



# Floreat Wembley Catholic Parish

**Community - Conversion - Mission**

St Cecilia's Church, Floreat

Our Lady of Victories' Church, Wembley

## BULLETIN

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time &  
Word of God Sunday - Year A**

31st Jan & 1st Feb 2026

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### Parish Office:

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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 - OLV

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

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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**\*\* ANOTHER PARISH SAFEGUARDING  
OFFICER REQUIRED \*\***

**Safeguarding Program Website:**

[safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au](http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au)

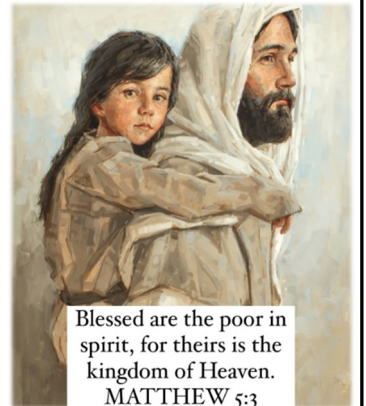
## COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD

### 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!



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.  
MATTHEW 5:3

### WELCOME EVERYONE!

We are so pleased you could join us today. If you are new, please introduce yourself to those seated nearby; we'd love to get to know you! Please also take a membership form from the back of the church, complete and return it to the Parish Office, or pop it into next week's collection basket. Thank you.

### Sunday of the *Word of God*



### 'THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELLS AMONG YOU'

(COL 3:16)

After the Holy Year, this motto taken from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians remains

for us a precious inheritance: an invitation addressed to the whole Church to place the Gospel once more at the center, since every true renewal is born from docile listening to the Word. To welcome it means allowing ourselves to be accompanied by the One who does not deceive, because He gives life and hope. To be inhabited by the Word ultimately means permitting Christ to speak even today through our lives, so that every person may recognize His presence, which continues to illuminate the journey of history.

Every Christian and every community must rediscover the primacy of the Word of God. Its sincere and profound listening is an essential path through which human beings encounter God. When space is given to the Word, each person discovers that the Word of God dwells in the heart like a seed that, in due time, sprouts and bears fruit. Indeed, all of us are invited to nourish ourselves with the daily bread of the Word and, afterwards, to proclaim it to our brothers and sisters, for proclamation flows from the abundance of the heart, according to the Gospel saying: "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (Mt 12:34; Lk 6:45).

**H.E. Archbishop Rino Fisichella**, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization in the World

**Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 1st February 2026**

**CWB: 860 - 817 - 621 - 686**

**What's on in our parish from  
2nd - 8th February 2026**

Monday	02	<b>FEAST: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD   WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE   TERM 1 BEGINS</b> <b>MASS</b> 8.00am OLV <b>CENACLE</b> 8.30am OLV <b>SEWING &amp; CRAFT GROUP</b> 1.00pm Parish Meeting Room
Tuesday	03	<b>MASS</b> 6.45am St Cecilia's
Wednesday	04	<b>MASS</b> 6.45am OLV
Thursday	05	<b>MASS</b> 6.45am St Cecilia's <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</b> 7.00pm OLV
Friday	06	<b>MASS</b> 6.45am OLV
Saturday	07	<b>MASS</b> 8.00am St Cecilia's <b>RECONCILIATION</b> 8.30am & 5.00pm St Cecilia's <b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b> 9.30am Parish Hall <b>VIGIL MASS</b> 6.00pm St Cecilia's
Sunday	08	<b>MASS</b> 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's



**Next week's readings:**

**Fifth Sunday of OT - Year A**

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT -**

**UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Thank you for helping keep our Parish viable with your financial and practical contributions. Currently, the second collection still needs to increase by 11% from \$2,917 to \$3,250 per week.

Your money is spent: 40% on staff, 40% on overheads and 20% on maintenance & cleaning.

To illustrate, the last 9 months saw \$14,562 spent on OLV stained glass protection (one large window) and OLV water damage repair, with \$2,755 generously donated.

You can continue to contribute via the collection tray and by setting up weekly or monthly online bank transfers (*please include your full name or Contributor/Envelope Number in the Payee line*);

1. First Collection (for priest) -

**Floreat Wembley Presbytery Account:**

BSB: 086-006, Acct #: 67019 7762

2. Second Collection (for parish) -

**Floreat Wembley Parish Account:**

BSB: 086-006, Acct #: 67019 7607

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**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.***



Feb	01	Rocco Condo
Feb	02	Michael Stevenson
Feb	03	Jetske Fitzpatrick
Feb	04	Ursula Wood
Feb	05	Bill Noonan
Feb	06	Cynthia Bestry, Alex Evangelista

**OLV FIRST SUNDAY  
BREAKFAST**

Everyone is welcome to join us  
**this Sunday, 1st February,**  
**after the 7.30am Mass at**  
**Lawley's Bakery Café on Cambridge St, Wembley.**



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION @ OLV**

Come & spend an hour in adoration  
of the Lord

**every first Thursday of the month**

**Our Lady of Victories Church**

**\* 5th February 2026, 7 - 8.00pm \***

*All are welcome!*

**SEWING & CRAFT GROUP  
RESUMES ON MONDAY!**

Our friendly group of crafters will  
resume their fortnightly meetings  
**from Monday, 2nd February, 1pm**  
**in the Parish Meeting Room.**

New members are always welcome.



