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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday : 10:00am—2:00pm

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm; **Sunday** 10:30am
Weekdays: **Tuesday**– **Friday** 9:15am

CONFESSION TIMES

Friday 9:45am – 10:45am (**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration & Benediction)**
Saturday 4:00pm – 4:45pm (Before the Vigil Mass)

OTHER DEVOTIONS & SERVICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Last Sundays of the month 10:30am Mass. Pre-school and lower to middle primary school children are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Friday mornings after 9:15am Mass.

LEGION OF MARY
Wednesday after Mass at 10:00am in the church.
Contact Yves & Lisiane D'Argent – 0478077703

ROSARY & INFANT JESUS NOVENA
Thursday after Mass at 9:45 am in the church.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:
1st Saturday of every month (except school holidays), meeting in the church at 9:30 am.

HOUSE BLESSINGS & FAMILY VISITATION
Fr Simeon would like to reach out to you and your family. If you would like to invite him to visit for a cuppa or bless your house, please fill in the **"Family Visitation"** card in the Church foyer and return to the priest or parish office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING
Every first Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm in the Church.
All parents and god parents are required to attend the meeting.

WELCOMING BAPTISM FAMILIES:
Every second Sunday of the month, our parish welcome the families who are preparing for their child's baptism at 10:30 am. Mass and presenting Baptismal stole and candle.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION
Every Sunday at 12:00 pm in the church except 2nd Sunday of the month.

MORNING TEA & FELLOWSHIP
Every second Sunday of the month, morning tea and fellowship after Mass. (Bring and Share)

ST ELIZABETH'S WORKING BEE
Every first Saturday of the month at 10:00am in the church.
All the parishioners are encouraged to join the working bee.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

1st Collection Presbytery Account:
To support the priest of this parish, sick and retired priests, priests of various chaplaincies of the Archdiocese, and the Archbishop.

2nd Collection(Thanksgiving) Church Account:
To support church operating costs and to support the growth and pastoral outreach of our parish and other agencies of the Archdiocese.
Thank you for your kindness and support.

Last Fortnight's Collection

Presbytery Offering
$ 977.50

Thanksgiving Offering
$ 1,413.45

Parish Bank Account details for Electronic Payments

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT
BSB: 083 347
Acc: 639114535

CHURCH ACCOUNT
BSB: 083 347
Acc: 639115466

WEEKLY ROSTER

MINISTRIES		SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 10:30AM
THIS WEEK 3-4 Oct	Commentator	Sarah Perera	Sheryn Disanayake
	Reader	Russell Stapleton	Janine Phillips
	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Kate Robinson	Dominic Disanayake
NEXT WEEK 10-11 Oct	Commentator	Wilson Fernadez	Riza Balmes
	Reader	Fiona Fernandez	Peter Liptai
	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Volunteer	Cyde Pereira

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Teresa Bak
In Memorium: Wilma Cramer, Charles Ho, Marzena Kedziera, Yvette Goonetilleke, Aida & Reynaldo de Mesa
Those who are ill: Sean Campbell, Pham, Linh Do, David De-Niese, Charles, Natalie Lahn, Fr. Brendan Lane, Damien & Celine Gomes

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A **SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER**

THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE...

My Dear Friends, *"Peace be with you."* (John 20:19)

Welcome to our St Elizabeth's parish community as we gather to celebrate the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In this week's Gospel, we are invited to reflect on our role as caretakers of God's creation. Christ reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to be faithful stewards who produce fruits of peace, justice, love, and mercy. Rather than letting anxiety or self-interest take root, St. Paul encourages us to turn to prayer with gratitude, filling our minds with whatever is true, noble, and pure. Let us pray for the grace this week to yield a rich harvest for the Kingdom of God, building our lives firmly upon Christ, our cornerstone.

We are also blessed to announce that our parish has received a beautiful new statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague, replacing our previous Infant Jesus statue which was broken at both hands. We extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the generous donor who has gifted this new statue to our parish. To mark this special occasion, we will officially bless the new statue at the end of the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday, followed by reciting the Infant Jesus Novena prayer together as a community. Moving forward, we will continue our regular tradition of praying this novena every Thursday morning after Mass.

