



**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;

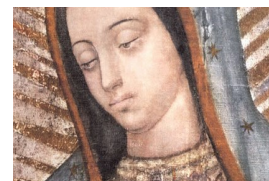
St Joseph's Ungarie
Ungarie – Burcher
Parish founded 1931
Present St Joseph's
Church 1978;

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 Dominic Byrne 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,**

Temora: **69771011**

23rd Sunday Yr B - 8th September, 2024				
		West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 9th	<i>St Peter Claver</i>	No Mass		
Tuesday 10th		No Mass		
Wednesday 11th		No Mass		
Thursday 12th	<i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	No Mass		
Friday 13th	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>	No Mass		No Mass
Saturday 14th		No Mass		6pm Mass
Sunday 15th	<i>24th Sunday Ord Time</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

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Pope Francis draws our attention to an interesting aspect of today's Gospel passage. 'The first thing Jesus does,' the Pope notes, 'is take the man far from the crowd.'

The Pope suggests that in doing so Jesus 'doesn't want to publicise this deed he intends to carry out.' Jesus avoids turning the incident into a self-promotion exercise. His focus remains on the man concerned.

On another occasion, the Pope says that this incident shows that Jesus 'does not want to impress people; He is not seeking popularity or success, but wishes only to do good to people. With this attitude, He teaches us that good is to be done without clamour, without ostentation.'

'The lesson we can take from this episode,' the Pope affirms, 'is that God is not closed in on himself, but instead he opens himself and places himself in communication with humanity.'

With that in mind, we can reflect on what it means for us. 'Jesus revealed to us the secret of a miracle that we too can imitate,' the Pope suggests. By 'becoming protagonists of "Ephphatha"' we can be the ones who open the world to Jesus. We should always be conscious of the needs of others. In doing so, we might just open their hearts and minds to Jesus.

Pray for our sick:

Gwenda McConnachie, Dorothy Daniher, Helen Malligan, Paddy Doughan, Noel Pettit, Pat Mason, Fiona Frame, Liz Jones, Greg Withers, Marie McKenzie, Peter Campbell, Geoff Collins, Barry Cooper, Steve Herridge, Mary Turner, Sarah Pettit, Archie Boneham, Lesley Wright, June Worner, Lurensa Rowling, Brian Lynch and Shirley Sullivan.

Jesus, grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

Vince English, Margaret Dale, Fr Peter Gannon, Geoff Funnell, Maureen Keys, Kay Anthony, Leo Lamont, Kath Roscarel, June Carnell, Robert Jansen, Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll, Vincent McAneney, Kevin Brown, Dorothy Freeman and Francis King.

Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.

Welcome

West Wyalong Mission warmly welcomes Fr Hilary Rotich from Mary Queen of Apostles Parish, Goulburn. Fr Hilary will be covering weekend masses across the West Wyalong Mission while Fr Dominic is on annual leave.



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Invitation to our Archdiocesan Assembly – 'Come, Holy Spirit'

This year, the Archdiocese has been discerning what "seems good to the Holy Spirit and to us (Acts 15: 28). It is evident that the Holy Spirit is doing a tremendous work in our Parish communities. It is with great joy that I invite you to join us in a unique opportunity to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit, whilst discerning future paths to pursue as an Archdiocese, at our Archdiocesan Assembly.

This Assembly will be a gathering of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to explore the theme: "Come Holy Spirit"

The Assembly will be held from October 18 – 20, and will celebrate the **Year of the Holy Spirit**, and explore opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in our Church. As previously noted, there will be five meeting hubs: St Christopher's Cathedral, St Clare's College (Canberra), St Joseph's Primary School (Goulburn), Hennessy College (Young), St Patrick's School (Cooma), and Narooma Golf Club (Narooma).

As we approach the Assembly, the Archdiocese is looking for our Parishes to prayerfully discern the work of the Holy Spirit, as well as identify and nominate between two to six representatives to attend the Assembly. These people could be from the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), from the Parish Finance Council (PFC), from Parish Pastoral Ministries (e.g., School of Religion, parish prayer groups, etc), or from active members of the community. School Principals have been encouraged to discern school leaders in collaboration with our Parish communities.

Once they have been identified, please encourage them to register for the Assembly at, [Archdiocesan Assembly \(cgevangelisation.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024) Further information is available online at, [Archdiocesan Assembly – CG Evangelisation](https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024)



1ST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. 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.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

2ND READING: James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way

to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION: cf Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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23rd Sunday Yr B

Processional – Welcome Andrew Chinn

**Welcome to this family
Welcome in joy and peace
Welcome to this place of love
Welcomed by God**

Called by your name
Called by our faith
Called to belong
Called to be one

Come to the light
Come find new life
“Come follow me”
Live in God’s Peace

One in God’s love
One in God’s Son
Spirit of Peace
One family

Offertory - Be Not Afraid Bob Dufford

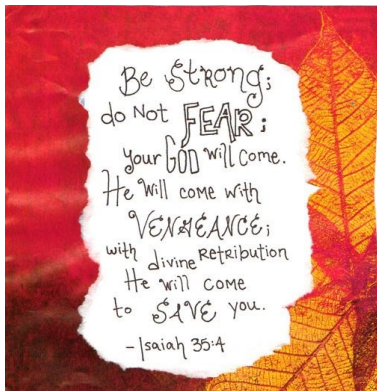
You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

**Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are the poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs.

Blest are you that
weep and mourn,
for one day you shall
laugh.
And if wicked tongues
insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed, are
you.



Reflection - Bless the Lord, O my soul

Scripture Lullabies

**Bless the Lord, O my soul
And all that is within me
Bless the Lord, O my soul
And all that is within me
Bless His holy name
Bless His holy name
Bless His holy name
Bless the Lord**

And forget not all His benefits
Forget not what He has done for us
He redeems our lives
Renews our strength
Heals every sickness
and shines down with mercy
Join with the angels to worship our God
His love is forever so praise Him forever and

As high as the sky is over the earth
So great and so strong is His love for us
As far as the east is from the west
So far has our sin been removed from us,
gone from us

Bless the Lord, O my soul
And all that is within me
Bless the Lord, O my soul
And all that is within me

Recessional - We Are God’s Hands Andrew Chinn

**We are God’s hands, we are God’s eyes
We are the love, the heart of Christ
Oh Spirit move, our hearts and minds
That we may see, peace in our time**

May our hands reach out to those
Who’ve come across our seas to find a home
May we reach out across the seas
To touch the poor, be God’s mercy

May we see with open eyes
And comfort those with lonely lives
Look all around and see the need
With eyes of hope, be God’s mercy

May our hearts be the love of God
Bring the love of Christ to one and all
May our love sow seeds of peace
And may our hearts, be God’s Mercy

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