

The Living Word

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A

21 June 2026

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace
will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you
will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) *Lord, in your great love,
answer me.*

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants
in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth
give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

*A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Romans*

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death
has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
in the world long before the Law was given.
There was no law and so no one could be
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the
gift itself considerably outweighed the fall.
If it is certain that through one man's fall so
many died, it is even more certain that divine
grace, coming through the one man, Jesus
Christ, came to so many as an abundant free
gift.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!
*The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.*
Alleluia!



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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 is special and important for our First Holy Communion children and their families because the children will receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist.

Boys and Girls, to receive Jesus today you have dressed up in your best clothes, but there is something more important than putting on nice clothes - your heart and soul need to be ready to meet Jesus.

Dear Children, you know a great miracle takes place in every Mass; when a priest lifts up the bread and wine at the consecration,

the bread turns into the body of Christ and the wine turns into the blood of Christ. Today, as a parish community, we join with your families to congratulate you and ask God to bless you. We ask Jesus to love and be with you always so that you can be another Jesus to your families, friends and community.

I would like to thank all the parents, teachers, catechists and anyone who has helped in these celebrations. Special thanks to our choir for the lovely music for Mass and to Ms Monica, the parish Sacramental Program Coordinator, for helping the children with their preparations.

Congratulations and God's blessings to all the First Holy Communion children. May God bless you!

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.



June 20	Emma Connell, Sheila Mooney
June 21	Syd Byrne
June 22	Catherine Choo Ah Kan, Richard Fletcher
June 23	Cicely Hannan, Theodore Mulcahy
June 25	Patrick Jones, Norman Wood
June 26	Walter Broderick, Brian D'Arcy, Mary D'Arcy, Alfred Morris

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 21st June 2026

AOV1: 74 - 114 - 9 - 158

What's on in our parish from
22nd – 28th June 2026

Monday	22	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's SEWING & CRAFT GROUP 1.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday	23	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's PAS 6.30pm Parish Hall SVDP MEETING 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday	24	MASS 6.45am OLV REQUIEM: PHYLLIS ALESSANDRI 9.30am St Cecilia's PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Thursday	25	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	26	MASS 6.45am OLV
Saturday	27	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	28	MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's ZIMCATHOLIC PERTH GROUP 1.00pm St Cecilia's & Parish Hall



Next week's readings:

13th Sunday of OT (A)

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8 - 11, 14 -16
2nd Reading: Romans 6:3 - 4, 8 -11
Gospel: Matthew 10:37 - 42



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

A warm welcome to our First Holy Communicants and their families. As many times as the Mass is celebrated, Jesus gives you His Heart. May you receive Him often, remembering to offer your own heart to Him; it is a gift He will always treasure.



Rafael ANDRZEJEWSKI	Leo HEATH
Thomas ATKINSON	Harry HORTH
Aimee BATTERSBY	Oliver HORTH
Harry BLUFF	Violet JONES
Teo BUSBRIDGE	Mila JUKIC
Sebastian CARBONI	Jessica KELLER
Asher CHIBAYA	Todaishe MHEMBERE
Anthony DE BOER	Rose SHAW
Claire FLANAGAN	Matthew SLYTH
Niamh FLANAGAN	Sofia TASSONE
Harrison HARDIE	

CELEBRATION MORNING TEA:

Let's celebrate together! All First Holy Communicants and their families are invited to a **special Morning Tea in the Parish Hall after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 21st June. Cake and refreshments will be served. Families, please bring a plate to share!**



R.I.P. PHYLLIS ALESSANDRI

Our heartfelt condolences, thoughts and prayers go to Phyllis' family and friends on her passing.

A Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday, 24th June, 9.30am at St Cecilia's, followed by burial at Karrakatta Cemetery.

May her soul rest in peace.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT - UPDATE

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

****NEW Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2026/2027 financial year** can now be collected from the church.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST CECILIA'S GARDEN CREW



This Sunday, 21st June, 2 - 4pm at St Cecilia's.

SEWING & CRAFT GROUP



All welcome to join us on Monday, 22nd June, 1pm in the Parish Centre.



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!



Gospel Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.