

The Living Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16 August 2026

First Reading Is 56:1.6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R). O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
(R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

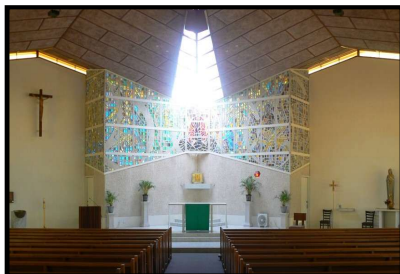
Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom**

and healed all who were sick.

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: 6.00pm - 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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COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD TOGETHER

We ask everyone to please maintain a respectful silence whilst in the Church. We appreciate your cooperation in creating a reverent and peaceful environment for prayer and reflection. **Thank you!**

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 welcome you to our parish community. Those 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

Today's Gospel reminds us that God's love and mercy are extended to all who call on Him in Faith and trust, no matter who they are. In other words, God's care extends beyond the bounds of race and nation to the hearts of all who live, and God's House should become a House of Prayer for all peoples. It is therefore fitting that we need to pull down our walls of separation and share in the universality of God's love: Very often we set up walls like pride, intolerance, fear and prejudice which separate us from God and from one another.

We warmly welcome Bishop Sproston as he administers the sacrament of Confirmation to our children. We also welcome parents, sponsors, friends, and extended families for the celebration and thanks to all those who helped in preparing the confirmation candidates.

Thank you for joining us. Have a wonderful week, and we love to see you next weekend. God bless.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, 8AM Mass: **John MOORE**, RIP Anniversary

Josephine MOORE, for good health

Saturday, 6PM Mass: **Ned MULCAHY**, RIP Anniversary

Sunday, 7.30AM Mass: **Marie MONCRIEFF**, RIP Anniversary

Friday, 6.45AM Mass: **Terry ARAM**, Recently Deceased



IN OUR PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

We pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.



Aug 15	Harry Jones, Jack Larkin, Gladys Metcalf, Ned Mulcahy
Aug 16	Victor Depiazzi, Marie Moncrieff, Susie Peter, Des Wells
Aug 17	Bill Daws
Aug 18	Patrick Meaney, Brian Smith
Aug 19	Betty Henley, Arch Waddell
Aug 20	Ivan Colgan, Daniel Hogan

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 16th August 2026

CWB: 722 - 691 - 748 - 690

**What's on in our parish from
17th – 23rd August 2026**

Monday	17	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's SEWING & CRAFT GROUP 1.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday	18	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's PAS 6.30pm Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday	19	MASS 6.45am OLV
Thursday	20	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	21	MASS 6.45am OLV
Saturday	22	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's RECONCILIATION 8.30am & 5.00pm St Cecilia's CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 9.30am Parish Hall VIGIL MASS 6.00pm St Cecilia's
Sunday	23	MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's

Next week's readings:



21st Sunday of OT (A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

SEWING & CRAFT GROUP

All welcome to join us on Monday,
17th August, 1pm in the Parish Centre.



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 still 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

***** VISITORS: TAP & GO *****

At the back of St Cecilia's is a Tap & Go machine that we are offering as a convenient option for those who do not carry cash.

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



**CONGRATULATIONS ON
YOUR CONFIRMATION**



Congratulations to all the children who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. May the Holy Spirit give you the wisdom to choose what is right, the courage to stand by your faith, and the joy to serve others every day.

Emily ANDERSON
Sienna ARUNDALE
Eomer BISHOP
Lachlan HAWKINS
Taylor HENG

Charlotte LIN
Sienna MALO
Isabella OROZCO HERNANDEZ
Hayden ROSSITER
Ava WEIDINGER

Thank you to the catechists and teachers for preparing the children so well. Special thanks and blessings go to the parents and sponsors who will continue to accompany them as they journey in their faith.



ST CECILIA'S GARDEN & GROUNDS CREW

Our dedicated group of volunteers will be back to care for our grounds **this Sunday, 16th August from 2 - 4pm. Please join in and assist them! They welcome your support.**

R.I.P. TERRY ARAM

Please continue to keep Terry's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

**Terry's funeral will take place at
Karrakatta Cemetery on Friday,
21st August at 10.00am.**

May his soul rest in peace.



PARISH DINNER & FUNDRAISER: 9 OCT 2026

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

Please help make our parish dinner a warm and successful community event.

We need help with: set up, entertainment (musicians) predinner, dessert, washing & packing up afterwards. Also we are accepting raffle donations, large or small.

Details & sign up sheets are at the back of the church!!



SINCERE & HEARTFELT THANKS...

to **everyone** who came and assisted in the parish office during my time away, and especially to Anthea who bravely donned the Parish Secretary cap. Blessings & thanks! Rita

KIRUP CAMINO & WA LAUNCH OF WORLD MISSION MONTH

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2026, 8.00AM – 5.00PM

A 16km pilgrimage from the Church of St Therese, Balingup to the Holy Family Church, Kirup WA. **Scan the QR code to use the link to register;**

www.trybooking.com/DNKPE

Alternatively, please let the parish office know if you would like to come as a **12 seater mini-bus has been offered** to the Parish. **Early start, bus and driver provided!**





Gospel Mt 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.