



Floreat Wembley Catholic Parish

Community - Conversion - Mission

St Cecilia's Church, Floreat
Our Lady of Victories' Church, Wembley

BULLETIN

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A
20th & 21st December 2025

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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

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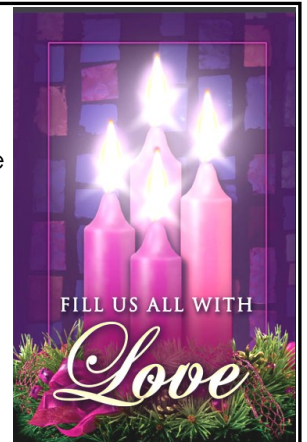
COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD

TOGETHER

We would like to remind 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 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.



ARCHBISHOP'S STATEMENT ON THE BONDI SHOOTING

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe issued a statement on the recent violence. To read it, please go to the Archdiocesan website: https://perthcatholic.org.au/Our_Archdiocese-Archbishop-Latest_News-2025-Statement_on_Bondi_Tragedy.htm.



CHRISTMAS MASSES 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE: WEDNESDAY, 24TH DEC

6.00PM - ST CECILIA'S
8.00PM - OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

CHRISTMAS DAY: THURSDAY, 25TH DEC

7.30am - OUR LADY OF VICTORIES
9.30am - ST CECILIA'S

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026

Enrolments are now open for our 2026 **Sacramental Program**. Enrolment packs for the sacraments of **First Reconciliation**, **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** are available from our parish website;
www.floreatwembleyparish.org.au/faith/religious-education/.



Hymns for OLV - Sunday, 21st December 2025

AOV1: 31 - 174 - 126 & AOV2: 3

**What's on in our parish from
22nd - 28th December 2025**

Monday	22	MASS 8.00am OLV CENACLE 8.30am OLV
Tuesday	23	MASS 6.45am St Cecilia's
Wednesday	24	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6.45am OLV THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD VIGIL MASS 6.00pm St Cecilia's 8.00pm OLV
Thursday	25	CHRISTMAS DAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY) MASS 7.30am OLV 9.30am St Cecilia's
Friday	26	ST STEPHEN'S DAY (BOXING DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY) MASS 8.00am OLV
Saturday	27	FEAST: ST JOHN THE APOSTLE MASS 8.00am St Cecilia's RECONCILIATION 8.30am & 5.00pm St Cecilia's VIGIL MASS 6.00pm St Cecilia's
Sunday	28	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY MASS 7.30am OLV & 9.30am St Cecilia's

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Our Parish Office will be closed from Christmas Day to Tuesday, 6th January 2026. Happy Holidays!

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.



Dec	20	Billie Noel, Ron Vandenberg
Dec	21	Leah Mainwaring, Terance O'Sullivan, Esta Sermon
Dec	22	Nancy Costantino, John Munt, Maizie Murphy
Dec	24	Pasquale Gangemi, Sophy Isaac, Lilian Moncrieff, Joan O'Sullivan, Ivy Rosario
Dec	25	Vic Catlin, Kathleen Gately, Robert McCrickard, Barry Rubie, Wally Schifferli
Dec	26	John Martin, Elfie Smith



Next week's readings:

Feast of the Holy Family - Year A

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas hampers and to those parishioners who helped with the packing and delivering of about sixty hampers on Wednesday and Thursday past.



PRAY FOR OUR PARISH SICK

We have within our community some parishioners who are struggling with one or more health issues. This can often mean we don't see them at Mass or at parish events. We would like to invite you to pray for their health and wellbeing and for any special graces they may need. Please include in your prayers;

Phyllis Alessandri, Maureen Faulkner, Kevin Fisher, Brian Flood, Adrian Hawkins, Theresa Joseph, Tony Kelly, Sergio Marsala, Lucy Marshall, Ian Moncrieff, Patrick Mooney, Hazel Morgan, Carmel O'Dea and Ann O'Sullivan.

If you think we have missed someone and would like to add them to this list, please contact the Parish Office. Alternatively, please let us know if someone no longer needs our prayers. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION @ OLV

Come and spend an hour in adoration of the Lord.

Our Lady of Victories Church

Thursday, 1st January 2026

from 7.00 - 8.00pm.

All welcome!



