



**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

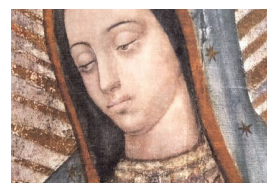
Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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3rd Sunday of Easter Yr B - 14th April, 2024			
	West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 15th	8am Mass		
Tuesday 16th	8am Mass		
Wednesday 17th	8am Mass		
Thursday 18th	8am Mass		
Friday 19th	8am Mass		11:30am Mass
Saturday 20th	No Mass		6pm Mass
Sunday 21st <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

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

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis draws our attention to the three key verbs: look, touch, and eat.

'To look is not only to see,' the Pope points out, adding that 'it is more; it also involves intention, will.' When Jesus asks the disciples to look at his hands and feet, therefore, he is not only offering visual proof of identity. Rather, Jesus is inviting his disciples to look at his wounded limbs as 'a first step against indifference, against the temptation to look the other way before the difficulties and sufferings of others.' Jesus' wounds are still present for those with the courage to look at them.

Similarly, Jesus' invitation to the disciples to confirm his presence by touch has a teaching element too. 'By inviting the disciples to touch him,' the Pope suggests, 'Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain "at a distance".' Having seen the wounds, we must be close to the wounded.

Finally, by eating with his disciples Jesus again did more than prove he was physically present at that specific moment. As the Pope points out, 'eating, when we do so together, among family or friends ... becomes an expression of love, and expression of communion.'

Once again, the Gospel suggests Jesus' action had a deeper meaning about Jesus' continuing presence among his followers. As St Augustine said of the Eucharist, we become what we consume, which means something truly amazing: The Risen Jesus still eats with us!

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Pray for our sick:

Gwenda
McConnachie,
Dorothy Daniher, Helen Mal-
ligan, Lyn Kelle-
her (nee Mi-
nos), Paddy
Doughan, Geoff
Funnell, Noel
Pettit, Pat Ma-
son, Fiona
Frame, Liz
Jones, Greg
Withers, Marie
McKenzie,
Katrina John-
ston, Peter
Campbell,
Geoff Collins,
Barry Cooper,
Steve Herridge,
Mary Turner,
Sarah Pettit,
Archie Bone-
ham, Lesley
Wright, June
Worner,
Lurensa Rowl-
ing, Brian
Lynch and
Shirley Sullivan.

***Jesus, grant
spiritual com-
fort and heal-
ing to the sick***

**Recent Deaths
& Anniver-
saries:**

Emeritus Arch-
bishop Francis
Carroll, Kevin
Brown, Dorothy
Freeman, Fran-
cis King and Jim
Daniher
(anniv).

***Mary, Helper
of Souls pray
for them.***



Project Compassion Boxes can now be re-
turned and added to the 2nd Collection bas-
kets.

Thanks in advance for your continued gen-
erosity.

Touch Me and See (Luke 24: 35 - 48) I saw Jesus earlier this morning. At Mass, a colourfully dressed man with a very challenging smell sat next to me in the pew. I've seen him in our parish before. He seemed to have a mental disability, and though he's not disruptive to the liturgy, he exhibits his oddity in his appearance and by virtue of the colouring book he studies while the Mass is going on. At the sign of peace today, I extended my hand to him in Christian charity, and at the same time he reached out to me with both arms outstretched. For a split second we hovered in the air around each other, wavering between a handshake and an embrace. In that same second, I had to make all kinds of decisions about hygiene and ritual and personal boundaries and kissing lepers – the same choices Saint Francis had to make when a leper met him on the road one day.

When I finally took him in my arms, I was braced for something wretched to happen. It didn't. He touched me with as much reverence and gentleness as one might take up a small child. And when we parted, he gave me a tiny, shy smile of thanks. It was as good as communion.

How do you know when you encounter Jesus along the way?

Pray Your friends are frightened and upset. They didn't know what was going to happen next. You came to them to show them you were there for them. *Loving Jesus, be there for us.* Your friends were mixed up, and not sure what to think. You showed them your hands and feet, and shared a meal with them. *Loving Jesus, share with us.* Your friends were happy, but they didn't know what to do. You talked to them and taught them, and told them the story of God's love. *Loving Jesus, tell us the story too.* Amen.

Ponder Consider the gift of touch and how the Church uses it in blessing. Look for ways to bring the blessing of human touch to those most in need of it. *"You're the first to hear and see it. You're the witnesses."* www.gpbs.com.au



1ST READING: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and
hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom
he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
(R.)

2ND READING: 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION: See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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