**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME  
2026 - ENROLMENTS CLOSE FRI 13 FEB!**

**Enrolment packs for First Reconciliation,  
First Holy Communion & Confirmation**  
**are available from our parish website;**  
[www.floreatwembleyparish.org.au/faith/  
religious-education/](http://www.floreatwembleyparish.org.au/faith/religious-education/).

We encourage parents to **submit completed enrolment  
forms and associated documents via email to**  
[sacramentalprogram.floreat@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacramentalprogram.floreat@perthcatholic.org.au) **at**  
**your earliest convenience**, or drop by the Parish Office  
on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays to see Monica.

**Enrolments close: Friday, 13th February 2026.**

## **BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART...**

Recently I was asked to speak to a visiting group of sixth form teenagers. In the course of our exchange one of them asked: "What is the purpose of life?" I thought that a jolly good question. You can imagine lots of different answers coming from different people.

Well, I'm a Benedictine monk, so the first answer that came into my head, was: "to give God glory". Then I thought of another: "to become the person God wants you to be - the person you alone can be - so that you give God glory in the way you alone can".

Another student then chipped in: "If you believe in God, you're prevented from doing whatever you want. But I just want to do whatever I like." That got us onto the subject of happiness, and human flourishing, or fulfilment. I argued that it's not good to live a completely selfish life, to be a slave to your lowest animal instincts, to treat other people merely as instruments or tools for your own benefit. You'll land up then hard hearted, unfeeling, inhuman. You'll be unable to give or receive love: and to give and receive love must surely count as one of the purposes of our life. A wicked person is not admirable, or likable. Above all he's not happy. Therefore he's a fool. St. Augustine says that happiness is what everyone most deeply wants. We might define another purpose of our life as the pursuit of happiness. The American Constitution enshrines that as everyone's inviolable right.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the way to seek and find happiness. Of course it all sounds paradoxical, counter-intuitive, even crazy. But we trust these are words of truth; of divine revelation. We have here a promise, a hope, a blessing. Blessed, happy are the pure in heart, says Jesus, for they shall see God. Jesus speaks out of a heart that's perfectly pure, and from a vision of God he possesses in its fullness and at every moment. The happiness Jesus speaks about here is no ordinary happiness. This is radical, ultimate happiness. It's a share in God's own beatitude. This is the treasure that's supremely desirable, to gain which we are ready to sell everything we own (Mt 13:44). And with this treasure comes every other most desirable thing: complete personal fulfilment; giving and receiving love to a supreme degree; living in perfect praise of God's glory.

The monk John Cassian answers our teenager's question by making a distinction. In his first Conference he says the ultimate end or "telos" of our life is the Kingdom of Heaven - salvation - eternal life - final entry into the joy of the Lord. But to get there, he says, we have an intermediate goal, or "scopos" on which we must set our sights. And that is purity of heart. Because: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

*(First part of a Homily for 29 January 2023, Sunday 4A, Matthew 5:1-12. Copyright © 2015 Pluscarden Abbey, Scotland. [www.pluscardenabbey.org/newsandevents/2023/1/31/homily-for-29-january-2023-sunday-4a-matthew-51-12](http://www.pluscardenabbey.org/newsandevents/2023/1/31/homily-for-29-january-2023-sunday-4a-matthew-51-12).)*



## **SEEKING ANOTHER PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER(S)**

We are **currently seeking one or more volunteers** to assist Mary-Ann in the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer. Responsibilities include:

- Maintaining a spreadsheet with volunteer details,
- Ensuring relevant volunteers have current Working With Children cards and other Safeguarding forms,
- Complete an annual parish self-audit, and
- Implement Safeguarding policies and procedures.

**Typically, it requires spending half an hour in the Parish Office once a quarter to keep records up to date.** This role would suit someone who is retired or works part-time. To express your interest, please speak to Fr Kaz or contact the Parish Office. Thank you!



## **PARISH VOLUNTEER DRIVE**

The parish is in need of volunteers to serve in various areas of parish life. Please find enclosed a form which outlines each area.



## **FR KAZ'S 75TH BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY!**

Please join us for a **Special Morning Tea on Sunday, 15th Feb after the 9.30am Mass in the Parish Hall.** All welcome! Share plates appreciated!!

## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTORY DAY**

**SAT 21 FEB, 10AM - 3.30PM, PARISH CENTRE.**

- \* Morning Tea provided. BYO Lunch.
- \* More information on the bulletin board.

## **LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMS**

**Lent begins on 18th February 2026.**

We encourage you to spend time in prayer and reflection. **If you would like to come together as a group and meet in our parish centre, please contact the Parish Office.**

Various Lenten Reflection programs are available. You can view samples online, or at the back of the church;

*The Journey Home* by Brisbane Archdiocese: <https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/lenten-resource/>

*Compassio* by Wollongong Diocese: [www.dow.org.au/media-resources/lenten-program/](http://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/lenten-program/)



# Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

## FIRST READING Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

*A reading from the prophet Zephaniah*

Seek the Lord  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the  
name of the Lord.  
They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145:7-10

*Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

**R: Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

**R: Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

**R: Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

**R: Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 5:12

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**