

The Living Word

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19 July 2026

First Reading Wis 12:13.16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. *(R.)*
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. *(R.)*
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

(or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed dandel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the dandel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the dandel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the dandel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the dandel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."



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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 neighborhood, we invite you to complete a parish membership form and place it in the collection basket. **Welcome!**

Please be advised: Fr Arulraj's email was hacked this week, please do not respond or think in any way, the correspondence was from him

God Bless,

Fr Arulraj and Parish Team

MASS INTENTIONS:



Saturday, 6PM Mass:

Vincent O'Leary RIP (Ireland)

Sunday 7.30AM Mass:

Joan Harrison RIP Anniversary

Sunday 9.30AM Mass:

Pamela Jueitt, RIP 2nd Anniversary

Monday, 8AM Mass:

Vincenza Poli RIP 1st 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 18	Brian Meegan
July 19	Jack Davis, Rosina Errichetti
July 20	
July 21	Gerald Nelligan, Norma Cripps, Ellen Lynch, Moya Wells, Polly Willis, Walter Nardi
July 22	Peter Meaney, Harlin Mullins
July 23	Elizabeth and Lewis Reith, Constance Logue, Harry Rosario, Kathleen Regan
July 24	Giuseppe Alessandri, Johanna McNamara, Phyl Clarke, Brendan McGurk

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 5th July 2026

AOV1: 179, 40, 139, 189

**What's on in our Parish from
20th—26th July 2026**

Monday	20	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's Sewing & Craft Group 1:00pm Parish Hall
Tuesday	21	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Wednesday	22	MASS 6.45am OLV Confirmation Workshop 5:00pm Parish Hall Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm Parish Meeting Room
Thursday	23	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	24	MASS 6.45am OLV
Saturday	25	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	26	MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's Grandparents Day - celebrations

Next Week's Readings:



17th Sunday of OT (A)

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 3:5 7-12
2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13 44-46

**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!



FATHER ARULRAJ'S MESSAGE

As followers of Jesus, we recognize both wheat and weeds in our world. We must acknowledge poverty, injustice, violence and greed—realities that shape much of the human experience and stand against God's will. We are called to resist them, but we must not lose sight of the wheat: the goodness around us in vision, service, generosity, courage and love, found in many places and many people. These signs of goodness reflect God's presence, and recognizing that presence gives us energy and hope for our journey of faith.

Next weekend, as we celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we will pray for them in a special way at all the weekend masses.

Thank you for coming
Have a nice week
God bless.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A basket for goods will be found at the back of both churches **next weekend** at all Masses, for those who can contribute some food;

pasta sauce, tinned fruit, coffee, tea, jam, peanut butter and other spreads are especially appreciated as we cannot obtain them from Foodbank. Thank you!



TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

Step forward and join our amazing community who are actively helping at Sunday morning teas, in our alter society, as an acolyte, reader, special minister, catechist, alter server, or choir member—musicians and singers, there's so much more to explore!!

Bring your talents and gifts and contact Fr Arulraj at the Parish Office with your availability.

We welcome to our parish community this month, through baptism: Navid Russo, son of Jonathan and Parnian. May you feel The love and support of your community surrounding you, now and always.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026:
CONFIRMATION**



We hope all our Confirmation families are excited about their return to school. 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.**



He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the dandelion in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the dandelion, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the dandelion is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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