

The Living Word

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

12 July 2026

First Reading Is 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

*(R.) The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.*

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being

freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,

Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:1-23

(or shorter form Mt 13:1-9)

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or



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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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COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD TOGETHER

We ask everyone to please maintain a respectful silence whilst in the Church. We appreciate your cooperation in creating a reverent and peaceful environment for prayer and reflection. **Thank you!**

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 welcome you to our parish community. Those new to the neighbourhood, we invite you to complete a parish membership form and place it in the collection basket. **Welcome!**

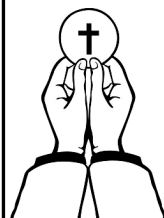
FATHER ARULRAJ'S MESSAGE

This weekend's readings focus on the transforming power of God's Word when it is read, preached and lived. They also remind us not to be discouraged when the results are not immediate. As we continue to witness Christ's gospel, we are called to remain positive and hopeful in our ministry efforts. The Gospel, the Parable of the Sower, challenges us to listen attentively to God's Word, open our hearts to it, and allow it to shape our lives. It reminds us that how we receive God's Word depends on the condition of our hearts.

We extend a warm welcome to Bishop Sproston to our parish community this Sunday for the Installation Mass. Please keep me in your prayers and let us work together to build our parish community by sharing our God-given gifts and talents.

Thank you for coming and have a nice weekend and God bless you.

Mass Intentions:



Saturday, 6PM Mass: **Cecilia KHIN SI**, RIP Anniversary

Sunday 7.30AM Mass: **Oliver McKENNY**,
RIP Anniversary

Sunday 9.30AM Mass: **Diana NARDI**, RIP 1st Anniversary

Monday, 8AM Mass: **Eugene O'SULLIVAN**
RIP Anniversary

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.



July	11	Beryl Canavan, Robert Hart, Kate McMullen
July	12	Jan Bateman, Patrick Casey, Roma Jose, Oliver McKenny
July	13	Antonia Cernazi, Sam Rifici, Eugene O'Sullivan
July	14	Olga Bajada, John Brindley, Geoff Robinson
July	15	Alfred Fordham
July	16	Luovious Braam, Sr Mercy Casey, Irene Chinze, John Harrison, Joe Matthews, Gemma Seok Cheng Ng
July	17	Doris Diamond, Eileen Stickman, Maria Szymakowski

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 5th July 2026

AOV2: 60 - 25 - 31 - 4

**What's on in our parish from
13th – 19th July 2026**

Monday	13	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's
Tuesday	14	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's SVDP MEETING 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday	15	MASS 6.45am OLV FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Thursday	16	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	17	MASS 6.45am OLV
Saturday	18	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	19	MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's GARDEN CREW 2.00pm St Cecilia's

Next week's readings:



16th Sunday of OT (A)

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

**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!



SEAFARERS' SUNDAY

**BEYOND CARGO & COMMERCE:
THE HUMAN FACE OF THE SEA**

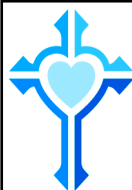


Behind global trade, fishing industries, ports, inland navigation routes and maritime networks are countless seafarers, fishers, port workers and maritime communities whose labour sustains nations, connects peoples, brings livelihood and supports families across continents. On Sea Sunday, the Church remembers these men and women not merely for the work they perform or the goods they transport, but as human beings created in the image and likeness of God, with inviolable dignity, each with hopes and fears, burdens, relationships, and resilience.

Stella Maris Australia is the Church's outreach ministry that cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of all seafarers regardless of colour, race or creed. Your donation to their appeal this week enables them to provide vital support to a community that is often forgotten. **Please be generous!**

Go to <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/> to donate or use the QR code attached.

To read Bishop Don's pastoral letter, please go to the Archdiocesan [website](#).



WELCOME BISHOP DON!

This Sunday, 12th July Bishop Don Sproston will be celebrating the 9.30am Mass at St Cecilia's during which Fr Arulraj will be installed as Parish Priest.

We welcome our Bishop and invite everyone to our Parish Morning Tea immediately after Mass to celebrate.

All are welcome!

RITA ON LEAVE

Rita is now on annual leave, for four weeks. During this time, Anthea has very kindly volunteered to take on various duties and will be in the Office on Wednesdays and Fridays. **We do need volunteers to assist us on Tuesdays and Thursdays to take messages and answer queries. Please speak to Father if you are able to help.**

ST CECILIA'S GARDEN & GROUNDS CREW

New members are always welcome to join our group of dedicated volunteers as we care for the parish grounds around St Cecilia's. **Please join us on Sunday, 19th July, from 2 - 4pm.**



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026:
CONFIRMATION**

We hope all our Confirmation families are enjoying the Term Break. We wish to remind everyone of the events in July;

- ◆ **Parent & Child Workshop - Wednesday, 22nd July, 5.00pm in the Parish Hall.**
- ◆ **Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates - Wednesday, 29th July, 4pm in St Cecilia's Church.**



understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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