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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 13 April	<b>No Service</b>	
Tuesday 14 April	9:15 AM	Communion Service;
Wednesday 15 April	9:15 AM	Communion Service;
Thursday 16 April	9:15 AM	Communion Service;
Friday 17 April	9:15 AM	Communion Service;
Saturday 18 April	6:30 PM	<b>Mass</b>
Sunday 19 April	9.00 AM 9.30 AM 5:30 PM	Rosary <b>Mass</b> <b>Mass</b>

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes prior to all masses

**This Week's Roster 11/12 April**

Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 3:00 PM
Commentator	Sarah Perera	Volunteer	Wilson Fernandez
Reader	Rina Pereira	Volunteer	Fiona Fernandez
EMHC*	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

**Next Week's Roster 18/19 April**

Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
Commentator	Rina Pereira	Belinda Liew	Janine Phillips
Reader	Joe Connolly	Volunteer	Clara Marasigan
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, Natalie Lahn & Anna  
Those who recently died : Patricia Lawley  
Those whose memories are sacred to us :

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanksgiving Offering	\$1,119.60
Presbytery Offering	\$1,453.75
Good Friday Collection	\$1,244.75

**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**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

First Reading	2:14, 22-33;
Second Reading	1 Pt 1:17-21;
Gospel	Lk 24:13-35;

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**Second Sunday of Easter, Year A** **12 April 2026**

**First Reading Acts 2:42-47**  
*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1**

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

**or (R.) Alleluia.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9**

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!*  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 20:19-31**

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands.

Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

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Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:30AM & 3:00PM MASS**

GATHERING SONG Lets Heaven Rejoice	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No. 124; Page 123
PROCESSION OF THE GIFT Give Thanks A Trusting Psalm	No. 17; Page 218 No. 115; Page 113
COMMUNION SONG See His Hands God of Mercy and Compassion	No. 48; Page 245 Text Attached
FINAL SONG Rejoice, The Lord Is King	Text Attached

**GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION  
(By Edmund Vaughan)**

1. God of mercy and compassion, Look with pity upon me. Father, let me call Thee Father, 'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

**REFRAIN:**

Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;  
Let me not implore in vain;  
All my sins—I now detest them,  
Never will I sin again.

2 By my sins I have abandoned Right and claim to Heav'n above, Where the saints rejoice forever, In a boundless sea of love.

3 See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, On the cross of Calvary; To that cross my sins have nailed Him, Yet He bleeds and dies for me.

**REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING  
(By Charles Wesley)**

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Let all give thanks and sing  
And triumph evermore

**CHORUS:** Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus, the Saviour reigns,  
The God of truth and love:  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above

**The Melbourne Synod will take place in early December 2026.**

Building the Synodal Way Together.

As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The Synodal Way calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

Listening with an open heart to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.

Engaging in meaningful conversation, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.

Strengthening our sense of communion, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.

Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: [Synod2026@cam.org.au](mailto:Synod2026@cam.org.au)

**PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD  
Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.

*Attributed to St Isidore of Seville (c. 560 – 4 April 636), this prayer been used at councils, synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years. Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the Adsumus Sancte Spiritus prayer.*

**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

Church Cleaning 18 April : Clyde, Rina & Cheryl

Laundry April : Rita Fernandez

**WORKING BEE THANK YOU**

Big thank you to all of you for attending the Parish Working Bee on 28 April. We spent a couple of hours together that morning, and your help was greatly appreciated.

All the chairs have been individually wiped and disinfected  
Wiped the windows and glass doors,  
we might miss out some of the spots  
Vacuumed the carpet  
Tidying up

Thank you for your care and effort.

**THANK YOU NOTE  
FROM FR KEVIN & FR TAD**

Fr Kevin and Fr Tad would like to sincerely thank all parishioners, the Choir, our Ministers, and all who so generously gave their time and gifts during the Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

Your presence, dedication, and generous service helped make these sacred celebrations truly meaningful and prayerful for our parish community.

**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)



Please bring your Project Compassion boxes with you within the next week for collection.

Thank you so much for being part of Project Compassion 2026.

**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, 26 April, 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 😊

**INFORMATION FOR PARISHIONERS**

Copies of the Melbourne Catholic Digest magazine are available in the foyer for those who would like to take one home.

Copies of the Secondary Catholic School Guide 2026 are also available in the foyer for your reference and assistance.

Copies of Provence Magazine, which reflects the life, achievements, and spirit of the Mazenod College community, are available in the foyer for you to read and enjoy.

Information regarding positions vacant within the Melbourne Archdiocese and parishes is available on the notice board. You are most welcome to take a look.

**GOD AND BEER**  
13<sup>th</sup> April; Time 6.30pm

Topic: Leadership Lessons from Footy, Family & Faith  
Speaker: Steve Lawrence  
Date: Monday 13th April Time: 6.30pm  
Dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk  
Venue: Notting Hill Hotel, Steakhouse Room, 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd.' Notting Hill  
Tickets: Free but limited  
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