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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 9 Feb	<b>No Service</b>	
Tuesday 10 Feb	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>St Scholastica</i>
Wednesday 11 Feb	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
Thursday 12 Feb	9:15 AM	Communion Service; <i>Followed by Rosary</i>
Friday 13 Feb	9:15 AM	Mass;
Saturday 14 Feb	6.30 PM	Mass; <i>Ss Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>
Sunday 15 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	\$ 1,039.60
Presbytery Offering	\$ 752.30

**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	
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	
First Reading	Sirach 15:15-20;
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 2:6-10;
Gospel	Mathew 5:17-37 or Mathew 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37

This Week's Roster 7/8 Feb			
Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
Commentator	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Janine Phillips
Reader	Joe Connolly	Volunteer	Volunteer
EMHC*	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

Next Week's Roster 14/15 Feb			
Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
Commentator	Volunteer	Tisaru Chandrasekara	Volunteer
Reader	Sarah Perera	Joseph Nayna	Jessica Fernandes
EMHC*	Kate Robinson	Jane Cassar	Janine Phillips

**\*EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**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 : Jochim Ratnachandra



# St Elizabeth's Parish

## Newsletter

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<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A</b>	<b>8 February 2026</b>
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**First Reading** Isaiah 58:7-10  
*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

*(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour (R.)

2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

**Second Reading**  
**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**Gospel Acclamations John 8:12**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mathew 5:13-16**

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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<b>SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:30AM &amp; 5.30PM MASS</b>	
GATHERING SONG We are Called The Light of Christ	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No. 60; Page 254 No. 186; Page 184
PROCESSION OF THE GIFT One Bread One Body I am the Bread of Life	No. 129; Page 128 No. 49; Page 50
COMMUNION SONG Amazing Grace As the Deer	No. 29; Page 32 Text attached
FINAL SONG Blest Be the Lord Lord, the Light of Your Love	No. 179; Page 177 No. 59; Page 253

**AS THE DEER**  
*(by Martin Nystrom)*

- As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after You  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.

*Refrain:*

**You alone are my strength, my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.**

- I want You more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye.
- You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything.

A joyful welcome back to our choir members! We look forward to your ministry and the beautiful music you bring to our parish.

***Come and join our choir — all are welcome to sing!***

*The choir exists to support and uplift the congregation (the People of God) in worship—helping everyone pray, participate, and unite through song.*

**WHY "EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION" and not "EUCHARISTIC MINISTER"?**

Communion Ministers, a term commonly ascribed to those who participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist by assisting the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion, is a misnomer.

This may explain many misconceptions concerning the purpose for their role and their extensive use.

The proper title, though largely ignored, is **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**. Correcting the misused label enables better catechesis for the misled. The obvious component is the term Holy Communion, which signifies the portion of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to which it pertains. The more representative term, Extraordinary Minister, in its currently disused state explains the misconception.

**WORDS MATTER**

As a verb, the word 'minister' is universally used to describe the action of someone who provides comfort and assistance to another. However, modern days find the word 'minister', when used as a noun, with a changed focus. Consequently, it is no longer used as a term reserved for a cleric. Whether priest or preacher, minister as it is now used, describes many diverse positions. This evolution of language has altered and diluted the original, and much more appropriate, definition.

Therefore, calling anyone a minister certainly contributes to the rampant misunderstanding concerning the use of those who are not Ordinary Ministers within the context of Catholic worship. In the Spirit of Vatican II, the title 'minister' found its way into many job descriptions. Music Minister, instead of Choir Director, is one example, as well as Youth Ministers and varied other titles containing the word.

<b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b>	
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	28 Feb : Lolita & Maria
	21 March : Herman Perera
Laundry	February : Jane Cassar

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

**MINISTERS TRAINING**

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**

**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.

**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)

**PARISH FORUM MEETING**

 Tuesday, 10 February at 6:30pm  
At Colibah Room (next to the Parish Office)  
A representative from all our Church groups are invited to come along and participate in discussions. We welcome all parishioners who will like to attend and take part in the discussions.  
  
Janine Phillips  
On behalf of the Parish Forum

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

St Elizabeth's Parish invites Primary School children aged 5-12 years to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word.  
  
 Sunday, 22 February, at 9:30am  
At the Church (behind the folding doors)  
  
Activities include:  
  
Children will actively participate by listening to the Gospel reading, taking part in an engaging activity, and then rejoining their families in the church.  
  
If you have or would like more information, please feel free to contact Sarah or Sheryn on 0432 734 033 😊

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed next week and will re-open on 17 February.

**CLOSURE OF THE PARKING / BASKETBALL COURT**

Please be advised that the basketball courts and parking area inside the gates will be closed on the following dates:  
**Thursday 12 February, Thursday 26 February**  
**Thursday 26 March, Thursday 2 April**  
These areas will be closed due to an Inter-School Sports Program.  
Kindly avoid parking inside the gates during these times to help ensure everyone's safety.  
Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support — it is greatly appreciated.

**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