

The Living Word

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

2 August 2026

First Reading Is 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are
thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have
good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting
covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) *The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.***

1. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due
time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:35. 37-39

*No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is
in Christ.*

No creature can separate us from the love
of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the
love of Christ, even if we are troubled or
worried, or being persecuted, or lacking
food or clothes, or being threatened or
even attacked. These are the trials through
which we triumph, by the power of him who
loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor
life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists,
nothing still to come, not any power, or
height or depth, nor any created thing, can
ever come between us and the love of God
made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John
the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat
to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of this
and, leaving the towns, went after him on
foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a



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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: 6.00pm - 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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FATHER ARULRAJ'S MESSAGE

WE NEED TO BE "EUCCHARISTIC" MINISTERS: TODAY'S READINGS REMIND US THAT GOD CARES FOR US AND MEETS OUR PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS WHEN WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN HIM. LIKE THE GOSPEL STORY, WE TOO CAN WORK MIRACLES IN OUR OWN TIME AND PLACE BY IMITATING JESUS' THREE "EUCCHARISTIC ACTIONS": HUMBLY AND GENEROUSLY RECEIVING WHAT GOD GIVES US, BLESSING IT BY SHARING IT WITH OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE, AND GIVING WITH JOYFUL GRATITUDE TO GOD, WHO HAS BLESSED US SO ABUNDANTLY, AND TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, HIS CHILDREN.

IN THIS WAY, WE CAN PLAY A SMALL PART IN ALLEVIATING THE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL HUNGER OF OTHERS.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY, HAVE A NICE WEEK & GOD BLESS

SAVE THE DATES:

Wednesday 5 Aug 2026 at 11.00 am, Mass will be celebrated at Ocean Gardens City Beach, if you are around that area, you are welcome to join us.

Thursday 6 Aug 2026 at 7.00 pm at OLV, Holy Hour, with Adoration and Benediction, will be held.

Saturday 5 Sept 2026 5.30pm mass time will commence at St Cecilia's church. After discussion and support from the community this has been greeted with great enthusiasm from our parish, thank you

Friday 9 Oct 2026, our annual parish fundraising 'Event Extravaganza' will be held. Please save this date to attend, further information each week on how we can all support this and enjoy the fellowship our community is known for.

In our Parish Book of Remembrance

We pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.



August 1	Lola Kehoe, Sarah O'Hare, Daniel Pupazzoni, Charles Serpanchy, Kevin Wren
August 2	Aileen Durack
August 3	Ellena DiCamillo, Vincent Heinrichs, Victor Seammell, Ines Wallace
August 4	Lancelot Alderman, Paul Lee, Thomas McMullen, Sr Claude McNamara, Jack Sheedy, Peter Tsilipas, Ted Wheatley, Phyllis Whiting
August 5	Clare Brown, Bernie Collopy, John O'Mahony, Graham Purtell, Jeremy Richards
August 6	Phyllis Mullin, Lawrence Shervington, Joseph Tan
August 7	

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 26th July 2026

AOV1: 74, 6, 139, 188

**What's on in our Parish from
2 Aug - 9 Aug 2026**

Monday	3	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's Sewing Craft group 1.00pm Parish hall
Tuesday	4	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's PAS (advocacy) 6.30pm Parish Hall
Wednesday	5	MASS 6.45am OLV Confirmation rehearsal 4.00pm St Cecilia's
Thursday	6	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's Healing Mass & MTea 10.00am St Cecilia's Benediction 7.00pm OLV
Friday	7	MASS 6.45am OLV
Saturday	8	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's RECONCILIATION 8.30am & 5.00pm St Cecilia's CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 9.30am Parish Hall VIGIL MASS 6.00pm St Cecilia's
Sunday	9	MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's Confirmation Mass 11.00am St Cecilia's Parish Moring Tea 10.30am Parish hall

Next Week's Readings:



19th Sunday of OT (A)

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 19:9 11-13
2nd Reading: Rom 9: 1-5
Gospel: Mt 14: 22-33

KIRUP CAMINO

World Mission Month

16km Pilgrimage from the church of St Therese,
Balingup, to the Holy Family Church,
Kirup WA.

Thursday 1 October 2026 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Please see QR Code for registration:



SEWING & CRAFT GROUP

Our friendly group of crafters meet fortnightly
to knit, sew, crochet ... New members are
always welcome!



Simply join them THIS Monday 1pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Vinnies Winter Appeal



Please take Vinnies envelope from
the main aisle end of your seat for
our Winter Appeal which takes
place today.

You can donate with money, card or cheque using
this envelope. Place your donation in the envelope
and then into the red box at the main doors or place
your Vinnies Envelope in the collection.

If you wish, you can post your donation to Head
Office and our local conference will be credited with
your donation.

If you wish to receive a receipt, please take the
envelope home and complete the form for return
next week or for postage.

We encounter many needy people. They are very
grateful for the help we can provide.

Please be generous, and Thank You so Much



WA Homelessness Week 2026: 3-9 August

Please keep all people, both those looking
for shelter and those providing it, in your prayers.

HEALING MASS AT ST CECILIA'S

We invite everyone:

THURSDAY 6 Aug 2026

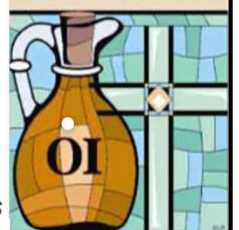
10am at St Cecilia's

Fr Arulraj

will be providing Anointing of the Sick
to all who attend.

Followed with Morning Tea after Mass

**Anointing &
Healing Mass**



**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT -
A NEW OPTION!**

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 still 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

3. Planned Giving Envelopes for 26/27 financial year

Please take yours home today!

*****NEW OPTION: TAP & GO*****

At the back of St Cecilia's is a new Tap & Go
machine that we are offering as a convenient
option for those who do not carry cash,
especially visitors, to make a financial
contribution to the parish.

Thank you for your generosity!





large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

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Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.