The Living Word

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A *8 November 2026*

First Reading **Wis 6:12-16**

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *(R.)*

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *(R.)*

Second Reading **1 Thes 4:13-18**

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 24:42. 44**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
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

Spiritual readiness, preparation, and growth do not just happen, they come as a result of intentional habits built into one's life. We cannot depend on a Sunday morning Mass to provide all our spiritual needs. These things come through routine, mundane attention to ordinary spiritual disciplines — making sure we have enough oil: spiritual fuel. They come when we habitually take time for prayer and being alone with God. They come through reading God's Word; living a sacramental life; performing acts of service for others; obeying God with love. These are the things which, along with the normal difficulties of life, enable one to grow in Christ and to be prepared for Christ's coming. Without these things, we will not be prepared. This weekend readings tell us that a searching, watching, and growing heart is essential for a lively, dynamic Faith in God.

Mass Intentions:



Sat 5.30pm Mass: For all the faithful departed
Sun 7.30am Mass: For all the faithful departed
Sun 9.30am Mass: **Donna Whitely** RIP death 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 (7th – 13th November), especially:

Marisa (Mary) Gjakun, Michael O'Sullivan | Peter Seaman Donna Whitely | Joyce Serpanchy | Gloria Cox, Charlie McCarthy | Marjorie McDermott, Eileen Van Wees | Norma Jones, Eileen Keating, Josephine Keyser, Jim Mazza



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

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 8st November 2026

AOV 1: 90, 133, 185, 57

What's on in our parish from 9th – 15th November 2026		
Monday	9	**MASS** 8.00am St Cecilia's **CENACLE** 8.30am St Cecilia's **SEWING & CRAFT GROUP** 1.00pm
Tuesday	10	**MASS** 6.45am St Cecilia's **PAS** 7pm Parish Hall **SVDP** 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday	11	**REMEMBRANCE DAY** **MASS** 6.45am OLV
Thursday	12	**MASS** 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	13	**MASS** 6.45am OLV **FUNERAL MASS FOR BRUNO DE PIETRO** 10.30am St Cecilia's
Saturday	14	**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	15	**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR** **MASS** 7.30am OLV, 9.30am St Cecilia's **ST CECILIA'S GARDENING CREW** 2.00pm

Next week's readings: 33rd SUNDAY OT (A)

1st Reading: Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
2nd Reading: 1 Thess 5: 1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

CONDOLENCES – MULCAHY FAMILY

Sincere condolences to Monica Mulcahy on the loss of her dear brother **Thomas Mulcahy**. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

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!



ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK

If you did not collect the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass last weekend, please collect one as you leave the Church today or use one of the special giving envelopes which have been provided on the pews today. 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.**



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.

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA

We would like to thank the many volunteers that contribute to the smooth running of our parish. Come join us for morning tea on **Sun 22nd Nov after the 9.30am mass** at the Parish Hall. For catering purposes, **please RSVP** at the back of the church or email floreat@perthcatholic.org.au

R.I.P. BRUNO DE PIETRO

Funeral mass will be celebrated for Bruno De Pietro **at St Cecilia's on Friday, 13th November 10.30am.** Please keep his family in your prayers.

R.I.P. FAYE CASEY

Funeral mass will be celebrated for Faye Casey **at St Cecilia's on Tuesday 17th November 10.30am.** Faye was a loyal parishioner for many years. May her soul rest in peace.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

There are limited 2027 Columban Calendars for sale at the back of St Cecilia's. $10 each.

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.**



Gospel Mt 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone of to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Reflection *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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