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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 5 Jan	<b>No Service</b>	
Tuesday 6 Dec	9:15 AM	Mass;
Wednesday 7 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>Raymond of Penyafort, priest</i>
Thursday 8 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass; Followed by the Rosary
Friday 9 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass;
Saturday 10 Jan	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday 11 Jan	9.00 AM 9.30 AM 5.30 PM	The Rosary Mass; <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> Mass;
<b>Reconciliation:</b> 30 minutes prior to all masses		

Week's Roster				
3/4	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Reader	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
10/11 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 : Fred De Silva

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 1,503.40
Presbytery Offering	\$ 2,068.25

**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	
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
First Reading	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading	Acts 10:34-38
Gospel	Mathew 3:13-17



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**The Epiphany of the Lord** **4 January 2026**

**First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6**  
*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11**

**(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

1. 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.)

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

4. 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.)

**Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**  
*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamations Mathew 2:2**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mathew 2:1-12**  
*We have come from the East to worship the king*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.

'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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# The Epiphany of the Lord

**SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:30AM & 5.30PM MASS**

GATHERING SONG We Three Kings	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" Page 40 Christmas song book
PROCESSION OF GIFTS Silent Night	Page 36 Christmas song book
COMMUNION SONG O Holy Night When a Child is Born	Page 30 Christmas song book Page 44 Christmas song book
FINAL SONG Hark the Herald Angel Sing	Page 19 Christmas song book

## 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.*

## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Epiphany means the revelation of the Incarnation, when the Son of God was made known to the world.

Today we celebrate how Jesus, the newborn King, was revealed not only to the shepherds but also to the Magi, symbolising His revelation to all people. The Magi followed the star, leaving their comfort behind, and found the Child in humility. Their journey reminds us that seeking Jesus often requires patience, openness, and perseverance.

The gifts they offered—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—show us His kingship, divinity, and humanity. Epiphany invites us to lift our eyes, follow the star, and open our hearts, allowing Jesus to transform our lives through faith, love, and self-giving.

*Magi = wise men from afar who sought and worshipped Jesus.*  
Source: Vatican News

## ADORATION OF THE MAGI

4 January 2026  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage. Mt 2:2  
Lord help me to see your reflection in the beauty of this world. Amen

5 January 2026  
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Mt 4:23  
Teach us, Father, to be hungry for the True and Living Bread – your Son, Jesus!. Amen.

6 January 2026  
They all ate as much as they wanted. Mk 6:42  
Jesus, through your mercy, gather the fragments of our lives that we may see them as you do, and make us instrument of your abundant grace for other. Amen

7 January 2026  
Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid. Mk 6:50  
Lord, let us never forget your words: "Courage it is I. Do not be afraid." Amen

8 January 2026  
Anyone who loves God must also love his brother. 1 Jn 4:21  
O Jesus, give me the grace to love humbly and to forgive my neighbours. Lord, help me turn to you when I hold resentment in my heart. Change me so that bitterness may be replaced with compassion. Soften my heart, Lord, that I may love others as you love me. Amen

9 January 2026  
Of course I want to! Be Cured! Lk 5:13  
Lord, help me to love another today. Amen

10 January 2026  
He must grow greater, I must grow smaller. Jn 3:30  
Lord Jesus, help me to decrease so that you may increase. Amen

## THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

Marking Homes with Blessed Chalk for the New Year

This ancient custom of marking the home with blessed chalk on the Feast of the Epiphany is a special house blessing. With the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your home with:

**20 C+M+B 26**

The letters C, M & B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men who came seeking Jesus: Caspar, Melchio and Balthasar. The letters also represent the words Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ Bless this Abode)

# PARISH NOTICES

## 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 17 Jan : Henny & Hardi  
7 Feb : Rina, Clyde & Cheryl  
Laundry January : Sheryn Disanayake

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

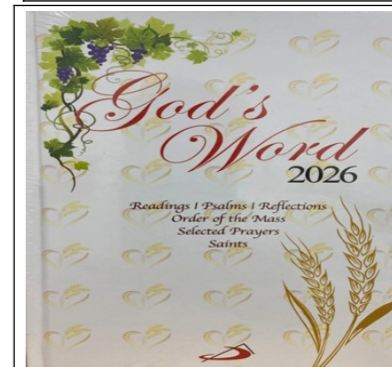
Our commitment to Children and Young People. We commit to making our Church a safe place for children and young people and protecting them from harm. Email: [safeguardingunit@cam.org.au](mailto:safeguardingunit@cam.org.au)

## 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.



Sheryn has a limited copy of God's Word 2026. It contains daily readings, psalms, reflections, the Order of the Mass, selected prayers, and Saints. Please see Sheryn if you are interested in getting a copy. Please be advised that stock is limited.