

The Living Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

6 September 2026

First Reading Ez 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

*(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the
world to himself;**

**and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.**

Alleluia!



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MASS TIMES

We celebrate Mass at both

St Cecilia's Church (St C)

47 Peebles Rd, Floreat

&

Our Lady of Victories Church (OLV)

364 Cambridge St, Wembley

Monday: 8.00am - St C

Tuesday: 6.45am - St C

Wednesday: 6.45am - OLV

Thursday: 6.45am - St C

Friday: 6.45am - OLV

Saturday: 8.00am - St C

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm - St C

Sunday: 7.30am - OLV

& 9.30am - St C

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at St Cecilia's only

8.30 - 9.00 am and 5.00 - 5.30 pm



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WELCOME EVERYONE!

We are pleased you could join us today. If you are new, please introduce yourselves to those seated nearby and to Fr Arulraj. We'd love to get to know you. If you are new to the neighbourhood, we invite you to complete a parish membership form and place it in the collection basket. **Welcome!**

FATHER ARULRAJ'S MESSAGE

Happy Father's Day: A great father is more than a provider or protector; he is a source of faith, love, wisdom, and compassion for his family.

Today, we thank God for fathers, grandfathers, and stepfathers - for their steadfast love, sacrifices, and the strength they bring to family life.

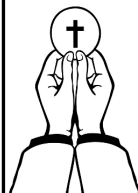
In the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), we see the heart of fatherhood: unconditional love and forgiveness that reflect God's love for us. It reminds us that a loving father welcomes his children with open arms. On this Father's Day, let us show our gratitude through a simple "thank you", a kind gesture, or a heartfelt prayer. A great father is not defined by perfection, but by love, faith, and dedication to his family's well-being. Let us also remember and pray for our deceased fathers,

asking the good Lord to grant them eternal rest.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers of our Parish.

May your hearts be filled with peace and joy.

Mass Intentions:



Sat, 5.30PM Mass: **John CLISSA**, RIP - Birthday Anniversary

Peter MURPHY, RIP 2nd Anniversary

Sun, 7.30AM Mass: **Patrick DOHERTY**, Recently Deceased

Sun, 9.30AM Mass: **Rosa & Vincenzo GALLUCCIO**, RIP Anniv.

Anna & Toni SILVESTRO, RIP Anniv.

FOR OUR DEARLY BELOVED, GONE TO REST

We remember all those who have passed, the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially:



Imelda Easton, Cindy Perkin, Pat O'Malley, Dorothy Beaver, James Doherty, Peter McDermott, Lillian Smith, Doris Doherty, George Vincent, Bill Alderman, Alice Saleh, Anna Silvestro, Pat Byrne, Regina Fritzsich, Eva Prout, Gerald Duggan, Marie Gelle, Anne Field and Bert Sermon.

Parish Fundraiser: Dinner & Trivia Night

Friday, 9th October, Newman College Sports Centre

Doors open 5:30pm - Fun for everyone!

The night includes: Door Prize, Raffles, 1 - 100 game (big prize), A delicious dinner, Sumptuous desserts & more!

Tickets \$50PP at www.trybooking.com/DPAH

Volunteer bakers & dessert makers wanted! Call Lena - 0403781871

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 6th September 2026

CWB: 743 - 793 - 615 - 860

**What's on in our parish from
7th – 13th September 2026**

Monday	07	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's
Tuesday	08	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's PAS 6.30pm Parish Hall SVDP MEETING 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday	09	MASS 6.45am OLV
Thursday	10	FEAST: NATIVITY OF THE BVM ROSARY 6.30am St Cecilia's MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's MORNING TEA 7.15am Parish Hall
Friday	11	MASS 6.45am OLV
Saturday	12	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's RECONCILIATION 8.30am & 5.00pm St Cecilia's CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 9.30am Parish Hall VIGIL MASS 5.30pm St Cecilia's
Sunday	13	SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's



Next week's readings: 24th Sunday OT (A)

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You are invited to contribute your talents to the parish in any capacity; certain volunteer roles can offset parish expenses. **Please contact the office to assist.**

The second collection needs to increase by 10% to keep up with outgoings. You can contribute via the collection tray or by setting up regular online bank transfers (pls include your name in the notes field).

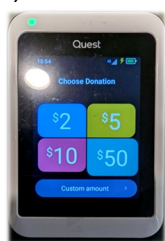
1. First Collection (for the upkeep of the priest) -
The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth – Floreat Wembley: BSB: 086-006, Acct #: 23954 3103

2. Second Collection (for parish expenses) -

Floreat Wembley Parish Account:
BSB: 086-006, Acct #: 67019 7607

*** **NO CASH? TAP & GO!** ***

We welcome your financial contribution to the parish & thank you for your generosity!



SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**



Dear God, we thank You for the gift of fathers, grandfathers, step fathers, and the love they bring into our lives. Bless them with strength, wisdom and good health. Guide them as they continue to provide, support and nurture their families.

For those who are no longer with us, we ask for Your comfort and peace. May we honour their memory by living with the values they taught us and reflecting the love they shared. Help us to show our appreciation and love, not just today, but every day.
Amen.

Parish Celebrations for Father's Day



OLV's First Sunday Breakfast: Come celebrate with us after the 7.30am Mass at Lawley's Bakery on Cambridge St, Wembley. All welcome!

Parish Morning Tea: After the 9.30am Mass in the Parish Hall, we will come together to honour our fathers and welcome visiting Seminarians. Please join us!

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING...

Fr Francis Nguyen, Rector of St Charles Seminary in Guildford, and all the seminarians joining us at our 9.30am Mass this weekend.

We welcome you and invite you to stay and enjoy a cup of tea with us afterwards in the Parish Hall.



R.I.P. PATRICK MOONEY



Our sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers go to Janice and to all Patrick's family and friends on the occasion of his passing. Please keep them in your prayers.

May his soul rest in peace.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please join us **on Thursday, 8th September** as we celebrate Our Lady's birthday with:

The Rosary at 6.30am, Mass at 6.45am in St Cecilia's and Morning Tea to follow in the Parish Hall.

All welcome!



FIAT: Why Be Catholic Conference 2026

"She went in haste" — Luke 1:39

1-3 Oct, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scarborough

Visit: www.evangelisationaustralia.com





Gospel Mt 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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