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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 2 Feb	No Service	<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</i>
Tuesday 3 Feb	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>St Blaise, St Ansgar</i>
Wednesday 4 Feb	9:15 AM	Mass;
Thursday 5 Feb	9:15 AM	Mass; St Agatha <i>Followed by Rosary</i>
Friday 6 Feb	9:15 AM	Mass; <i>Followed by Benediction</i>
Saturday 7 Feb	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday 8 Feb	9.00 AM 9.30 AM 5.30 PM	Rosary Mass; Mass;
Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to all masses		

This Week's Roster 31 Jan/1 Feb			
Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
Commentator	Rina Pereira	Clyde Pereira	Wilson Fernandez
Reader	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Fiona Fernandez
EMCH*	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Wilson Fernandez

Next 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
EMCH*	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 : Anne De Silva

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	
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	
First Reading	Isaiah 58:7-10;
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 2:1-5;
Gospel	Mathew 5:13-16

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A **1 February 2026**

First Reading Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamations Mt 5:12
Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mathew 5:1-12
Happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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SATURDAY 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9:30AM & 5.30PM MASS

GATHERING SONG Strong and Constant We are Called	HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE" No. 110; Page 108 No. 60; Page 254
PROCESSION OF THE GIFT Blest Are They Come to Me	No. 55; Page 55 No. 37; Page 39
COMMUNION SONG How Great Thou Art Seek Ye First	No. 94; Page 95 No.48; Page 49
FINAL SONG Sing a New Song Blest Are They	No. 80; Page 81 No. 55; Page 55

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Monday 2 February 2026

Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, an event that the evangelist Luke recounts in Chapter 2 of his Gospel. In the East, the celebration of this feast dates back to the 4th century. By the year 450, it was called The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord because Jesus enters the Temple and "meets" the priests, as well as Simeon and Anna, representatives of the people of God. Around the middle of the 5th century, we know the feast was also celebrated in Rome. At a certain point, the blessing of candles was added to this feast to recall that Jesus is the "light to the gentiles". Thus, this feast is also sometimes referred to as Candlemass.

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." (Lk. 2:22-25, 27-32)

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.

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	7 Feb : Rina, Clyde & Cheryl
	28 Feb : Lolita & Maria
Laundry	February : Jane Cassar

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

MINISTERS ROSTER

Thank you to all who have kindly placed their names on the Ministers Roster. Your generosity and willingness to serve our parish community are deeply appreciated.

2026 Ministers Roster is now available in the church foyer. Role Descriptions are also provided as guidance to help ministers better understand the duties and responsibilities of each ministry.

Should you wish to receive these documents by email, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

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

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

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.

GOD AND BEAR

Topic: How Christians Can Succeed Today
Speaker: Greg Sheridan
Date: Monday 16th February 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
God and Beer is an initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria
Supported by the Catholic Development Fund
Contact ; John 0406 747 123

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful.
This program is FREE and you can sign up here:
<https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

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.