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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 16 March	<b>No Service</b>	
Tuesday 17 March	9:15 AM	Mass; St Patrick
Wednesday 18 March	9:15 AM	Mass; St Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday 19 March	9:15 AM	Mass; St Joseph Followed by Rosary
<b>Friday 20 March</b>	9:15 AM	Mass;
	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Stations Of The Cross</b>
Saturday 21 March	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday 22 March	9.00 AM 9.30 AM 5.30 PM	Rosary Mass; Mass;
<b>Reconciliation:</b> 30 minutes prior to all masses		

This Week's Roster 14/15 March			
Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
Commentator	Kate Robinson	Clyde Pereira	Wilson Fernandez
Reader	Sarah Perera	Riza Balmes	Rhea Bentick
EMHC*	Kate Robinson	Yves D'Argent	Janine Phillips

Next Week's Roster 21/22 March			
Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
Commentator	Volunteer	Volunteer	Janine Phillips
Reader	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Janine Phillips
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, Natalie Lahn & Anna  
Those who recently died :  
Those whose memories are sacred to us :

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanksgiving Offering	\$1,690.70
Presbytery Offering	\$ 934.40

**ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH DONATION QR CODE**

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*Thank you for your kindness and support.*

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Next Week's Reading	
5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A	
First Reading	Ez 37:12-14;
Second Reading	Rom 8:8-11;
Gospel	Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A** **15 March 2026**

**First Reading 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**  
*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1**  
*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; My cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

**Second Reading Eph 5:8-14**  
*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Gospel Acclamations Jn 8:12**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel shorter form Jn 9:1-41**  
*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle,

put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:30AM & 5.30PM MASS	
GATHERING SONG Ashes Verses 1 & 2	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No. 16; Page 217
PROCESSION OF THE GIFT Open my Eyes Crimond	No. 166; Page 165 No. 144; Page 144
COMMUNION SONG Amazing Grace Lord I Offer My Life to You	Ni. 29; Page 335 Text attached
FINAL SONG Ashes Verses 1 & 3	No. 16; Page 217

**LORD I OFFER MY LIFE TO YOU**

1. All that I am, all that I have  
I lay them down before you, oh Lord  
All my regrets, all my acclaims  
The joy and the pain, I'm making them yours.

CHORUS:  
Lord, I offer my life to you  
Everything I've been through  
Use it for your glory  
Lord I offer my days to you  
Lifting my praise to you  
As a pleasing sacrifice  
Lord I offer you my life

2. Things in the past, things yet unseen  
Wishes and dreams that are yet to come true  
All of my hopes, all of my plans  
My heart and my hands are lifted to you.

(Repeat CHORUS)  
(BRIDGE)  
What can we give  
That you have not given?  
And what do we have  
That is not already yours?  
All we possess  
Are these lives we're living  
That's what we give to you, Lord...

**Eucharistic Congress 2028 – Sydney**

In 2028 Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, a global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

To find out more go to: [Eucharist28.org](http://Eucharist28.org)

**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.*

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

Preparations for a Synod 2026 to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are now underway. Peter A. Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, invites the community to join this important journey. Copies of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter are available in the foyer.

1. What is a Synod?  
A Synod is a moment when the Church deliberately pauses to listen, pray, and discern together. It is not simply a meeting or a conference, but a spiritual process rooted in faith that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. In a Synod, we ask not only "What do we think?" but more importantly, "What is God asking of us at this moment in our mission?"

2. Where does the word "Synod" come from?  
The word Synod comes from the Greek syn-hodos, meaning "walking together on the road." This reminds us that the Christian life is never meant to be lived alone. Faith is a shared journey, where we support one another, listen to one another, and discern together how best to follow Christ.

3. Synodality is not new.  
Synodality is not a modern invention. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians gathered to pray, listen, and discern together. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Church faced difficult questions and resolved them not through power struggles, but through prayer, dialogue, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

**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 March : Working Bee

Laundry March : Kate Robinson

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

**PARISH WORKING BEE – PREPARING FOR EASTER**

Join us as we prepare our church for Easter.  
**Saturday, 28 March 2026**  
**From 10:00 am**  
Activities include window cleaning, decluttering and chairs cleaning.  
All parishioners are warmly invited. Any help—big or small—is greatly appreciated.  
Please bring gloves and any suitable cleaning supplies if you have them.  
Thank you for your support!

**VOCATION OFFICE UPDATE**

3 new seminarians enter Corpus Christi this year: George Becerra, Luke Rochford and Ambrose Meehan. Please keep them in your prayers.

**VOCATION PRAYER**

O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**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)



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**2026 EASTER TIMETABLE**

Saturday (28 March) 6:30 pm MASS  
PALM SUNDAY (29 March) 9:00 am Rosary  
9:30 am MASS  
5:30 pm MASS

Tuesday (31 March) of Holy Week	7:00-8:00 pm	Reconciliation
Wednesday (1 April) of Holy Week	7:00—8:00 pm	Reconciliation

**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

Thursday of The Lord's Supper (2 April)	<b>7:00 pm MASS</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>LORD'S SUPPER</b> Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM Reconciliation after Mass
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (3 April) <i>(Fast and abstinence)</i>	10:00 am <b>3:00 pm HOLY LITURGY</b>	Stations of the Cross <b>COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>
Holy Saturday (4 April)	<b>7:00 pm MASS</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
Easter Sunday (5 April)	9:00 am <b>9:30 am MASS</b>	Rosary <b>RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> <b>No Evening Mass</b>

**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, 29 March, 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 😊