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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 26 Jan	<b>No Service</b>	<i>Australia Day</i>
Tuesday 27 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>St Angela Merici</i>
Wednesday 28 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>
Thursday 29 Jan	9:15 AM	Communion Service; <i>Followed by Rosary</i>
Friday 30 Jan	9:15 AM	Mass;
Saturday 31 Jan	6.30 PM	Mass; <i>St John Bosco</i>
Sunday 1 Feb	9.00 AM 9.30 AM 5.30 PM	Rosary Mass; Mass;
<b>Reconciliation:</b> 30 minutes prior to all masses		

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 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>4<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR</b>	
First Reading	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13;
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:26-31;
Gospel	Mathew 5:1-12

Week's Roster				
24/25	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
	<b>Reader</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>31/1 NEXT WEEK</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
	<b>Reader</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	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 :



# St Elizabeth's Parish

## Newsletter

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<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A</b>	<b>25 January 2026</b>
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**First Reading Isaiah 8:23-9:3**  
*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1**

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**  
*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

**Gospel Acclamations Mt 4:23**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mt 4:12-17**

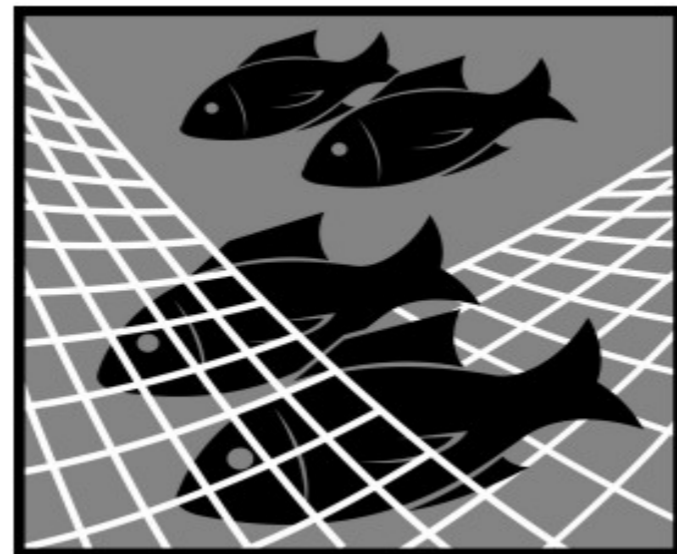
**(or longer form Mt 4:12-23)**

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

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<b>SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:30AM &amp; 5.30PM MASS</b>	
GATHERING SONG Hosea	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No. 30; Page 33
PROCESSION OF THE GIFT Eat this Bread	No. 125; Page 124
COMMUNION SONG Be not Afraid	No. 144; Page 112
FINAL SONG Sing to the Mountains	No. 92; Page 93



**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and called them, the Gospel says, at once they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' \*

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have their souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

\*John O'Donohue, Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace, Bantam Press, 246. mtate@bigpond.com

**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

**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 7 Feb : Rina, Clyde & Cheryl  
28 Feb : Lolita & Maria

Laundry January : Sheryn Disanayake

We need more volunteers for Laundry, Church Cleaning & Flowers Arrangement,  
Please contact Parish Office or Rina # 0420986896

**MINISTERS ROSTER**

Thank you to all who have kindly placed their names on the Ministers Roster. Your generosity and willingness to serve our parish community are deeply appreciated.

2026 Ministers Roster is now available in the church foyer. Role Descriptions are also provided as guidance to help ministers better understand the duties and responsibilities of each ministry.

Should you wish to receive these documents by email, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

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**

**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)

**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.

**ALTAR SERVER NOMINATIONS**

Parents and guardians are warmly invited to encourage children from our Parish & School to serve as Altar Servers. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners to actively participate in the life of the Church. Children may indicate their preferred Mass time when nominating:

6.30 PM, 9.30 AM, or 5.30 PM

The Altar Server Roster Form is available on the table in the church foyer.

Newcomers will be provided with training. Those already serving are kindly requested to re-enter their names on the roster form.

Closing date for nominations: 15 February 2026

The new Altar Server Roster will commence from March 2026.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

**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.