

The Living Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

13 September 2026

First Reading Sir 27:30–28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the
Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes
resentment;

who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by
the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not
bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High,
and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. (R.)

3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its
influence on others; if we live, we live for the
Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so
that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to life,
it was so that he might be Lord both of the
dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord,
how often must I forgive my brother if he
wronged me? As often as seven times?' Jesus
answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-
seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who decided to settle
his accounts with his servants. When the
reckoning began, they brought him a man
who owed ten thousand talents; but he had
no means of paying, so his master gave orders



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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

The readings this weekend remind us of the path to forgiveness, mercy, and reconciliation and challenge us to walk this, the only Way to Life. In the light of eternity, and considering the shortness of our span of life, harbouring old grudges is pointless. The forgiveness that we offer to others is the indispensable condition for us to be able to open our hearts to receive God's forgiveness and to pray meaningfully:

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

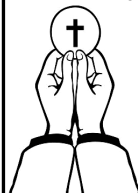
The Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday on the second Sunday of September each year. This year's theme is "Love protects," drawn from 1 Corinthians 13. St Paul presents love not merely as a feeling, but as action: patient, kind, selfless, slow to anger, and always ready to endure and protect. In our community, this means safeguarding children, vulnerable people, and everyone entrusted to our care.

We sincerely thank our parish safeguarding officers, Mary-Ann Burchfield and Anthea Benness, for their wonderful work.

Thank you for coming, have a nice weekend, and love to see you next Sunday. God bless!

Mass Intentions:

Sat, 5.30PM Mass: **James & Doris DOHERTY**, RIP 25th 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 (12th - 18th September), especially:

Ness McIntosh | Frank Brady | Jean Anthony, Maria Grincer | Marie Francis, Kevin Waters | Marie Hanlon | Eva Farrell, Roy Gordon & Biddy Milner.



Parish Fundraiser: Dinner & Trivia Night

Friday, 9th October from 5.30pm at Newman College Sports Centre. Night includes: Door Prizes, Raffles, Trivia, Games, Dinner, and ...

****Guest Speakers Dr Ken Elliott & his wife Jocelyn.**

See flyer for more details.

Also: Create a table & come with friends! EO! sheets in church (OR @ OLV - speak to Paddy Buckley or Kate Barlow).

Cost: \$50PP. Tickets: www.trybooking.com/DPHAH



Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 13th September 2026
AOV2: 45 - Come, O Come Holy Spirit (sheet) - 31 - 60

**What's on in our parish from
14th – 20th September 2026**

Monday	14	FEAST: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's SEWING & CRAFT GROUP 1.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday	15	FEAST: OUR LADY OF SORROWS MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's PAS 6.30pm Parish Hall
Wednesday	16	MASS 6.45am OLV FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Thursday	17	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	18	MASS 6.45am OLV
Saturday	19	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	20	MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's GARDEN CREW 2.00pm St Cecilia's grounds



Next week's readings: 25th Sunday OT (A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Please check the church bulletin boards for more information on upcoming events & opportunities.

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).

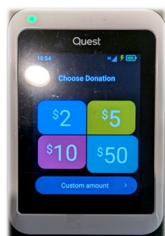
1. First Collection (for the upkeep of the priest) -
The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth – Floreat Wembley: BSB: 086-006, Acct #: 23954 3103

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
to the parish & thank you for your
generosity!**



**LOVE
PROTECTS**

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

"Love Protects" (1 Cor 13)

Today we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognize and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities.

We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

This year's theme **Love Protects** and today's readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather, it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety.

We understand today's readings in the Safeguarding context that point to God's own patient mercy toward us when we sin.



For more information on the Safeguarding Program in the Archdiocese of Perth, please go to:

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/>.



**SEWING &
CRAFT GROUP**

All welcome to
join us on
**Monday, 14th September,
1pm in the Parish Centre.**

**ST CECILIA'S GARDEN
CREW**



All welcome!
**Sunday, 20th
Sept, 2 - 4pm
at St Cecilia's.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happiest of birthdays and many congratulations to
Joan Tyson
as she celebrates her 80th birthday this weekend.

We wish her many happy returns of the day with many more to come! We also extend warmest congratulations to *all* parishioners celebrating a milestone birthday in September.



**R.I.P. PATRICK McCAFFERTY
MOONEY**

We continue to keep Janice and the family in our thoughts and prayers. Patrick's funeral will be celebrated **at St Cecilia's on Tuesday, 22nd September at 10.30am with refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.**

May his soul rest in peace.

NATIONAL SURVEY OF NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a **professional survey being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops.**

The information gathered will inform pastoral responses and the development of resources for this vital stage of married life. **Details in church or online (click [here](#)).**



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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