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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday 23 March	<b>No Service</b>	<i>St Turibius of Mogrovejo [OC]</i>
Tuesday 24 March	9:15 AM	Communion Service; <i>St Patrick</i>
Wednesday 25 March	9:15 AM	Communion Service; Annunciation of the Lord [SO]
Thursday 26 March	9:15 AM	Communion Service; Followed by Rosary
Friday 27 March	9:15 AM	Communion Service;
	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Stations Of The Cross</b>
Saturday 28 March	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday 29 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 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	Volunteer
EMHC*	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

### Next Week's Roster 28/29 March

Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
Commentator	Joe Connolly	Tisar Chandrasekara	Volunteer
Reader	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jessica Fernandes
EMHC*	Kate Robinson	Clyde Pereira	Wilson Fernandez

### \*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 : Anna & Dominic Truong

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

### 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

PALM SUNDAY, YEAR A	
First Reading	Is 50:4-7;
Second Reading	Phil 2:6-11;
Gospel	Mt 26:14 – 27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

# St Elizabeth's Parish Newsletter

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A 22 March 2026

**First Reading Ez 37:12-14**  
*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

**Responsorial Ps 129. R. v.7**  
**(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

**Second Reading Rom 8:8-11**  
*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him.

Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**Gospel Acclamations See Jn 11:25. 26**  
**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel shorter form Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45 or longer form Jn 11:1-45**  
 I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in 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 Song of the Body of Christ This is My Body	No. 27; Page 30 Text Attached
COMMUNION SONG O God You Search Me I am the Bread of Life	No. 31; Page 229 No.49; Page 50
FINAL SONG Ashes Verses 1 & 3 I am the Resurrection	No. 16; Page 217 Text Attached

**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.*

**THIS IS MY BODY**  
*(by Jimmy Owens & Damian Lundy)*

1. This is my body, broken for you  
Bringing you wholeness, making you free  
Take it and eat it  
And as you do, do it in love for Me.

2. This is my blood poured out for you  
Bringing forgiveness, making you free  
Take it and drink it  
And as you do, do it in love for Me.

3. Back to my Father soon I shall go  
Do not forget me, then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
you're very close to Me.

**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.

4. A Synod is not a parliament  
The Church is not a democracy where truth is decided by majority vote. A Synod is not about winning arguments or pushing agendas. Instead, it is a spiritual process of listening deeply—to God, to Scripture, to tradition, and to one another—so that decisions are shaped by faith and mission, not ideology.

5. Why listening matters in the Church  
Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys, and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a form of love and a path to wisdom.

**I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE**  
*(By Ray Repp)*

Chorus:  
I am the resurrection and the life  
He who believes in Me will never die  
I am the resurrection and the life  
He who believes in Me will live a new life.

1. I have come to bring the truth  
I have come to bring you life  
If you believe then you shall live.

2. In My word all men will come to know  
It is love which makes the spirit grow  
If you believe then you shall live.

**Holy Land Collection – Good Friday**

An Important information from Holy Land Commissariat regarding Holy Land Collection.

The collection will take place on Good Friday, 3 April 2026.

Pastoral Letter is available in the church foyer.

**Light into the City**

On the Feast of St Patrick, the Archbishop presented the 2026 Patrick Oration for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, introducing the new vision: Light into the City. To find out more please visit: [www.lightintothecity.org.au](http://www.lightintothecity.org.au) You can read the full Oration here: Patrick Oration 2026 | Melbourne Catholic; watch the campaign launch video; <https://youtu.be/sW-1nPxcyl8>; and, explore stories that bring this vision to life: 'Something luminous': Archbishop launches vision... | Melbourne Catholic  
Pastoral Letter is available in the foyer.

**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!

**A Note About Fr Tad**

Fr Tad is now at home under hospital care and is very thankful for all your prayers and kind thoughts.

He's taking time to rest and recover, but if you'd like to send a message, cards can be dropped at the Parish Office and we'll make sure he receives them.

**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)



Fundraising for Project Compassion is a tangible way for your parish community to live out Catholic Social Teaching and stand in solidarity with those who need our support most.

**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>	<b>3:00 pm HOLY LITURGY</b>	<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 😊