Looking ahead, when the new school term begins, we are also planning to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. In honour of St. Francis's love for all of God's creation, we invite you to bring your beloved pets to a special blessing. The Blessing of Animals will be on 23rd of October at 3:30PM on the church grounds. For the safety and comfort of everyone, please ensure all dogs are kept securely on leashes and smaller animals are held or placed in appropriate carriers.

Finally, our anonymous parish survey will remain open throughout the year. Your feedback is important to my ministry here, so please complete a paper form in the foyer or scan the QR code to share your thoughts online.

Please keep me in your prayers, as you are daily in mine.
Have a blessed and peaceful week, my friends.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom, Pray for Us
St Elizabeth, Pray for Us
St Mary MacKillop, Pray for us

May God bless you and your families,
With Prayers,

Christ is all and in all, (Col 3:11)
Fr. Simeon Anthony

ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, here we are, gathered as your family in the spirit of the Visitation. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our Parish, so that we, the community of St Elizabeth, may keep our hearts attentive to your voice and readily say 'yes' to your call and live out a spirit of true hospitality.

Give us open minds and hearts to reach out to those in need and welcome those seeking a new beginning. May we be people of strength, hope and joy, recognizing the face of Christ in everyone we encounter on our daily journey.

Gracious God, bless us with hearts that expand in generosity, minds that seek justice, hands that give freely, and food that nourishes us body and soul. May our voices rise as one to sing your praise. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, Pray for us.
St Elizabeth, Pray for us.

ST ELIZABETH'S SURVEY'S QUESTIONS

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our survey questions. If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a moment to answer our two anonymous questions.

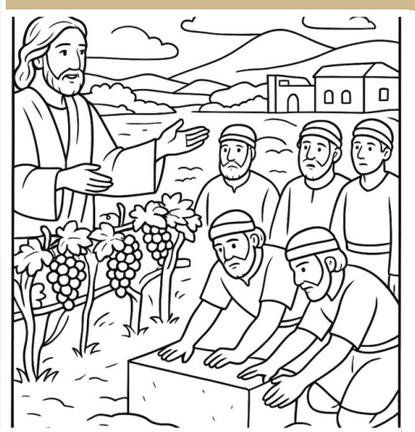
ST ELIZABETH'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We are delighted that Fr Simeon will be joining St Elizabeth's Christmas Carols Group, sharing his musical talents by playing the guitar and singing.

Practice will begin on Sunday, 18 October, from 11:30 am–12:30 pm, after Sunday Mass.

Everyone is welcome!
Come along, share your singing talents, and help us spread the joy of Christmas throughout our parish community.

ST ELIZABETH'S FRIENDS OF JESUS SUNDAY ACTIVITY



Matthew 21:33-34

Jesus tells a parable about tenants who refuse to give the vineyard owner his fruit. He teaches that God asks His people to bear good fruit.

Prayer: Jesus, help my life bear good fruit for God. Amen

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SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
striking breast,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE

V. Lord, have mercy. **℟. Lord, have mercy.**
V. Christ, have mercy. **℟. Christ, have mercy.**
V. Lord, have mercy. **℟. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING — Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

℟. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
   to plant it you drove out the nations.
   It stretched out its branches to the sea,
   to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. ℟
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
   It is plucked by all who pass by.
   It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
   devoured by the beasts of the field ℟
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
   look down from heaven and see.
   Visit this vine and protect it,
   the vine your right hand has planted. ℟
3. And we shall never forsake you again:
   give us life that we may call upon your name.
   God of hosts, bring us back;
   let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. ℟

SECOND READING — Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people,
'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

> It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
℟. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. *all bow*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON — Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

℟. Amen

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THE KEEPER OF A VINEYARD

1. The keeper of a vineyard dreamed of vines alive with fruit
   And tended vine and dream alike down years of sharp dispute.
   As others came to claim the land to drink its fruit as spoil
   Without a grower's love of growth or farmer's love of soil.
2. The keeper had a child first-born who came to work the land
   The malcontents desired his life but did not understand.
   This life once it was given up, this blood once spilled like wine
   Would soak deep down into the ground and rise up in the vine.
3. And then the plant fresh-charged would be itself a vein of grace
   A way the keeper might extend a hopeful green embrace.
   Connecting child and foe and friend co-mingled and entwined
   To be and bear the fruit of God in one life-giving vine.