



**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 Bernadette's Tallimba 1953

St Joseph's Ungarie
Ungarie – Burcher
Parish founded 1931
Present St Joseph's
Church 1978;
Immaculate Heart of
Mary Burcher 1950

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

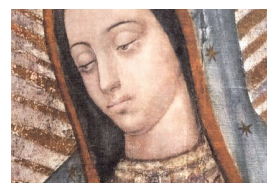
Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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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 Lent Yr B - 25th February, 2024

	West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake	Tully
Monday 26th	8am Mass			
Tuesday 27th <i>St Gregory of Narek</i>	8am Mass			
Wednesday 28th	8am Mass			
Thursday 29th	8am Mass			
Friday 1st	8am Mass		11:30am Mass	5pm Mass
Saturday 2nd	No Mass		6pm Mass	11am Bolo
Sunday 3rd <i>3rd Sunday Lent</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass		

Adoration is held every Wednesday from 3 – 4pm in the 'Sisters of Mercy Chapel' West Wyalong with the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** following until 5pm. To organise **Baptisms or Funerals**, please contact Fr Dominic at any time on 69723655.

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

'We too are called to climb up the mountain,' says Pope Francis, like the chosen disciples. But, as he points out, we are also called to bring our experience back down the mountain.

In our own lives, one way of understanding this is to contemplate our personal spiritual behaviours. The Pope takes the opportunity of this Gospel to remind us to beware of the risk of 'spiritual laziness'. Are we tempted to 'remain on the mountain and enjoy the bliss of this encounter on our own'? Do we risk taking too much private and possessive comfort from 'our prayers and liturgies'?

As the Pope points out, we cannot stay on the mountain. 'Jesus himself brings us back to the valley, among our brothers and sisters and into daily life.' There is work to be done. It is not enough to come to Mass and posture and pray in a way that is cut off from life. The Church should never become a means of escaping reality or responsibility.

'We', the Pope proclaims, 'are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere.' Called up the mountain, we are sent down the mountain to go forth and take the mystery of the Transfigured One with us wherever we may go. We cannot do that if we keep our heads stuck in tents of our own making.

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Pray for our sick:

Lyn Kelleher (nee Minos), Paddy Doughan, Geoff Funnell, Noel Pettit, Pat Mason, Fiona Frame, Liz Jones, Greg Withers, Marie McKenzie, Katrina Johnston, Peter Campbell, Geoff Collins, Barry Cooper, Steve Herridge, Mary Turner, Sarah Pettit, Archie Boneham, Lesley Wright, Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll, June Worner, Lurensa Rowling, Brian Lynch and Shirley Sullivan.

Jesus, grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

Kevin Brown, Dorothy Freeman and Francis King.

Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT WEEKEND OF 24-25 FEBRUARY 2024

This week we encounter the story of Ronita who lives in Quezon City, part of metro Manila in the Philippines. Becoming a mother at a young age meant that her schooling was cut short. Her husband, Lean, leaves for work at 3am and returns at 9pm, earning less than \$US10 per day in a demanding job in waste disposal. On such a small income, Ronita and Lean, along with two young children, are able to rent a room of about 10 square metres.

Thanks to your support of Project Compassion, Ronita's life can be transfigured. She has been able to continue her education through the Alternative Learning System (ALS), run by Caritas Australia's partner, the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). The FCJ sisters provide a safe space for young people such as Ronita to finish school and find better jobs.

Caritas Australia believes that the world can be transfigured to become more like the kingdom of God of which Jesus spoke. We can encounter people whom others choose to ignore. When we do so, we discover that here, too, are children of God. We are asked to listen to them.

St Mary's War Memorial School community warmly invites parishioners, former staff and ex-students to attend the Official Opening of our School Refurbishment Project.

The details are as follows:

Event: Opening and blessing of refurbished classrooms and administration area.

Date: Monday 26th February 2024

Venue: St Mary's War Memorial School, England Street, West Wyalong

Time: 12:30pm

The World Day of Prayer 2024 (Palestine) is being held on Friday, March 1 at 10am in the West Wyalong Community Church.

World Day of Prayer Coordinator and contact is Glenys Haworth 0404720623.

Please do come along to support our prayers for peace in the Middle East.



22-year-old Ronita lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family.

Thankfully, Ronita was given a second chance at completing her studies when she heard about the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ's Alternative Learning System (ALS) program, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies, and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child, Egzy Grey.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre which she hopes will allow her to support her family while she continues her studies.

With the support of the FCJ, Ronita has overcome tremendous obstacles to enjoy better employment prospects and a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said, "I feel hopeful for the future ... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."



1ST READING: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

***(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

2ND READING: Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION: See 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: Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said '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 to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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