EMMANUEL

The true and definitive fulfillment of the sign given to Ahaz, we see in today's Gospel. Seven centuries later, in describing the miraculous events of Jesus' conception and birth, St. Matthew wrote, "All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God-is-with-us.'" Matthew understands the passage from Isaiah as promising the birth of an ideal descendant of David, the Messiah. Despite Matthew's citation from Isaiah, Isaiah probably wasn't consciously prophesying Jesus' birth in Is 7:10-14, and certainly was not foretelling that birth exclusively. The Lord God, through Isaiah, was giving King Ahaz a sign, which had to be recognized instantly, not 700 years later in Jesus. Besides, the Hebrew word *almah* which we translate as "virgin," meant only a woman who had not yet delivered a baby. Hence, the *almah* Isaiah mentions probably would be Ahaz' wife, Abia, and the Emmanuel would be their soon-to-be-born son Hezekiah. In the birth of the child, God proved himself once again to be Emmanuel; God-with-us. The promised son of Ahaz would be faithful to Yahweh and would institute a series of religious reforms that would undo many of Ahaz' accommodations to Assyrian religious practices. Hence, many modern Bible scholars do not believe that the immediate identities of Isaiah's "virgin" and "Emmanuel" were Mary and Jesus. But on a fuller level of meaning, Isaiah's prophecy has been understood to apply to the birth of Jesus. As is reflected in Matthew's Gospel today, the early Church realized that the Israel's centuries' old messianic aspirations and God's promise to David were finally and completely fulfilled only in Jesus' coming. That prophecies, the work of the Holy Spirit, can have several fulfillments, often centuries apart, is axiomatic in the Church, which relies on the Holy Spirit as her Guardian against error, as Jesus promised would be the case. The Letter to the Hebrews provides multiple instances of this kind of reading of Biblical texts. Matthew's citation, which does identify the "Virgin" as Mary and "Emmanuel" as Jesus, provides what is probably the final fulfillment of the prophecy. We're tempted sometimes, like Ahaz, to go through life as if God is not really there for us, as if he is not really present. But God has given this enduring sign that even when we're experiencing tremendous human difficulty, we're never abandoned. God is truly with us.

(Taken from Fr. Anthony Kadavil's homily for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, (Dec 21) Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24. 13 December 2025. All rights reserved. <https://frtonyshomilies.com/2025/12/13/advent-iv-sunday-dec-21st-homily/>.)

GOD WITH US



Please join us on

New Year's Eve

11pm Adoration & Reflection
12am Midnight Mass
followed by Refreshments

Schoenstatt Shrine
9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon

This is an open-air event
please bring a chair.



GODLY WOMEN WITH FAITH CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Men and women of all ages are invited to register for the online talk & meditation on *How to Grow Closer to God Through Mental Prayer* to be held **on Thursday, 1st January at 10am. Cost: donation.** Register online before Wednesday, 31st December. Go to: <https://godlywomenwithfaith.com/events/upcomingevents/>.



-CAMP- CURRAWONG

GET READY FOR 5 UNFORGETTABLE
DAYS OF FUN, FRIENDS & FAITH!

FOR TEENS
AGED 12-15



ADVENTUROUS
ACTIVITIES

NANGA BUSH CAMP, 5-9 JAN 2026



CATHOLIC YOUTH
MINISTRY • PERTH

36TH ANNUAL FLAME MINISTRIES CONGRESS 2026: "EVANGELISE - MAKING DISCIPLES OF NATIONS"

All invited to Flame Ministries International's 36th annual congress on 23rd - 25th January 2026 at John XXIII College, Mt Claremont.

Register online via: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1498191?>

Speakers: Rev Fr Jason Yeap, Adam Phillips (Director, CYM), Jamie O'Brien (Manager, Communications & Editor, *The Record*), Kaye Rollings (FMI Senior Director, Retired), and Cyrus D'Souza.

Topics: *Evangelii Nuntiandi* | Apologetics | Sowing Seeds | Holy Spirit & Power | Evangelising Youth in a Modern World | Evangelising the Domestic Church | Evangelizing Through Media | A City on a Hill Cannot Be Hidden | Intercession - A Tool for Evangelization.

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Emmanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23:1-6

*Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.*

**R: Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

**R: Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

**R: Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**R: Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.**



SECOND READING Romans 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.