



**Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra & Goulburn**

WEST WYALONG MISSION

Established out of the Western Mission in 2012

St Mary's West Wyalong
founding Parish for the Bland
1894 (St Patrick's Wyalong)
Present St Mary's Church
1928;
St Mary's School 1896

St Kevin's Rankins Springs
Weethalle-Tallimba
St Kevin's RS 1955;
Weethalle Parish founded 1934;

St Joseph's Ungarie
Ungarie – Burcher
Parish founded 1931
Present St Joseph's
Church 1978;

Our Lady of Lourdes
Lake Cargelligo-Tullibigeal
Parish founded 1923.
Present Church 1957;
St Isidore's Tullibigeal;
St FX School
Christ The King Chapel,
Bolo, 2008

Fr Hilary Rotich PP & Administrator

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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Catholic Schools:

West Wyalong: **St Mary's Principal, Mr Damian Collins: 6972 3003;** <https://smwms.nsw.edu.au/>

Lake Cargelligo: **St Francis Xavier Principal, Mrs Rachael Morris & Mrs Jacinta Elwin: 6898 1611;** <https://sfxlake.nsw.edu.au/> *Continuing Catholic Schooling or High School Yrs 7-12:* **St Anne's Central School,**

1st Sunday of Lent Yr C, 9th March, 2025			
	West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 10th	No Mass		
Tuesday 11th	8am Mass		
Wednesday 12th	8am Mass		
Thursday 13th	8am Mass		
Friday 14th	8am Mass		11:30am Mass
Saturday 15th	No Mass		6pm Mass
Sunday 16th <i>2nd Sunday Lent</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

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'Jesus does not converse with the devil', observes Pope Francis.

The Pope points out that Jesus never seeks the devil's opinion, nor does he get into a dialogue with the devil. Jesus only gives firm answers, rebuffing the devil with Scripture, even when the devil tries to warp Scripture to his own ends.

Hoping that Lent can be 'a time of the desert' for each one of us, a time when we can find silence and make time for prayer, the Pope also warns us against falling into a 'slumber of the conscience'.

Silence and prayer must never become dialogue with the devil. If we start to think of ourselves as holier than others, excuse ourselves from helping the poor, or judge others whose lives appear different from our own, then perhaps we have started listening to the devil's opinion.

This Lent we might reflect on this temptation to self-justify, to dialogue with evil. 'The devil does this with us', the Pope suggests. Too easily the devil can, as the Pope puts it, 'disguise himself with sacred, apparently religious motives!'

Therefore, we might begin Lent by praying for the fortitude to answer our own inner temptations with firm resolve.

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Prayer of the Faithful

We pray for our Church as we struggle through troubling times of difference. May all members of the Church be open to the call of the Spirit as we try to walk together in synodality. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for world leaders and the many places that are troubled by war, hate, indifference, greed and despair. May the leaders be changed in their hearts so that they move towards peace and the prosperity that can only come with peace. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those in Queensland and NSW impacted by Cyclone Alfred. We pray for emergency service workers and all those tasked with keeping the community safe. May these organisations benefit from our generosity and receive support to continue their life saving work. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for our community gathered today. May we find more ways this Lent to fast and increase our self-discipline and to clearly look at our need for God's mercy before we turn our hearts in thanksgiving. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who are suffering the grief of loss from death or separation. May they grow in understanding of the eternal nature of God's love and find a path to healing through the care of loved ones. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for women everywhere, on this International Women's Day weekend. St Paul proclaims that the Word of God makes no distinction; let us pray that the dignity of all women is upheld, and that women are supported to take their rightful place at the table - in the Church, in the public square and in the safety of their own homes. We pray to the Lord.

Together we pray: ***We pray for greater respect for the environment. May we care deeply for Earth, the place that God has entrusted to our care. May we celebrate the Year of Jubilee year as pilgrims of hope, ready to find the direction towards peace and justice that God wants for us. May we Unite Against Poverty as we grow in respect for all life. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.***

First Sunday of Lent



The desert plays a significant part in Scripture: it is a place of both discovery and of getting lost. You may recall that Moses encountered God in the wilderness when he hears a voice from the burning bush.

He discovered something vital to us all that day: God points us in a direction we may not choose for ourselves. Later, however, Moses and his people are lost in the desert for 40 years. We read the finale of that story in today's first reading.

First Australians have also had an intimate connection with the desert. Many Indigenous cultures danced in time with the desert for countless generations. When the so-called Pintupi Nine made "first contact" after emerging from the Gibson Desert in 1984, they were in excellent health. The same desert could kill Europeans in thirty-six hours or less.

