The Living Word

All Saints **1 November 2026**

First Reading Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. *(R.)*

2 Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. *(R.)*

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,

and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

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

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: Today, the Church reminds us that everyone is called to holiness—to live in God's love and share it with others. This feast challenges us to follow the saints' example and gives us an opportunity to thank God for welcoming so many of our ancestors into their company. As we reflect on the saints' heroic lives and strive to imitate them, may we one day hear the Lord welcome us into eternal joy: "Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joys of your Master" (Mt 25:21).

BIG THANK YOU RITA: Today we bid farewell to Rita Morgan our Parish Secretary for the past eight plus years. Rita has been a wonderful employee for our parish. She has given generously of her talents and time and made a tremendous contribution to this community and has established a good friendship some of the parishioners. We thank Rita for her dedication and valuable service and wish her the very best in her new endeavours. We thank the family for joining us for Mass this Sunday. May God blessings be with you and family. **Please join us for morning tea after the 9.30am mass.**

Mass Intentions:

Sun, 9.30AM Mass: **Ananda TILAKA & Celeste HEALY, 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 (31st October – 6th November), especially:

Ray D'Arcy | Joseph Parks | Bernie Bawden, Olga Bettini, Ilona Gerlei | Rosina O'Hare, Mary Staples | Gorden Bowring and Natalie Gaynor.

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, 1st November 2026
AOV2: 45, 2, 169, 165

What's on in our parish from 2nd – 8th November 2026		
Monday	2	**COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** **MASS** 8.00am St Cecilia's **CENACLE** 8.30am St Cecilia's **MASS** 6.00pm OLV
Tuesday	3	**MASS** 6.45am St Cecilia's **PAS** 7pm Parish Hall
Wednesday	4	**MASS** 6.45am OLV **MASS** 11.30am Ocean Gardens Retirement Village, City Beach
Thursday	5	**HEALING MASS** 10am St Cecilia's, followed by: **MORNING TEA** 10.30am Parish Hall **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION** 7.00pm OLV
Friday	6	**MASS** 6.45am OLV
Saturday	7	**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	8	**LIFELINK CHRISTMAS APPEAL** **MASS** 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's **PARISH AGM** 10.30am Parish Hall

Next week's readings: 32nd SUNDAY OT (A)

1st Reading:	Wisdom 6:12-16
2nd Reading:	1 Thess 4:13-18
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 1-13

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!

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.

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.**

PARISH FUNDRAISER – FUNDS RAISED

Many thanks once again to everyone who attended. It was a wonderful occasion shared by all. The **final figure raised is $11,820**, for which we are very grateful! Thank you all!

BEST WISHES TO ALL STUDENTS

All the best to our students, especially those in Year 12, who are currently or soon to be sitting exams. We wish them well and we keep them in our prayers.

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER - LITURGIES

We invite all parishioners to our **final Healing Mass** for the year **at 10am in St Cecilia's** followed by **Morning Tea in the Hall** afterwards. Later that evening, we also have **Eucharistic Adoration at 7.00pm at OLV**. All welcome!

PARISH A.G.M.

SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, AFTER 9.30AM MASS

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend our Annual General Meeting this Sunday. The Parish Pastoral Council **is** seeking **two additional members.** Nominations can be accepted at the AGM.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK

LifeLink Catholic Caring Agencies will be held next weekend on **7/8 November**.

Please collect a copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass this weekend, read his message and give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's welfare agencies in this Archdiocese.

You may choose to mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided **OR** return your envelope and donation for a Special Collection which will be held at Masses next weekend. You may also donate (securely) online at www.LifeLink.com.au.

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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Reflection *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.

In the beatitudes listed in today's gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.