

The Living Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

18 October 2026

First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not
know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. (R.)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
(R.)

- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing
you grace and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for
love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

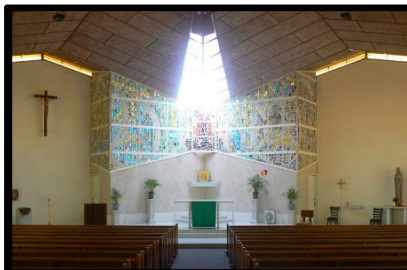
We know, brothers, that God loves you and
that you have been chosen, because when
we brought the Good News to you, it came
to you not only as words, but as power and
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!



Floreat - Wembley Catholic Parish

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**ST CECILIA'S CHURCH, FLOREAT
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES' CHURCH, WEMBLEY**



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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

Jesus is drawing lines in today's gospel. He says, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God." In a way Jesus is saying, some things belong to Caesar, but everything belongs to God. Jesus' answer acknowledges our obligation as citizens to the state but affirms our larger obligation to God. Both the state and God require certain loyalties from us, but we owe God our very lives, He is our creator and Lord.

Farewell Morning Tea for Rita Morgan: Please join us for a special morning tea on Sunday, 1st November, after the 9.30 am Mass, as we thank Rita Morgan, our parish secretary, for eight years of her dedicated and loyal service to the Floreat/Wembley Parish community. This is an opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation, thank Rita and wish her well in her future endeavours. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Thank you for joining us today. Have a great week and I'd love to see you next weekend. God bless!

Mass Intentions:



Sat, 8.00AM Mass: **Joseph PAVLINOVICH, RIP Anniversary**

Sat, 5.30PM Mass: **Frans YAP, RIP 4th Anniversary**

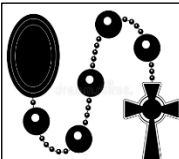
Sun, 7.30AM Mass: **Leon O'SULLIVAN, Recently deceased**

Sun, 9.30AM Mass: **Greg LAMBORN, Recently deceased**

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 (17th - 23rd October), especially:

Irene Coffey, Jim Francis, Maria Nizzola, Patricia Smith | Charlie Cripps, Peter Frisina | Kit Hynes, John Spillman | Blair Jobson, Tony Silvestro | Betty Finlay-Jones | Lucia D'Ippolito and Terence Moriarty.



OCTOBER: PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

"No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary." - Bishop Hugh Doyle

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 18th October 2026

CWB: 722 - 773 - 620 - 723

**What's on in our parish from
19th – 25th October 2026**

Monday	19	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's
Tuesday	20	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's PAS 6.30pm Parish Hall
Wednesday	21	MASS 6.45am OLV
Thursday	22	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	23	MASS 6.45am OLV
Saturday	24	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	25	MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's



Next week's readings: 30th Sunday OT (A)

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

FLOREAT-WEMBLEY PARISH SECRETARY

We are seeking a Parish Secretary to work alongside the Parish Priest to assist with administration duties for the Parish and to support the day-to-day functions of the parish. The position is part-time, 15 hours per week. To express your interest, please put in the subject line of the email: **Floreat/Wembley Parish | Expression of Interest. Please email your CV & Cover letter to parishsupport@perthcatholic.org.au.**

**WE'RE
HIRING**

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!***



Sincere thanks...

and many congratulations to **everyone** who worked tirelessly to make the recent Parish Dinner & Trivia Night such a fun occasion for all.

Special thanks go to all our generous donors and sponsors (the list is long!), most especially Newman College, the Peter family, John & Tess Joseph and our Parish Councillors, who individually and collectively went above and beyond. We are also very grateful to our guest speakers, Dr Ken Elliott and his wife Jocelyn, for sharing with us their story of faith and resilience.

Finally, **thank you** to everyone who supported this event in any way - from supplying desserts, selling tickets, setting up, packing away, bartending, welcoming guests, bringing guests, and your own joyful selves - we appreciate you!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate **Ilario & Lucia Circosta** on their **40th Wedding Anniversary**.

May the Lord continue to bless them, their marriage & their family.



BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community through Baptism this weekend,

Ilaria Katalin CIRCOSTA & Taylor Ian LILLICO

We ask God to bless them, their families and Godparents as they journey through life together.

PARISH GARDEN & GROUNDS CREW

If you are able, please assist our dedicated volunteers this Sunday, 18th October, from 2 - 4pm at St Cecilia's. Thank you!



**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, AFTER 9.30AM MASS**

Current Parish Councillors are;

Paul Davidson (Chairperson), Lena Teo (Secretary),
Tricia Hoffman, Eric Heenan, Tony Robinson and
Fr Arulraj (Parish Priest).

We encourage more people to join the Parish Pastoral Council. Councillors work on events and initiatives that enhance and support the parish community. Nominations can be accepted at the AGM.

All groups within the parish are asked to submit a typed report (up to one A4 page) to include in the larger AGM document. This enables us to better capture parish life over the past twelve months. **Please email reports to: floreat@perthcatholic.org.au** or hand them into the Parish Office **by Wednesday, 28th October.**

To submit a topic for discussion at the AGM, please email it through to the Parish Office before Wed, 28th October. Matters raised without notice may be discussed with the approval of the meeting. Thank you.



Gospel Mt 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.