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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 16 Feb	<b>No Service</b>	
Tuesday 17 Feb	9:15 AM	Mass;
<b>Wednesday 18 Feb</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Mass; Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Mass; Ash Wednesday</b>
Thursday 19 Feb	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>Followed by Rosary</i>
<b>Friday 20 Feb</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Mass;</b> <b>Station Of The Cross</b>
Saturday 21 Feb	6.30 PM	Mass; <i>St Peter Damian</i>
Sunday 22 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	\$1,076.50
Presbytery Offering	\$1,154.90
Australia Nativity Scene Donation	\$ 540.00

**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>1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A</b>	
First Reading	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7;
Second Reading	Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19;
Gospel	Mathew Mt 4:1-11

This 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

Next Week's Roster 21/22 Feb			
Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
Commentator	Joe Connolly	Volunteer	Wilson Fernandez
Reader	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
EMHC*	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

**\*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 :

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A** **15 February 2026**

**First Reading** Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

**(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

**Gospel Acclamations** John 8:12

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mathew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37 (or longer form Mt 5:17-37)  
*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:30AM & 5.30PM MASS	
GATHERING SONG A New Heart For A New World Gather Your People	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No. 158; Page 158 No. 71; Page 72
PROCESSION OF THE GIFT Eye Has Not Seen I'll Be Always Loving You	No. 146; Page 146 No. 82; Page 83
COMMUNION SONG A New Commandment Bread of Life	Text attached No. 164; Page 163
FINAL SONG The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free Speak from Your Heart	No. 165; Page 344 No. 108; Page 290

**A NEW COMMANDMENT**  
*(by Roy Crabtree)*

A new commandment  
I give unto you,  
That you love one another  
As I have loved you,  
That you love one another  
As I have loved you.

1. *By this shall all men know that you are my disciples  
If you have love one for another. (repeat 1)*
2. *You are my friends if you do what I command you  
Without my help you can do nothing (repeat 2)*
3. *I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner  
Abide in me, I will be with you. (repeat 3)*

**ASH WEDNESDAY – 18 FEBRUARY 2026**  
**Mass at 9:15 AM and 7:00 PM**

**The First Day of Lent**

*Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a sacred time of prayer, fasting, and alms giving, as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter. It reminds us of our need for repentance and renewal as we begin our Lenten journey together as a community of faith.*

*Ash Wednesday is one of the two days of fasting and abstinence observed by the Church, the other being Good Friday. These practices are not meant as punishment, but rather as a call to interior conversion. By turning our hearts more toward God and less toward worldly comforts, we grow in discipline, compassion, and generosity.*

**A GUIDE TO RECONCILIATION**

**PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacred encounter with Jesus, who longs to forgive and restore you. Begin with prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide your heart. If you are unsure at any point during Reconciliation, ask the priest for help—he will guide you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE RECONCILIATION**

***Come Holy Spirit into my soul, enlighten my mind that I may know the sins I ought to confess, and grant me your grace to confess them fully, humbly, and with a contrite heart. Amen.***

**DURING RECONCILIATION**

*(Begin with the Sign of the Cross, and then say:)* Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (state how long) since my last Confession, and these are my sins:

*(Confess your sins honestly, including all mortal sins and their frequency, along with any venial sins. Listen as the priest offers guidance and assigns a penance, then pray an Act of Contrition such as the following:)*

***My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever***

**AFTER RECONCILIATION & PRAYER**

Complete the penance given by the priest, thank God for his mercy, and renew your commitment to holiness.

***Heavenly Father, thank you for forgiving my sins and restoring me to your grace. Help me stay faithful, resist temptation, and grow in holiness. Amen.***

**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 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)



Ash Wednesday, we begin our annual journey of Lent and with it our annual commitment to Project Compassion, organised by Caritas Australia. For generations, Project Compassion has helped us express our Lenten commitment to prayer, personal sacrifice and alms giving. Our focus this year is a call to 'Unite Against Poverty.' It is a powerful call.

Every day, the news brings us distressing stories about how the divisions in the world bring disastrous consequences for the most vulnerable people. Our work for Project Compassion is a significant way to bring healing to God's family.

**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 😊

**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