



**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;*

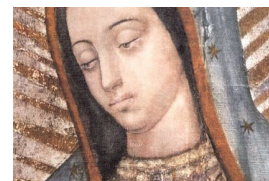
**St Joseph's Ungarie**  
*Ungarie – Burcher*  
*Parish founded 1931*  
Present St Joseph's  
Church 1978;

**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**

### 3rd Sunday of Lent Yr C, 23rd March, 2025

	West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 24th	No Mass		
Tuesday 25th <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	8am Mass		
Wednesday 26th	8am Mass		
Thursday 27th	8am Mass		
Friday 28th	8am Mass		11:30am Mass
Saturday 29th	No Mass		6pm Mass
Sunday 30th <i>4th Sunday Lent</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

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

In today's Gospel reading, Pope Francis explains, we see that 'Jesus rejects and strongly contests the idea of blaming God' for the world's misfortunes.

God does not send disasters to punish people. God is not vindictive, but ever merciful. And we are all called to respond to God's mercy, the Pope says, 'especially during this time of Lent.'

This includes learning how to stop blaming God. We should try to turn our attention to those times when, as the Pope puts it, it is 'our selfishness that tears apart relationships; ... our wrong and violent choices that unleash evil.' We are called to become the kind of people who can acknowledge our own faults.

'But Jesus knows that conversion is not easy,' the Pope adds, 'and he wants to help us here.' This is why Jesus 'encourages us with a parable that tells of the patience of God.'

The fig tree is an obvious symbol for each one of us. 'More time is given to it,' the Pope says, 'another possibility. I like to think', he adds, 'that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility": God always gives us another opportunity.'

Such a chance is here, now. It is up to us to seize it.

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## Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction: Throughout Lent we are called to conversion and to a deeper understanding of the mercy of God. Therefore, let us offer to God all our needs and the needs of the world.

Let us pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of the Church. May they too be open to conversion and repentance for themselves and for those in the Church who find it difficult to account for and reform their behaviour. Lord hear us.

Let us pray for leaders throughout the world in politics, economics, education, humanitarian support and armed forces. May they find a way to conversion so that their intent is not to harm but to assist people in need. Lord hear us.

Let us pray for all members of our Church in Australia. May we all use the opportunity that Lent brings to transform our hearts. Lord hear us.

Let us pray for all of us gathered here to share the bread and drink the wine of salvation. May we look deeply into our hearts in prayer and allow the Spirit to move us to conversion. Lord hear us.

We pray for anyone who lives with disability, especially people who are stigmatised in any way. May our work this Lent with Project Compassion help to create justice and equality for all those who are marginalised. Lord hear us.

Let us pray for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones. May their suffering bring them to a deeper understanding of the call to repentance and holiness. Lord hear us.

Conclusion: Father of all mercy, you revealed yourself to Moses in the burning bush and gave all people the confidence to ask for all that we need. We offer these petitions in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

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**



**3rd SUNDAY of LENT – 23rd March**

and corn. In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the fig tree. The impatient person wants to cut it down. A wiser person is prepared to work with nature by putting manure on the tree and looking after it. This is a story of growth. God is creative. God is patient with us. God gives us another chance. He journeys with us on our pilgrimage of hope.

This week, Project Compassion brings us the story of Lam, a young man from rural Vietnam. Lam's disability made his upbringing difficult. Sometimes people look at those with disability a little like the fig tree. They judge them and dismiss them.

Through the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia's partner in Vietnam, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Lam was able to pursue his dreams and become more independent. He enrolled in a six-month IT Technician training course in Da Nang that not only equipped him with professional skills but also rekindled his social connections and confidence. Lam's dedication during the training paid off as he launched a freelance graphic design business from his home. Today, he is a successful graphic designer, serving clients locally and internationally and earning a stable income every month. He has a creative life.

In today's reading, Moses is in the wilderness, a place of surprising possibilities. Like the Australian landscape, the wilderness in Scripture is subtle; it is a place of encounter with God. Moses thinks he is having a regular day in the family business, looking after his father-in-law's sheep. But a voice comes from a bush that is blazing without being burnt up. The voice tells Moses to take off his shoes because 'the place on which you stand is holy ground.' This is the beginning of the freedom story of his people, the start of their journey out of captivity. May we *Unite Against Poverty* as we create a better world for all God's people.

Sometimes you hear Indigenous people refer to Jesus as a 'person of Country'. What might this mean?

It is hard to imagine the Gospels without the connection of Jesus to the sea, the river, the desert, the fields and the mountain. His teaching often featured seeds and birds and sheep

1ST READING: Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

RESP PSALM: Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

**(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful.***

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons.
4. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:17

***Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!***

***Repent, says the Lord;***

***the kingdom of heaven is at hand.***

***Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ***

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ***

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**3rd Sunday of Lent Yr C**

**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 – Come To The Table** *John Burland*

**We come to the table of the Lord**

**As one body formed in your love**

**We come to the table of the Lord**

**As one body formed in your love**

Bread broken and shared to nourish us

Bread broken and shared to nourish us

At the table of the Lord

At the table of the Lord

Cup poured out so we will never thirst

Cup poured out so we will never thirst

At the table of the Lord

At the table of the Lord

Come, come share with me

Come, come to my feast

**Reflection – You Are Welcome Here**

*Chris Muglia*

Come, all you wounded and weary.

Come, all you heavy of heart.

Come with your fear and your burden.

Come with your pain and your scars.

Come to the ocean of mercy.

Be revived, renewed and refreshed.

Wherever you are, no matter how far,  
come, find your peace and your rest.

***You are welcome here; come as you are.***

***You are welcome here with open arms.***

***Bring your burdens, bring your pain,  
bring your sorrow and shame.***

***You are welcome here; come as you are.***

Come, all you tired and lonely,

all you anxious who long for your place.

Bring your addictions and battles;

find your forgiveness and strength.

Open your heart; discover your place and your purpose.

Open your eyes; see the new life that awaits you here.

**Recessional – Mission Song** *Brian Boniwell*

Go now I am sending you to walk the way of peace. To spread the warmth of human kindness, love will be your sign. Love will be your sign.

Take the bread of life I give, a leaven for the world. Share the word that has been broken, share the fruits of love. Share the fruits of love.

Let my Spirit come the change your water into wine. Heal the broken, raise the fallen, comfort in my name. Comfort in my name.

Join the song creation sings, a hymn of joyful praise. Speak the truth and speak for justice, let your voice be heard. Let your voice be heard.

Know that I will be with you no matter where you roam. Gently leading, gently guiding, love will bring you home. Love will bring you home.

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