

The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

4 October 2026

First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

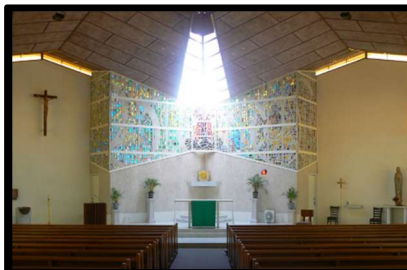
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
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

Jesus has given the Church everything Christians need to bear fruit: a) the Bible, which reveals God's will; b) the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which brings forgiveness of sins; c) the Holy Eucharist, our spiritual food and drink; d) the Sacrament of Confirmation, which strengthens us for an active life of faith; e) the Sacrament of Matrimony, through which love is shared in families, the fundamental unit of the Church; f) the priesthood, which guides God's people in his ways; g) the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which restores and strengthens spiritual life and may also bring mental, emotional and physical healing, if God wills; and h) the example of thousands of saints. We are called to use these gifts and bear fruit in our Christian Vocation.

We bear "good fruit" for Christ, in our families and community by sharing our blessings, offering our time and talents, serving others with humility and love, and graciously recognising and encouraging one another in the journey of faith. In doing so, we give glory to God.

The month of October is traditionally called the Holy Rosary Month. I strongly encourage families to pray the Rosary together.

If you would like to invite other parishioners to your homes to pray the Rosary, please write your names, address and time in the clipboard. Thank you for joining us, have a great week and love to see you next weekend. God bless!



Mass Intentions:

Sun, 7.30AM Mass: **Kathleen & George HOVEY, RIP Anniv.**

Sun, 9.30AM Mass: **Hans Dieter NILL, 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 (3rd - 9th October), especially:

**Peter Hoyne, Elizabeth Meaney | Veronica McMullen |
Florence Hird, Mavis Kennedy, Hans Dieter Nill | Anne Boylan,
Peta Gee, James Hanley, Bridget Webb | Patrick Franklyn,
Jim Lalor, Eileen Love, Kevin Martin | Christine Bateman,
Dominic Errichetti.**



Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 4th October 2026

AOV1: 135 - 114 - 9 - 110

**What's on in our parish from
5th – 11th October 2026**

Monday	05	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's
Tuesday	06	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Wednesday	07	FEAST: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY / OUR LADY OF VICTORIES MASS 6.45am OLV
Thursday	08	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	09	MASS 6.45am OLV PARISH DINNER & TRIVIA NIGHT 5.30pm Newman College Sports Centre
Saturday	10	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	11	MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's PARISH MORNING TEA 10.30am Parish Hall



Next week's readings: 28th Sunday OT (A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

OLV FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us **this Sunday, 4th October** after
the **7.30am Mass at Lawley's Bakery**
Café on Cambridge St, Wembley.
All are welcome!



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!**



THIS WEEKEND'S Catholic Mission



Appeal invites you to partner with
missionaries in Malawi to support families rebuilding after
devastating floods, and to help children access education
close to home. Through projects like St Peter's
Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place
where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with
dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.
Your gift will also assist other similar Catholic Mission
programmes throughout the developing world.

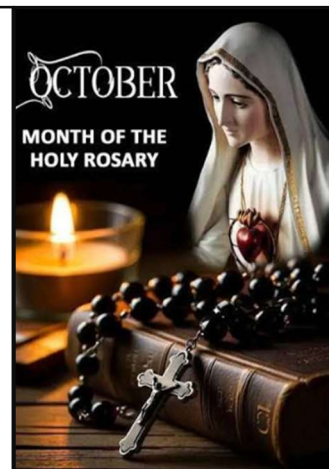
Please give generously by using the appeal envelope
provided, or by visiting www.catholicmission.org.au/.
Should you be keen to support the work of Catholic
Mission through a bequest, or as a volunteer, or in other
ways, please email Francis Leong at
director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au to explore the
possibilities.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF
THE ROSARY**

WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER

We invite everyone to join us
as we celebrate this special
feast of Our Lady and
Patron Saint with **Holy Mass**
at **6.45am at Our Lady of
Victories Church.**

On this day, with your
personal intentions, please
pray the rosary for our parish,
the Church & the world.



Parish Dinner & Trivia Night

Friday, 9th October, Newman College Sports



Centre, doors open from 5.30pm



**** SOLD OUT! ****

Many thanks to everyone who has purchased tickets
and donated items.

Sit back, relax and prepare yourselves for a fun night
of obscure general knowledge, delectable Indian
cuisine, sumptuous desserts, inspiring speakers and
games & prizes to raise funds for our parish.

Hope you're ready!

Anyone still wishing to donate raffle prizes, please
drop them off at the Parish Office **no later than**
Tuesday, 6th October. Thank you!

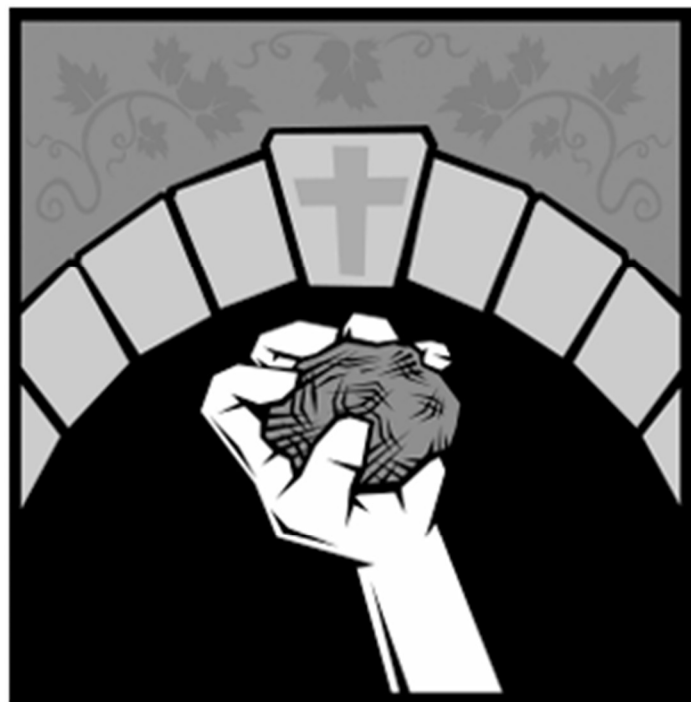
PARISH MORNING TEA @ ST CECILIA'S

You are warmly invited to join us
next Sunday, 11th October after
the **9.30am Mass, in the Parish Hall.**

Everyone is welcome!



Legion of Mary's **ANNUAL TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION**
around Lake Monger in honour of Our Lady will be held
on **Friday, 23rd October** from 7pm. Details in church.



Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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