



**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;

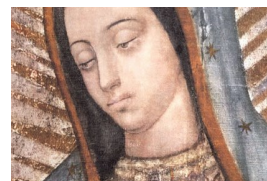
St Joseph's Ungarie
Ungarie – Burcher
Parish founded 1931
Present St Joseph's
Church 1978;

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,**

Temora: 69771011

2nd Sunday of Lent Yr C, 16th March, 2025

		West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 17th	<i>St Patrick</i>	No Mass		
Tuesday 18th	<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	8am Mass		
Wednesday 19th	<i>St Joseph, spouse of BVM</i>	8am Mass		
Thursday 20th		8am Mass		
Friday 21st		8am Mass		11:30am Mass
Saturday 22nd		No Mass		6pm Mass
Sunday 23rd	<i>3rd Sunday Lent</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie, Dean of Academic Studies, Jane Franklin Hall, Hobart

Pope Francis draws our attention to Peter, James and John. Understandably weary, they were struggling against sleep and almost missed the Transfiguration entirely!

'The drowsiness of the three disciples appears to be a discordant note', the Pope muses. These three disciples later fall asleep at Gethsemane! 'This sleepiness in such important moments is surprising', the Pope remarks.

In this regard, the apostles can help us think about Lent. 'It is a period', the Pope suggests, 'in which God wants to awaken us from our inner lethargy, from this sleepiness that does not let the Spirit express itself.'

In their sleepiness these apostles make good role models for us. Despite their exhaustion, they remained open to the working of Grace. 'We might think', the Pope says, 'that it was the light of Jesus that reawakened them.'

'Like them, we too are in need of God's light,' the Pope affirms. And that light, he adds, 'makes us see things in a different way: it attracts us, it reawakens us, it reignites our desire and strength to pray, to look within ourselves, and to dedicate time to others.'

We might sometimes feel sleepy, in faith as in work, but we can still be witnesses to the Transfiguration if we are really open to the light of Christ.

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Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction: We know that the Lord is our light and our salvation and so let us confidently bring our needs to God.

We pray for Pope Francis and all leaders of the Church as we celebrate our Jubilee of Hope. May they all work together to bring about the kingdom of God in our troubled world. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of nations, corporations and world agencies. May they turn their minds and hearts to the care of the poor and the reduction of conflict in our world. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all those whose access to food and water is insecure. May the whole human family respond generously in creating lasting justice in the distribution of life's necessities. May we respond to opportunities such as those presented by Project Compassion this Lent to *Unite Against Poverty*. We pray to the Lord

We pray for all those who suffer from mental health difficulties. May they find peace and respite for their souls from the relentless anxieties caused by disruption in our world and the pressures imposed upon them. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for mothers and fathers as they guide their children in the ways of faith and inspire them to be active in our Lenten practices. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn. May eternal peace in God be their reward. We pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: Merciful Father, we offer these prayers with thankful hearts knowing that in your great compassion you hear our needs. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord Amen.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

2nd SUNDAY of LENT – 16th March

Today's Gospel brings us a wonderful moment in the education of Jesus's friends.

Jesus was always trying to teach them about the mystery of life, and we can take heart from the fact that they were often slow learners. Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured on the top of a mountain. But the vision doesn't last long. Peter, always practical, wants to build tents so they can stay in the moment. But no, the journey to Calvary lies ahead where they will see Jesus disfigured. Eventually, they will put it together that transfiguration and disfigurement are two sides of the same coin.

This week, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion shares another story of education. We visit a primary school in Samoa with 400 students and 11 teachers. Until 2023, the school had no reliable access to fresh water. At times, teachers had to fetch water from neighbouring families, and this took considerable time out of the day and limited classes. It also meant that each class had a single bucket of drinking water for everyone to share. Thanks to your generosity, this has now changed.

Education can continue uninterrupted. You might even say, that thanks to those who support Project Compassion, disfigured lives have been transfigured.

Samoa may seem a long way away but let us think for a moment of some of the words Jesus said on the night before he died. He prayed 'may they all be one.' We see the high price of division and conflict in so many places. People face each other with such hostility. As we Unite Against Poverty, we are slowly creating the solution. Our actions are teaching the world to see possibilities more than problems. Just as his friends saw Jesus in a brilliant new light, so too must we see the whole human family with its true dignity.

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.

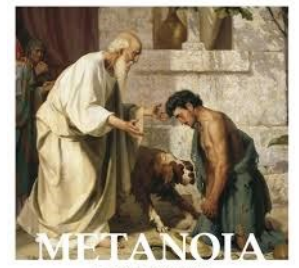
Enrich your experience with bonus features, including artwork reflections and *visio divina*: a prayerful encounter with sacred art; *The Passion of St Thérèse*: a poignant reflection by **Monsignor Graham**

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: Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.'

'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink?
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

2ND READING: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life.
Take as your models everybody who is already doing
this and study them as you used to study us. I have

told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION: Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

***From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.***

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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2nd Sunday of Lent Yr C

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

Offertory – Here At the Table

Michael Harvey & Gina Ogilvie

Called to the sanctuary, we come,
bringing the gifts that we offer.
This sacred moment is blessed, our spirits unified.

***Standing at the altar with offerings of our hearts,
together in this holy place.***

***Bread and wine the symbols, the mystery that's cre-
ated and in Your love, we find grace.***

***Here at the table in the presence of our God,
We bring our hopes, our dreams and our fears, in this
communion, love draws near.***

Turning to You now in wonder,
ignited by Your love,
lives that are broken are mended,
our voices rise in song.

Reflection – You Are the Light *Sarah Hart*

You are the light that stands alone
In depth of night, in eye of storm
Where shadows fall, you enter in
Ignite with hope what dark has dimmed
And though our eyes may fail to see,
It is the heart that's given sight
Through night and storm, to trust in you
Upon our path, you are the light

You are the word that's written deep
Within the hearts of all who long
For endless days beyond the skies

For peace on earth, a kingdom come
We sing the name that heals our souls
And share the way, the truth, the life
For hearts that long, both lost and found
We speak the word, you are the light

O you are God who spoke the dawn
The saviour son who came in flesh
To be a lamp for wandering hearts
To steal our darkness by your death
And as you rose, you gave us peace
Your Spirit gift to kindly lead
Sweet mystery how true you guide
We look to you, you are the light

Recessional – Shine Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your word

Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

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