



**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;

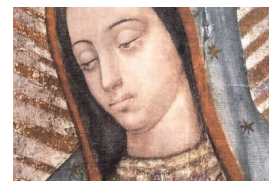
St Joseph's Ungarie
Ungarie – Burcher
Parish founded 1931
Present St Joseph's
Church 1978;

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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5th Sunday of Lent Yr C, 6th April, 2025

	West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 7th	No Mass		
Tuesday 8th	8am Mass		
Wednesday 9th	8am Mass		
Thursday 10th	8am Mass		
Friday 11th <i>St Stanislaus</i>	8am Mass		11:30am Mass
Saturday 12th	No Mass		6pm Mass
Sunday 13th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

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The story told in today's Gospel, Pope Francis says, shows us 'two contrasting attitudes'. One seeks condemnation, the other salvation.

Surrounding this distasteful episode is an unhealthy inclination to condemn. Yes, the accusers obviously want to punish the woman. But besides judging this woman, her accusers are also using her. Their real target is Jesus. He is the one they are testing.

As the Pope says, these accusatory people are 'confined to narrow legalism and want to oblige the Son of God to conform to their perspective of judgment and condemnation.'

But Jesus saves the woman. As the Pope puts it, Jesus 'redeems by forgiving and renews by reconciling.' With silence and a pointed question, he turns the event upside down! This was surely not what the Scribes and Pharisees anticipated.

Moreover, as the Pope points out, Jesus shows us something very important. 'Jesus is the only one without fault, the only one who could throw a stone at her, but he does not do so.'

Reflecting on this, we might try to let go of those stones in our hearts that we long to fling at others.

Each Lent we are 'called to recognise ourselves as sinners and to ask God for forgiveness,' the Pope affirms. But he reminds us that, like Jesus, we are also called to become forgivers. (Reprinted from LiturgyHelp; All rights reserved).

Prayer of the Faithful 5th Sunday of Lent, 2025

Introduction: The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy and so let us bring all our needs to offer in prayer.

We pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of the Church. May they always be aware of the danger of systemic sin and try to live their lives in witness to the gospel throughout this jubilee year of hope. Lord hear us.

We pray for leaders of nations, corporations and other powerful entities. May they be aware of the dangers of corruption and the need for justice within their establishments and institutions. Lord hear us.

We pray for our Australian politicians and those who work for the government. In these unstable and divisive political times may they be strengthened in their commitment to serve the people who elected them. Lord hear us.

We pray for all those who are suffering because of corruption and systemic abuse. May they find the peace and support they need through the care of others. Lord hear us.

We pray for those who are grieving from loss or separation from loved ones. May they find times of peace and joy during their difficult journey. Lord hear us.

We pray for those across our Western Mission waiting patiently for the gift of autumn rain. May we receive the blessing of abundant rain to replenish our parched and thirsty land. Lord hear us.

Conclusion: God of mercy, we offer you these prayers with joyful hope in our hearts that our needs will be fulfilled. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pope Francis has spoken a great deal about our need for more women to occupy positions of leadership, both in the Church and in the world at large.

In his wonderful letter about the way we belong to each other, Fratelli Tutti, he says 'the organization of societies worldwide is still far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men. We say one thing with words, but our decisions and reality tell another story.' He is concerned about 'those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence'.

Pope Francis very much reflects the attitude of Jesus whose closeness to women distinguished him as a leader and teacher in his time. You might think of significant encounters in the New Testament: the woman at the well, Martha and Mary, the widow of Nain. You might also think of the woman we met in today's Gospel, described by the scribes and Pharisees as 'caught in the very act of committing adultery.' Listen to the sneer in those words.

These men, who are supposed to be educated and respected, have been peeping through the window. Their behavior is salacious, domineering and demeaning. In their self-righteousness, they threaten violence. There is no sign of the woman's partner who is surely just as much part of the story. Jesus neatly turns the tables.

He starts by sitting on the ground, occupying a position lower than that of the woman. He is the only one not taking an eyeful of her. Caritas Australia, whom we support through Project Compassion, has long acted in constructive ways to uphold the dignity of women and honor their strength, resilience and leadership. We have seen this during Lent, particularly in the stories of Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Toefuata'iga from a school in Samoa. Please look at Caritas Australia's resources online; you will find many such stories. In so much of the world, development is led by women.

