The Living Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A *15 November 2026*

First Reading Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have
worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city
gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ***(R.)***

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ***(R.)***

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. ***(R.)***

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of



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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

Everyone has a talent, and even the smallest gifts are worth using. Today's readings invite us to make the most of our God-given talents, so that at the hour of our death we may hear Our Lord say: *"Well done, my good and faithful servant! ... Come and share the joy of your master" (Mt 25:21)*. God invites us to live abundantly by taking risks and giving generously. Beyond our homes and families, our parish community is the best place to share our gifts, talents and abilities. Let us do so confidently, trusting that every gift God gives us can be useful and fruitful. **Thank you for coming, have a lovely week and God bless.**

Mass Intentions:



Sat 8.00am Mass: **Peter RANASINGHE, Joyce & Clara SERPANCHY** RIP
Sun 7.30am Mass: For all the faithful departed
Sun 9.30am Mass: **Stephen DWYER** RIP (recently deceased in Ireland), **Myra HANNON** RIP

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 (14th – 20th November), especially:

Win Devereux, Millie Mulcahy | Mary Gordon | Rita Connolly. Val Gensen, Cath Lynch | Bill Easton, Mary Galvin, Don "Peter" Ranasinghe | Janina Bukowska-Hebda, Mary Cooper Bernadette Glynn, Betty Henley | Maude Somers





Gardening Crew will be at St Cecilia's this Sun 15th Nov 2 – 4pm. All volunteers are welcome.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK

We ask you to give generously to help care for our brothers and sister who are struggling in the community. **Please mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation to the parish at any time over the coming weeks.**

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 15th November 2026

AOV 2: 32, 30, 126, 135

What's on in our parish from 16th - 22nd November 2026		
Monday	16	**MASS** 8.00am St Cecilia's **CENACLE** 8.30am St Cecilia's
Tuesday	17	**MASS** 6.45am St Cecilia's **FUNERAL MASS FOR FAYE CASEY** 10.30am St Cecilia's **PAS** 7pm Parish Hall
Wednesday	18	**MASS** 6.45am OLV **FINANCE COMMITTEE** 7.00pm
Thursday	19	**MASS** 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	20	**MASS** 6.45am OLV
Saturday	21	**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	22	**SOLEMNITY: CHRIST THE KING** **MASS** 7.30am OLV **MASS** 9.30am St Cecilia's **VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA & ST CECILIA'S FEAST DAY** 10.30am Parish Hall



Next week's readings: 34th SUNDAY OT (A)

1st Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

CATHOLIC MISSION

The amount donated by the **Floreat/Wembley** Parish for the 2026 Catholic Mission appeal was **$1,950.** Thank you for your generous response. The amount raised will go towards helping our missionaries in Malawi to support families who are rebuilding after devastating floods, and to help children access education close to home.

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 & thank you for your generosity!



ST CECILIA'S FEAST DAY & VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA NEXT SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER!



We would like to thank the many volunteers that have contributed to the smooth running of our parish. We are also celebrating St Cecilia's Feast Day. Please come join us for morning tea on **Sun 22nd Nov after the 9.30am mass** at the Parish Hall.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



For catering purposes, **please RSVP at the back of the church or email floreat@perthcatholic.org.au**

ADVENT REFLECTION RETREAT SAT 28TH NOV

Come join us in this opportunity to step away from the demands of everyday life to enter a sacred space of prayerful reflection in this Advent time. Led by **Dr Debra Sayce**, Chief, Mission Enhancement and Outreach, Archdiocese of Perth. Please note that attendants must be **over 18 years old**.

Please RSVP at the back of the church or email floreat@perthcatholic.org.au

When: **Sat 28th November 9.30am – 12pm**

Where: **St Cecilia's Parish Centre**



SINCERE THANKS FROM RITA MORGAN

Thank you to Fr Arulraj, the Parish Council and to everyone who came to say farewell on and around All Saints'. Your kind, thoughtful and uplifting words, gifts and cards have meant so much! Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the Morning Tea - what an amazing gift! Blessings always, Rita



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2027

Enrolments are open for our 2027 Sacramental Program. Enrolment packs for the Sacraments of **First Reconciliation**, **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** are available from our Parish Website. **Enrolments close on Monday the 15th February 2027.**
www.floreatwembleyparish.org.au/faith/religious-education/

A WOMEN'S EVENING OF PRAYER & THE ROSARY

Glendalough Parish is hosting Sr Susanna and Sr Luz of the Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary for a women's evening of prayer and the Rosary.
Date and Time: **7pm Wednesday 18 November**
Venue: **Glendalough Parish Centre**

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

In November, we pray for the souls of the departed. If you have a set of Planned Giving Envelopes, then you will have included in the pack a **special November Mass Offering envelope**. If you don't have one, **additional envelopes are available from the back of the Church**. If you would like our Masses in November to be offered for your deceased, please write their names on the envelope, include your offering, and **place them in the basket at the altar.**



those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”’

Reflection *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord’s departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord’s coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord’s talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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