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Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 1,557.20
Presbytery Offering	\$ 1,153.20
Parish Dinner Dance	\$ 10,740.00




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Safeguarding Committee 9795 6217
 Clement Disanayake, Clyde Pereira & Joseph Nayna

ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH DONATION QR CODE

Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday	No Service	
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass; St John Paul II, Pope
Thursday	9.15 AM	Communion Service St John of Capistrano, Priest
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass; St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass; Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday	9.30 AM	Mass;
	5.30 PM	Mass;

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	
30 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Second Reading	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel	Luke 18:9-14

Reconciliation:
30 minutes prior to all masses

Week's Roster				
	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Rina pereira	Volunteer	Janine Phillips
	Reader	Sarah Perera	Volunteer	Fiona Fernandez
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Yves D'Argent	Volunteer

NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Sarah Perera	Tisaru Chandrasekara	Volunteer
	Reader	Joe Connoly	Sheryn Disanayake	Clara Marasigan
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Cominic Disanayake	Volunteer

Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Sandra James, Joel Meunier, Sean Campbell, Pham & Linh Do

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us: Francis Disanayake

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C Sunday 19 October 2025

First Reading Exodus 17: 8-13
As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2
(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

- I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)
- May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R.)
- The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)
- The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 18:1-8
God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying,

"I want justice from you against my enemy!"

For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is not saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus is saying we need to pray like that widow. Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me. Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning. We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye! mtate@bigpond.com

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SATURDAY 6.30PM & SUNDAY 5.30PM MASS	
GATHERING SONG For The beauty of the Earth	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No 123; Page 122
PROCESSION OF GIFTS Prayer of St. Francis	No 126; Page 305
COMMUNION SONG Bread Broken Wine Shared	No 155; Page 335
Jubilee Song – Pilgrims of Hope	Printed page separately
FINAL SONG Sing a new song	No 80; Page 81

SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS	
GATHERING SONG Sing To the Mountain	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No 92; Page 93
PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG I am the Bread of Life	No 49; Page 50
COMMUNION SONG Trinity Song	Text Attached
FINAL SONG Immaculate Mary	Text Attached

TRINITY SONG (by Frank Anderson MSC)

1. Father, in my life I see
You are God who walks with me
You hold my life in Your hands
Close beside You I will stand
I give all my life to You
Help me, Father, to be true.

2. Jesus, in my life I see....

3. Spirit, in my life I see....

IMMACULATE MARY

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.
Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! (2x)

2. In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.

3. We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

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.



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



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:


Church Cleaning 1 Nov : Rina, Cyde & Cheryl
21 Nov : Lolita & Maria

Laundry October : Jane Cassar

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.

 **Be Early for Mass – Prepare Your Heart**
Arriving early or on time for Mass is more than good manners – it is an act of reverence, preparation, and devotion. When we come early, we allow ourselves the quiet time to enter prayerfully into the presence of God.

When we arrive a few minutes before Mass, we can:
Prepare our hearts and minds – leave behind daily distractions and focus on being present before the Lord.
Pray quietly – offer personal intentions, give thanks, or rest in silence before the Blessed Sacrament.
Participate fully from the beginning – including the Sign of the Cross, Penitential Rite, and opening prayers that set the tone for the entire celebration.
Show reverence – our punctuality is a simple yet meaningful way to honour God and the sacredness of the liturgy.
Set an example – especially for children and visitors, reminding them that the Holy Mass is a priority, not a routine.
✦ Let's make every effort to arrive a few minutes early – to centre our hearts, show respect, and be united in prayer from the very first moment of the Mass.

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

CELEBRATE THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
For the fourth and final week of October, the Holy Rosary month is focused on a general intention of prayers for peace in the world and reconciliation among nations. It is also a time to reflect on the ultimate hope found in the glorious mysteries of the Rosary, and for the intercession of the Virgin Mary in times of suffering. As the month concludes, meditations focus on the powerful, transformative power of God's love and the Blessed Mother's role as a source of comfort.

Joyful Mysteries (Monday & Saturday) 1.The Annunciation 2.The Visitation 3.The Nativity 4.The Presentation 5.The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Luminous Mysteries (Thursday) 1.The Baptism of Jesus 2.The Wedding Feast at Cana 3.The Proclamation of the Kingdom 4.The Transfiguration 5.The Institution of the Eucharist

Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday) 1.The Resurrection 2.The Ascension 3.The Descent of the Holy Spirit 4.The Assumption of Mary 5.The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday) 1.The Agony in the Garden 2.The Scourging at the Pillar 3.The Crowning with Thorns 4.The Carrying of the Cross 5.The Crucifixion of Jesus.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORDS

St Elizabeth's Parish invites Primary School children between the ages of 5 and 12 to participate in the Children's Liturgy of The Words during the Sunday 9.30 am mass.

When : Sunday 26th October 9.30 am

Where: School Library

Activities : Children will actively participate by listening to the Gospel reading, completing an engaging activity, and later joining families in church

Contact : If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sarah or Sheryn on 0423734033