SONG O Come O Come Emmanuel	No 174; Page 172 Verse 3 & 4

BLEST ARE YOU LORD GOD OF ALL CREATION By
(By Richard Shephard / Fr. Aniceto Nazareth)

1. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this bread we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the bread of life.

REFRAIN: Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!
Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!

2. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this wine we offer:
fruit of the vine, work of our hands,
it will become the cup of life.

FATHER I THANK YOU (by Steve Stewart)

1. Father I thank You for
all that You've done
You gave Your Son freely for me
And I praise You for calling me
Drawing me near
Out of blindness You caused me to see.

2. Spirit of life, You are God's holy fire
You've kindled my heart with Your blaze
And I know You're refining me Changing my life
And by faith You're revealing Your ways.

3. Jesus, I need You as Lord of my life
I give all I have unto You
Lord, I want to come under
Your heavenly hand
And to praise You in all that I do.

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.

Second week of Advent

7 December 2025
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Mt 3:2
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us. St Joseph, guide and protect us.

8 December 2025
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ. Ep 1:4
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. Amen.

9 December 2025
Console my people. Is 40:1
I am with you. Amen

10 December 2025
My burden is light. Mt 11:29
Jesus, I place my suffering into your hands and unite it with yours. Receive it as an offering of love. Lighten my cross, and teach me to love you more in all things. Amen

11 December 2025
Do not be afraid, I will help you. Is 41:13
Jesus, through your Spirit, may I find renewed hope in you and your promise. May this promise and hope be made real through the love and compassion of our community. Amen.

12 December 2025
Ever watchful for the coming of your Only Begotten Son. Collect
May we be "ever watchful for the coming of your Only Begotten Son". Amen

13 December 2025
They did not recognise him. Mt 17:12
Lord, open my eyes to see. 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

BAPTISM (Baptism requires a months' notice)

Upcoming Baptism : 7th December 2025
Luke Andrei Reyes Romero

Church Cleaning 12 Dec : Herman
26 Dec : Matilda, 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

During the Holy Season of Advent, Father Tad will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to each Masses.

CHRISTMAS EVE
24 December 2025, Wednesday
7:00 PM Family Mass
12:00 AM – Midnight Mass

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
25 December 2025, Thursday
9:00 AM Rosary
9.30 AM Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY
1 January 2026, Thursday
SOLEMNITY, MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
9:30 AM Rosary
10:00 AM 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.

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!