



**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

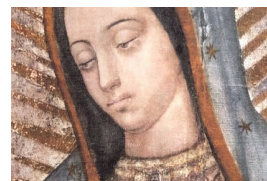
Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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[sfxlake.nsw.edu.au/](https://sfxlake.nsw.edu.au/) Continuing Catholic Schooling or High School Yrs 7-12: **St Anne's Central School, Temora: 69771011**

### Exultation of the Holy Cross Sunday Yr C, 14th September, 2025

		West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 15th	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	No Mass		
Tuesday 16th	<i>St Cornelius, Pope</i>	8am Mass		
Wednesday 17th	<i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	8am Mass		
Thursday 18th		8am Mass		
Friday 19th	<i>St Januarius</i>	No Mass		11:30am Mass
Saturday 20th				6pm Mass
Sunday 21st	<i>25th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant (Reprinted from LiturgyHelp; All rights reserved).

Today we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but of the Godhead. Creation is the first example of divine emptying; redemption is the ultimate example. Unlike Good Friday when we stand before the stark cross and mourn the death of our innocent messiah, today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for God's incomprehensible goodness toward us. God's graciousness is poured out indiscriminately, prodigally as only profound love can be given. Such is the nature of our God, and the cross is the symbol of this nature.

Jesus compares the pole in the wilderness on which was fixed the serpent to the cross which becomes the source of our healing. It was through the cross that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God. It is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. As painful as life's crosses may be, they serve to transform us. It can be our hope in the midst of pain and suffering and brokenness, because it promises to carry us into new life.

Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life. It is incomprehensible to think that death is the way to life, but that is the message of this feast. The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation.

*We acknowledge the Wiradjuri peoples who are the traditional owners of the land where we gather today. We pay respects to their elders past and present and to the memory of their ancestors. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations and we celebrate their continuing contribution to the life of our region. We also extend our respect to all Aboriginal peoples living in our community.*

**Pray for our sick:** Colleen Goodwin, Gwenda McConnachie, Paddy Doughan, Noel Pettit, Pat Mason, Fiona Frame, Liz Jones, Greg Withers, Marie McKenzie, Peter Campbell, Mary Turner, Sarah Pettit, Brian Lynch and Shirley Sullivan. ***Jesus, grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick.***

**Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:** Ted Wood, Archie Boneham, Kearley Fernando, Lindsay Kirby, Lizzie West, Margaret Booth, Margaret Johnson, Allannah Moran (nee Ridley), Martin Kelleher, Dorothy Daniher, Steve Herridge, Tony Galton, Dave Shearer, and Lurensa Rowling. ***Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.***

Exaltation of the Holy Cross...what does it mean?

The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the cross.

Today we celebrate The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way. Today, let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realise we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become.



On Tuesday, the combined PPC's and PFC's from the Western Mission gathered at Bolo Chapel for training with Maria Hicks from Canberra.

Maria outlined the National Catholic Safeguarding Guidelines and then the council members undertook mandatory workplace harassment training.



Fr Hilary then celebrated Mass for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

Many thanks for all those who attended and helped with the organisation of the day.

1ST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

RESP PSALM: Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

**(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;  
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable  
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. (R.)
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,  
return and seek him in earnest.  
They would remember that God was their rock,  
God the Most High their redeemer. (R.)
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;  
they lied to him with their lips.  
For their hearts were not truly with him;  
they were not faithful to his covenant. (R.)
4. Yet he who is full of compassion  
forgave their sin and spared them.  
So often he held back his anger  
when he might have stirred up his rage. (R.)

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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2nd READING: Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

The state of Jesus was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,  
because by your cross you have redeemed the  
world.**

**Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven  
except the one who came down from heaven,  
the Son of Man who is in heaven;  
and the Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal  
life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be  
lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be  
saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sunday Yr C 2025**

**Processional - Glory and Praise To Our God**

*Dan Schutte*

***Glory and praise to our God***

***Who alone gives light to our days***

***Many are the blessings He bears***

***To those who trust in His ways***

We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings

In His wisdom He strengthens us  
Like gold that's tested in fire  
Though the power of sin prevails  
Our God is there to save

God has watered our barren land  
and spent his merciful rain.  
Now the rivers of life run full  
for anyone to drink.

**Offertory – Will You Love Me As I Have Loved You**

*Brian Boniwell*

Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross every day?  
Will you walk in the light of my presence?  
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

***Will you love me as I have loved you?***  
***Will you live with me the darkness as I die?***  
***For the moon and the stars***  
***will be gone like the night***  
***And the sun will be shining on you.***

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
is your love strong enough to endure?  
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night for the world?

Can you walk in the footprints of silence through  
the wilderness sands in the sun,  
From the desert of doubt and temptation,  
to the glorious mountain of fire?

**Reflection – Remember Me** *Sarah Hart*

***When you eat this bread***

***When you drink this cup***

***Remember me***

***Will you go and share***

***With the world I love***

***Remember me***

Look for me wherever hope is bleak  
Where the wounded ones wait for a friend  
Do not forget I am with the lowly  
Remember me to them

When you eat this bread  
When you drink this cup  
Remember me  
Will you go and share  
With the world I love  
Remember me

Seek me wherever the dark takes hold  
Where mercy has no light to grow  
Offer the fruit of my heart's compassion  
Remember I am hope

Find me in faces that are unseen  
In the empty and broken of heart  
Share from your stores all of my abundance  
Remember you are called

**Recessional – 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

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