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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 19 Jan	No Service	
Tuesday 20 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>St Fabian, St Sebastian</i>
Wednesday 21 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>St Agnes</i>
Thursday 22 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>Followed by Rosary</i>
Friday 23 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass;
Saturday 24 Jan	6.30 PM	Mass; <i>St Francis de Sales</i>
Sunday 25 Jan	9.00 AM 9.30 AM 5.30 PM	Rosary Mass; Mass;
Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to all masses		

Week's Roster				
17/18	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
24/25 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 & Charles

Those who recently died :


Those whose memories are sacred to us :

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 1,136.40
Presbytery Offering	\$ 863.10

ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH DONATION QR CODE

Scan the QR Code to contribute securely and conveniently for **donations towards the Presbytery, Thanksgiving & Special Collection**.

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	
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	
First Reading	Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3;
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Gospel	Mt 4:12-23




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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A **18 January 2026**

First Reading Isaiah 49:3,5-6
I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamations Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:29-34
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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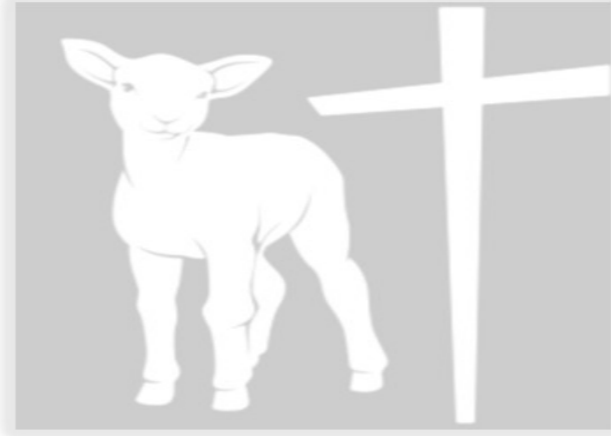
SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:30AM & 5.30PM MASS

GATHERING SONG Come to the Water	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No. 74; Page 75
PROCESSION OF THE GIFT To Be Your Bread	No. 65; Page 66
COMMUNION SONG O God You Search Me	No. 31; Page 229
FINAL SONG Come to the Feast	No. 151; Page 151

A PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty and ever-living God,
I approach the sacrament
of Your only-begotten Son
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
I come sick to the doctor of life,
unclean to the fountain of mercy,
blind to the radiance of eternal light,
and poor and needy to the Lord
of heaven and earth.
Lord, in your great generosity,
heal my sickness,
wash away my defilement,
enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty,
and clothe my nakedness.
May I receive the bread of angels,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
with humble reverence,
with the purity and faith,
the repentance and love,
and the determined purpose
that will help to bring me to salvation.
May I receive the sacrament
of the Lord's Body and Blood,
and its reality and power.
Kind God,
may I receive the Body
of Your only-begotten Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
born from the womb of the Virgin Mary,
and so be received into His mystical body
and numbered among His members.
Loving Father,
as on my earthly pilgrimage
I now receive Your beloved Son
under the veil of a sacrament,
may I one day see him face to face in glory,
who lives and reigns with You for ever.
Amen.

– Saint Thomas Aquinas



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off. We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the official role of the Pope.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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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 ROSTER

Thank you to all those who have kindly placed their names on the Ministers Roster. 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 roster 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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Update

Earlier Notice: Children's Liturgy of the Word was advised to resume on Sunday 25 January 2026.

Please be advised that Children's Liturgy of the Word will now resume on Sunday 22 February 2026.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

alive baptise dove greater heaven John Lamb sin Son Spirit water world

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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.