



**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

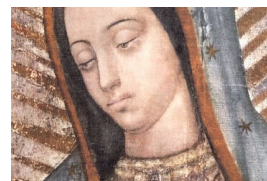
Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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3rd Sunday Lent Yr B - 3rd March, 2024

		West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 4th	<i>St Casimir</i>	No Mass		
Tuesday 5th		8am Mass		
Wednesday 6th		8am Mass		
Thursday 7th	<i>Sts Perpetua & Felicity</i>	8am Mass		
Friday 8th	<i>St John of God</i>	8am Mass		11:30am Mass
Saturday 9th	<i>St Frances of Rome</i>	No Mass		6pm Mass
Sunday 10th	<i>4th 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.

Fr Dom's Gospel Reflection:

Last Sunday we saw the Transfigured Jesus and now we see him and another Temple that was supposed to shine with an equal splendour but was dull because of the greed that had kept the Jewish people from understanding that this house of worship was for all the nations to come to. Instead, it was used to alienate God from the gentiles. What Jesus did and what we are asked to do is to offer our lives to God each Sunday at Mass. But the condition of your life, and the condition of your offering, can vary. So, this varies how your gift is given and received. During Lent we should be mindful of how eager Jesus is to restore our soul to its full glory and our gift of self, but where would he start if he did?

“The blind and the lame came to him in the temple and he healed them (21: 14). In contrast to the cattle-trading and money-changing, Jesus brings his healing goodness. This is the true cleansing of the Temple. Jesus does not come as a destroyer. He does not come bearing the sword of the revolutionary. He comes with the gift of healing. He turns toward those who, because of their afflictions, have been driven to the margins of life and society. He reveals God as the one who loves and his power as the power of love” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Vol. 2, p. 23).

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.

REFLECTION

If the world is one great classroom, then God is a fantastic teacher. We have all had experience of this: the firm and gentle way that God opens our minds and helps us to understand.

Today's readings show three different ways that God tries to get through to us. In the first reading, God sets some clear expectations for behaviour. They are all based around respect, both for the teacher and for those with whom we share the class! At the same time, God reminds us 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.' In other words, these are not random rules. They are designed to protect our deepest freedom. Disregarding them sends us back into captivity.

In the Gospel, Jesus is annoyed by people who think they know everything but who have not properly understood the basic lesson about justice and reverence. 'Stop turning my father's house into a market.' Finally, St Paul speaks about wisdom. 'God's weakness is human strength.' This is another style again: inviting us into a mystery, almost using riddles to get us to think outside the box.

It is no surprise that the Catholic community has always valued education and done a great deal to make it accessible for people around the world. Just as God teaches us, so too do we try to share the wonderful gift of learning with others.

This week, Project Compassion brings us the story of Leaia, who lives in Samoa. With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed in Leaia's home to harvest rainwater. This means that her family can now have access to clean water to drink and bathe. The time that was previously spent walking to collect water in buckets from a neighbour down the street can now be used for other essential tasks and, most importantly, her children don't have to miss out on school. School is a doorway that opens onto a better world.

The Gospel today says that Jesus knew what a person had in them. We should try to be the same: to see the potential, not just the surface.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT WEEKEND OF 2-3 MARCH 2024



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother, and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to clean water for their daily lives has caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they used to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, she had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at their home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Memorial Mass for Eddie Cassidy

This coming Friday morning we will hold a memorial Mass at 8am for Eddie Cassidy in St Mary's Church. You may remember that his funeral last year was a graveside, and so now we invite everyone to offer up the sacrifice of the Mass for Eddie this Friday. If you have considered coming to the daily morning mass this might be the best opportunity to start.

1ST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) ***Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.***

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION: John 3:16

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***

GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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