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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 12 Jan	No Service	
Tuesday 13 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass;
Wednesday 14 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass;
Thursday 15 Jan	9:15 AM	Communion Service Followed by Rosary
Friday 16 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass;
Saturday 17 Jan	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday 18 Jan	9.00 AM 9.30 AM 5.30 PM	Rosary Mass; Mass;
<b>Reconciliation:</b> 30 minutes prior to all masses		

Week's Roster				
10/11	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
17/18 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 : Vital Araujo, Teresa Araujo, Agostinho Tilman, Narciso Babo and all souls in purgatory.

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	
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A</b>	
First Reading	Isaiah 49:3,5-6
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel	John 1:29-34

# St Elizabeth's Parish

## Newsletter

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### The Baptism of the Lord, Year A 11 January 2026

**First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7**  
*Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.*

A Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11**

**(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

**Second Reading Acts 10:34-38**

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

**Gospel Acclamations See Mk 9:8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mathew 3:13-17**  
*When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:30AM & 5.30PM MASS	
<b>GATHERING SONG</b> Come to the Water Christ be Our Light O Come All Ye Faithful	<b>HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"</b> No. 74; Page 75 No. 3; Page 205 No. 16; Page 166
<b>PROCESSION OF GIFTS</b> One Bread, One Body Hark the Herald Angle Sing	No. 129; Page 128 No. 171; Page 170
<b>COMMUNION SONG</b> Come to the Feast What a Child is This When a Child is Born	No. 151; Page 151 No. 165; Page 164 Text Attached
<b>FINAL SONG</b> Praise to You o Christ our Saviour Joy to the World	No. 28; Page 31 No. 170; Page 169



**WHEN A CHILD IS BORN**

1. A ray of hope flickers in the sky  
A tiny star lights up way up high  
All across the land dawns a brand new morn  
This comes to pass when a child is born
  2. A silent wish sails the seven seas  
The winds of change whisper in the trees  
And the walls of doubt crumble tossed and torn  
This comes to pass, when a child is born
  3. A rosy hue settles all around  
You got the feel, you're on solid ground  
For a spell or two no one seems forlorn  
This comes to pass, when a child is born
- Spoken: And all of this happens, because the world is waiting.  
Waiting for one child; Black-white-yellow, no one knows...  
but a child that will grow up and turn tears to laughter,  
hate to love, war to peace and everyone to everyone's neighbour,  
and misery and suffering will be words to be forgotten forever.
4. It's all a dream and illusion now,  
It must come true sometime soon somehow,  
All across the land dawns a brand new morn,  
This comes to pass when a child is born.

**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

When Jesus approaches John for baptism, John recognises him as the Messiah that John has been preaching about, the one for whom he was preparing the way. Recognising the significance of the moment, John tries to reverse roles and force Jesus into a superior role to himself. But Jesus says let's just do it like this for now and 'do all that righteousness demands'. In the gospel of Matthew, whenever Jesus speaks about fulfilling the demands of righteousness or doing what is righteous, he is speaking about carrying out the will of God; acting in accordance with the covenant relationship between God and the people.

It would have been easy for Jesus to accept John's offer to exchange places. In many ways perhaps he would have liked to do so as a way of acknowledging the great work John had done. But part of the demands of righteousness that Jesus needed to fulfil was to be the sort of Messiah that did not sit within normal expectations. Part of his fulfilment of God's will was to be a servant Messiah rather than a powerful, avenging Messiah for which many of the people hoped and prayed. To have exchanged places with John would have been to say, here I am, I am greater than John and I am here to show you all the way. Rather, by submitting to John's baptism he does indeed show the way – the way of humility and gentleness. We are assured of the rightness of Jesus' actions immediately because, upon his rising from the water, the voice of God affirms favour and approval upon Jesus. In the first test of his will, Jesus has acted in accordance with the will of God.

**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

**MINISTERS' ROSTERS**

Thank you to all those who have kindly placed their names on the Ministers' Rosters. Your generosity and willingness to serve are deeply appreciated. We warmly invite and encourage more parishioners—particularly Readers and Commentators—to consider joining this important ministry and to share their gifts in the service of our parish liturgy.

Please be advised that Kate Robinson will kindly conduct training sessions for new Readers and Commentators, as well as refresher training for existing ministers. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

When: Sunday, 22 February 2026

Time: After the 9.30 am Mass

New ministers' rosters will be available soon.

**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)

**Prayerful Congratulations to Patrick and Lona Sequira on the celebration of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary**

May God continue to bless you with love, faith, and joy, and grant you many more years of happiness together.

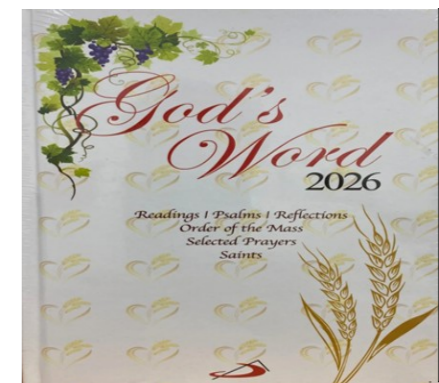
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

St Elizabeth's Parish invites Primary School children between the ages of 5 and 12 to participate in the Children's Liturgy of The Word

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9.30 am at the 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 0432734033



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.

**STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

The Legion of Mary is making the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima available to visit your home during 2026.

Parishioners who would like to have the statue in your home for one week, please kindly write your name and contact number on the sign-up sheet available in the church foyer.

**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.