In today's Gospel, we learn that the Spirit led Jesus to a lonely place. Up to this point in Luke's Gospel, we have seen Jesus as a member of his family and community. We have met Mary and Joseph and Elizabeth and Simeon and Anna and John the Baptist. Now Jesus must stand on his own and decide what really matters in life. Is he going to rely on material things? Is he going to want power at any price? Is he going to put himself rather than God at the heart of his decision making? These are the temptations of the devil.

Lent presents us with the same choice. Are we going to find our direction or just be lost in the swirling confusion of choices with which life presents us? Project Compassion helps us to find direction by offering us the opportunity to ***Unite Against Poverty***. Are we content for the world to become more and more fragmented. Or would we prefer to stand up against voices of opportunism and exploitation? Every year, Caritas Australia is overwhelmed and grateful that our Catholic communities are so clearly on the side of justice and life.

Archdiocesan Invitations:

Bishop-Elect Tony Percy Farewell: You are warmly invited to join Archbishop Christopher and the Archdiocese for a special farewell Mass for Fr Tony Percy. This will take place at 5.00pm on the Solemnity of St Joseph, Wednesday 19 March 2025, at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest ACT. Following the Mass, light refreshments will be served in Haydon Hall at 6.00pm.

Pray for our sick: Gwenda McConnachie, Paddy Doughan, Noel Pettit, Pat Mason, Fiona Frame, Liz Jones, Greg Withers, Marie McKenzie, Peter Campbell, Geoff Collins, Barry Cooper, Mary Turner, Sarah Pettit, Archie Boneham, Lesley Wright, Brian Lynch and Shirley Sullivan.

Jesus, grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries: Dorothy Daniher, Steve Herridge, Tony Galton, Dave Shearer and Lurensa Rowling.

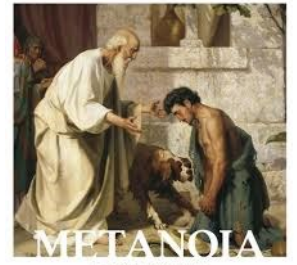
Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.

This Lent, embark on a journey of *metanoia*—a transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels. Let this beautifully designed, 76-page, full-colour companion guide your spiritual renewal through daily reflections, Sunday readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions. Enrich your experience with bonus features, including artwork reflections and *visio divina*: a prayerful encounter with sacred art; *The Passion of St Thérèse*: a poignant reflection by **Monsignor Graham Schmitzer** marking the centenary of her canonisation; and a detailed examination of conscience to deepen your Lenten journey.

Metanoia is rich with insights that inspire and challenge us to live the true meaning of Lent.

Let this beautiful program lead you to a change of heart and a deeper walk with Christ. **Metanoia** is more than a book—it's an encounter with God's transformative love.

Books are available at all Western Mission Churches.



St Mary's 2025 Sacramental Program Dates:

First Reconciliation:

Sacrament of Reconciliation - **Wednesday 9th April @ 5pm, St Mary's Church**

First Eucharist:

Enrolment and Information Session - **Wednesday 21st May @ 5pm, St Mary's Church**

Sacrament of First Eucharist - **Sunday 22nd June @ 9:30am, St Mary's Church**

1ST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

2ND READING: Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with

your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:4

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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1st Sunday of Lent Yr C

Processional - Blest Be the Lord *Dan Schutte*

***Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord
The God of mercy, the God who saves
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day***

He will release me from the nets of sinful men
He will protect me from their wicked hands
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure

I need not shrink before the terrors of the
night
Nor stand alone before the light of day
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me
down
No evil settle in my soul

Although a thousand men have fallen at my
side
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand
His faithful love is all the armour that I need
To wage my battle with the foe

Offertory – We Gather At Your Table

Gina Ogilvie

We gather at Your table to share this holy
meal.
The gifts of bread and wine we give, our lives a
sacred seal.

We come into Your presence, ready to receive.
We gather at Your table, unfolding mystery.

***Bread and wine, gifts of life.
Born of Mother Earth.
Gathered by our hands for the table of life.***

Everyone is welcome, in this meal we are
made whole.
We give thanks for all Your blessings, of Your
wondrous love.

Reflection – To the Desert *Sarah Hart*

***To the desert follow me,
for I am God, who is your hope.
To the desert follow me.***

A blessing I will give to you
All you who wander and who thirst;
the desert soon will bear a spring
forgiving water shall restore you.

I will renew your weary heart
and keep you always in my sight;
give you a spirit that is new;
restore the joy of your salvation.

The light you bear shall be as dawn
Your bonds of sin my love will break;
injustice shall be overcome
and you will rise with me beloved.

Recessional – A New Heart for a New World

Watts/O'Brien

***Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word
Open our eyes to your call
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts
Heal us of pride and of hurt
May we go forth in your name
We pray our hearts change.***

The heart of the Cross, lowly and poor, calls us
on. Lord, it is you promising hope, promising
truth.

Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in
this land. Deepen the dream, justice brings life,
justice redeems.

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