

The Living Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 October 2026

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour;
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

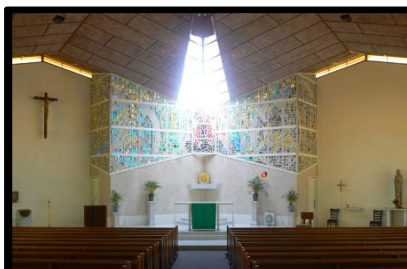
You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.**

Alleluia!



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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

The famous American novelist, Arthur Miller, underlined the importance of love when he wrote: 'The one thing we can never get enough of is love. And the one thing we never give enough is love.' Love is the greatest of the commandments, the mother of all the virtues, and it is the heart of the Christian message. We are created in the image of a God who is Love; so, we cannot live without love. We can all say with St Paul, 'Without love, I am nothing' (1Cor 13:2). The Central theme of today's readings is the greatest commandment in the Bible loving God and neighbour.

Please join us for a special morning tea after the 9.30am Mass next Sunday to thank Rita and farewell her after her dedicated service to our parish community. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Mass Intentions:

Sat, 8.00AM Mass: **John Anthony ANDERSON, RIP Anni.**

Tues, 6.45AM Mass: **Ivy & Felix DENNIS, RIP Anniversary**

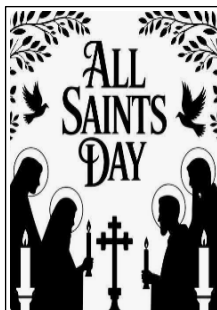
Fri, 6.45AM Mass: **M.C. AMALRAJ, RIP Anniversary**



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 (24th – 30th October), especially:

Mary Lyons | John Robottom | Helen Catlin, Gwenda Fountain, Adriana Giudicatti, Eva Magyar | Maria Capolingua, Norma Harrison, Noel Pearce | John Doyle, Paula Jones, Kathleen Markham, Bill Stemp, Monica Wilkie | Dan Ryan, Valerie Stillman | Barney Flanagan and Frank Hilsz.



ALL SAINTS' DAY - PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints. Please join us as we celebrate at OLV's First Sunday Breakfast at Lawley's Bakery on Cambridge St, Wembley after the 7.30am Mass, and at our Celebratory Morning Tea in the Parish Hall after the 9.30am Mass. *Share plates are appreciated and all are welcome!*

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 25th October 2026

AOV2: 32 - 30 - 30 - Hail, Queen of Heaven

**What's on in our parish from
26th October – 1st November 2026**

Monday	26	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's SEWING & CRAFT GROUP 1.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday	27	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's PAS 6.30pm Parish Hall SVDP MEETING 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday	28	MASS 6.45am OLV PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Thursday	29	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	30	MASS 6.45am OLV WEDDING: JOSEPH & NEGUS 3.00pm St Cecilia's
Saturday	31	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	01	SOLEMNITY: ALL SAINTS' MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's PARISH MORNING TEA 10.30am Parish Hall



Next week's readings: Solemnity of All Saints' (A)

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

SEWING & CRAFT GROUP

Monday, 26th October, 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 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!



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.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND

Please place any long life food items in the baskets at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



ANTHONY JOSEPH & SARAH NEGUS

Please join us in congratulating **Anthony and Sarah** on their upcoming nuptials. They will be wed at St Cecilia's on Friday. *We wish them every happiness together.*

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**.



ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is **on Monday, 2nd November**, a special day to remember all our deceased loved ones. We will honour them at the **8am Mass at St Cecilia's and at the 6pm Mass at OLV**. Please join us.



PARISH A.G.M.

SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, AFTER 9.30AM MASS

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend our Annual General Meeting to discuss important parish matters.

Parish Pastoral Council: we are seeking **two additional members**. Need more information? Please speak to Paul – 0402 983 083. Nominations can be accepted at the AGM.

Group reports: All groups within the parish, please email a typed report (up to one A4 page) to include in the larger AGM document to: floreat@perthcatholic.org.au **by Wednesday, 28th October**.

AGM Agenda Items: please email these to the Parish Office **before Wed, 28th October**. Matters raised without notice may be discussed with the approval of the meeting.



Gospel Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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