

The Living Word

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

26 July 2026

First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more
to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)

3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your
precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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!



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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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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!**

FATHER ARULRAJ'S MESSAGE

THE TREASURE WE SEEK IS THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR WHICH OUR HEARTS WERE MADE. IN HIS FAMOUS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, CONFESSIONS, ST. AUGUSTINE WROTE "YOU HAVE MADE US FOR YOURSELF O LORD AND OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS, TILL THEY REST IN YOU"

AUGUSTINE GOES ON TO DESCRIBE HIS OWN EXPERIENCE OF SEEKING, AND FINALLY DISCOVERING THE DIVINE TREASURE, AFTER A FRUITLESS SEARCH OF THIS TREASURE OUTSIDE HIMSELF, HE FINALLY DISCOVERED IT IN THE DEPTHS OF HIS HEART. THROUGH THE PARABLES OF "TREASURE AND PEARL" JESUS IS INVITING US TO LOOK FOR WHAT REALLY MATTERS FOR LASTING HAPPINESS.

MANY THANKS TO OUR GARDENING CREW LAST WEEK, YOUR EFFORTS AND CARE ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

GOD BLESS.



MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, 6PM Mass: John Anderson RIP

Sunday 7.30AM Mass: Beatrice Musitano RIP

Sunday 9.30AM Mass: Zachariah Joseph RIP

Monday, 8AM Mass: Felix & Ivy Dennis RIP

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 25	Joseph Casey, Angelo Resera, Owen Regan
July 26	Zacharia Joseph, Carmel Ferguson, Walter Nardi
July 27	Joy-Anne Langer, Nicole Moore, Mildred Fergusson, Beatrice Musitano
July 28	Angela McDonald, Stephen Stinton, Rosalie Bradley, Renato Catoni, Dolores Temple, Maria Linden
July 29	Michael and Jim Cranley, Gwen Davies Moore, Kathleen Matthews, Clem Dwyer, Pauline Ward
July 30	Virgilio Buralli
July 31	Shaun McGovern

Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 26th July 2026

AOV2: 45, 102, 126, 165

**What's on in our Parish from
27th July - 2 Aug 2026**

Monday	27	MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's CENACLE 8.30am St Cecilia's
Tuesday	28	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's SVDP Meeting 7.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday	29	MASS 6.45am OLV Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates 4.00pm St Cecilia's
Thursday	30	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Friday	31	MASS 6.45am OLV
Saturday	1	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	2	MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's

Next Week's Readings:

18th Sunday of OT (A)



1st Reading: Is 55: 1-3
2nd Reading: Rom 8: 35 37-39
Gospel: Mt 14: 13-21

**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!



For all Grandparents and experienced Elders in our community:

That their source of wisdom is continued and passed on to new generations.

The treasure of their faith and the hopes they share for God's love to be foremost in our world's decision makers and thriving communities, be received.

We say thank you and God Bless for all your care and support in our Parish Community.



Spanish forward, Ferran Torres has openly attributed his resilience and on-pitch success to his Christian faith. Help was at hand for FIFA WC 2026. Congratulations Spain!

World Youth Day (WYD) where young people from around the world come together in a special encounter with the Holy Father. During WYD, young people reflect on the profound importance of the teachings of Jesus in their everyday lives, affirm and share their faith, and experience a time of deep spiritual renewal. It is not merely an event, but a pilgrimage and a pastoral journey toward a vibrant, youthful Church. Please keep our future pilgrims in your prayers.



We are currently looking to update our volunteers list for Special Ministers within our Parish. If you are interested in training and/or returning to assist within our masses and visiting community members, please contact Fr Arulraj at the Parish Office



HEALING MASS AT ST CECILIA'S

We invite everyone:

THURSDAY 6 Aug 2026

10am at St Cecilia's

Fr Arulraj

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

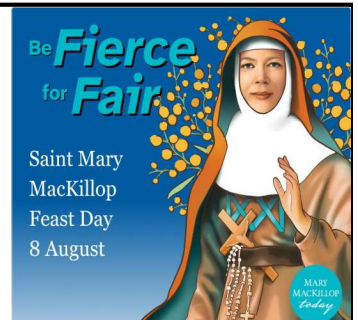
Followed with Morning Tea after Mass

Anointing & Healing Mass



St Mary MacKillop

Mary MacKillop,
woman of faith
woman of the poor
teacher and educator
pilgrim on the way
woman of the cross
woman of the community
woman of the gospel
woman expanding boundaries
woman of charism.
Pray with us.





Gospel Mt 13:44-52

(or shorter form Mt 13:44-46)

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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