This Lent, we have also been mindful of the Year of Jubilee, a significant call to Unite Against Poverty as pilgrims of hope. Today's second reading reminds us that none of us is perfect. But like St Paul, we are still running, still trying to achieve 'the perfection that comes through faith in Christ.' This does not mean judging others as the scribes and Pharisees did. It means challenging ourselves to bring the world closer together as Jesus prayed 'may they all be one.'

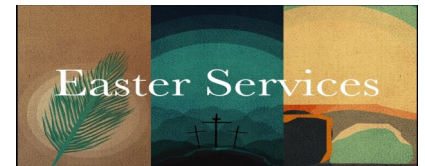
Baptisms: Congratulations and welcome to Ardy and Haddie, children of Savannah and Harrison Connell who were baptised today in St Mary's Church, West Wyalong. Ardy's godparents are Ali and Mark Wood, Mel Iffland and Ned Jefferies. Haddie's godparents are Lily and Josh Ridley, Joseph Oliver and Ava Jefferies.

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, Lurensa Rowling and Xavier Huber (anniv).

Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.



West Wyalong: 9th April: 5pm,
Rite II Reconciliation for the Parish
and Sacramental Candidates

Palm Sunday 13th April: 9:30am
with short procession

Holy Thursday 17th April: 5pm,
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 18th April: 3pm, Ser-
vice of the Cross

Easter Sunday 20th April: 9:30am,
Mass of the Resurrection

Lake Cargelligo: Palm Sunday 12th
April : 6:00pm with short proces-
sion

Holy Saturday 19th April: 7pm,
Easter Vigil

Ungarie: Good Friday 18th April:
10am, Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday 20th April: 8am
Mass of the Resurrection

1ST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 125. R. v.3

***(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.***

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

2ND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can

have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer
trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection
that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfec-
tion that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God
and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by
reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I
can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the
dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not
yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the
prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure
you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have al-
ready won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I
strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for
the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards
to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION: Joel 2:12-13

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he ap-
peared in the Temple again; and as all the people came
to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who
had been caught committing adultery; and making her
stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Je-
sus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the
Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.
What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test,
looking for something to use against him. But Jesus
bent down and started writing on the ground with his
finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked
up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he
bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they
heard this they went away one by one, beginning with
the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman,
who remained standing there. He looked up and said,
'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned
you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn
you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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5th Sunday of Lent Yr C

Processional - Though the Mountains May Fall

Dan Schutte

***Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name
Sing the praise and the glory of God***

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget his love?
Though a mother forsake her child, He will not abandon you

Should you turn and forsake Him
He will gently call your name
Should you wander away from Him
He will always take you back

As He swore to your fathers
When the flood destroyed the land
He will never forsake you
He will swear to you again

Offertory – We Gather At Your Table

Gina Ogilvie

We gather at Your table to share this holy meal.
The gifts of bread and wine we give, our lives a sacred seal.

We come into Your presence, ready to receive.
We gather at Your table, unfolding mystery.

Bread and wine, gifts of life.

Born of Mother Earth.

Gathered by our hands for the table of life.

Everyone is welcome, in this meal we are made whole.
We give thanks for all Your blessings, of Your wondrous love.



Reflection – The Table of the Lord

Dana Catherine

There is healing at the table of the Lord
For the wounds of all the children he adores
In his body that is broken
The redemption that we hope in
There is healing at the table of the Lord

There is mercy at the table of the Lord
For divided hearts that need to be restored
In the blood that he has offered
He forgives his sons and daughters
There is mercy at the table of the Lord

***We are one, we are one
we are one at the table of the Lord
We are loved, we are loved
We are one at the table of the Lord***

There is mystery at the table of our God
In the sacrifice that love has shown to us
We receive and we remember
As love binds us all together
There is mystery at the table of our God

There's a calling at the table of the Lord
To loose every chain and drop our every sword
Share the freedom we've received
Welcome others to the feast
There's a calling at the table of the Lord

Recessional – The Lord is My Shepherd

Brian Boniwell

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and byways valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

***I want to go to meet him there
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.***

And while on the journey to where we are going He promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together to know all the wonders he's given to me.

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