



**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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### Catholic Schools:

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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,**

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### 5th Sunday of Easter Yr B - 28th April, 2024

		West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake	Tully
Monday 29th	<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	No Mass			
Tuesday 30th	<i>St Pius V, Pope</i>	8am Mass			
Wednesday 1st	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	8am Mass			
Thursday 2nd	<i>St Athanasius</i>	8am Mass			
Friday 3rd	<i>Sts Philip &amp; James</i>	8am Mass		11:30am Mass	5:30pm Mass
Saturday 4th		No Mass		6pm Mass	11am Bolo
Sunday 5th	<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass		

**Fr Dom's Gospel Reflection:** Some people think that they can be a branch, a vine, and perhaps even the whole vineyard on their own. They are the people who believe that they do not need to go to Church each Sunday. By their own reckoning they consider they have a life that is close to God, when their life is actually separate from Jesus' Church. By not placing themselves where they can be challenged and even taught, they separate themselves from the very body of Christ that hopes to nourish all. Those people who do not come to Mass are not fixing themselves to the vine and during demanding times (a call on all they have) they may wilt without the strength of our vine. Drawing from a vineyard that is well cared for ensures that we can see through times that are well beyond merely being tough. We remember that the owner of the vineyard is the one who derives the most out of each vintage. We derive something from being part of his vineyard over the course of our life. St Paul was grafted onto the vine. This says to us that even someone who we might recognise today as a terrorist, fighting against the people God calls his own, can be forgiven, share in God's mission of spreading Divine love, and produce fruit that is still talked about today.

"In every liturgical action the Holy Spirit is sent in order to bring us into communion with Christ and so to form his Body. The Holy Spirit is like the sap of the Father's vine which bears fruit on its branches. The most intimate cooperation of the Holy Spirit and the Church is achieved in the liturgy. The Spirit who is the Spirit of communion, abides indefectibly in the Church. For this reason the Church is the great sacrament of divine communion which gathers God's scattered children together." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 1108).

**Pray for our sick:**

Gwenda  
McConnachie,  
Dorothy Daniher, Helen Mal-  
ligan, Lyn Kelleher (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, Doro-  
thy Freeman  
and Francis  
King.

***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.



Earlier this year the owners of the 'Christ the King' Bolo Farm Chapel generously donated \$10,000 toward the painting and flooring of St Mary's Church. With much thanks we acknowledge their kindness.

*Progress Report: The ceiling has been completed and work is continu-  
ing on the walls of the Church.*

## **LIVING THE GOSPEL**

### **Bearing fruit**

*The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.*

## **SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT**

### **In context**

*The imagery that Jesus used in his parables and in extended metaphors such as the one used in this week's gospel sometimes seems a little foreign to a 21st Century audience. However, the world in which Jesus lived and taught was dominated by small scale farmers and producers in an agrarian economy. His use of images such as 'shepherd', 'vine', 'tenants', 'farmers' and 'wineskins' would all have been immediately recognisable to his audience. They would also have appreciated much more than we do the subtlety of Jesus' use of such images when he twists them in an unexpected way.*

1ST READING: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

RESP PSALM: Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.'

2ND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in

God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

ACCLAMATION: John 15:4-5

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.**

**Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away  
– he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the  
fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear  
much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

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### **Processional - Christ Be Our Light**

*Bernadette Farrell*

Longing for light we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to you  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.***

***Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others.  
Shared until all are fed.

### **Offertory - Our Supper Invitation**

Fr Kevin Bates

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.  
Take of my life and live, - branch of my vine.  
Let me befriend you now, eat take your fill.  
Don't be afraid to dream, love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk till you find  
Just what the journey means, walk while there's  
time  
Food for the journey will answer your need  
Don't be afraid to walk, love, my love, will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.  
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.  
Let me befriend you now, eat take your fill.  
Share with your people, that love has its will.

### **Reflection – I am the Vine** *John Michael Talbot*

***I am the vine and you are the branches***

***Live in me and you will never die.***

***I am the vine and my father is the keeper***

***Come to me, let the Spirit bring you life.***

Like a tree planted by the living waters  
To stretch the fruits into the living stream  
You will show no distress  
In the heat of the drought  
But still bear fruits and leaves

Come to me all you heavy laden  
My yoke is easy, my burden is light.  
I will raise you up on the wings of an eagle.  
And through God mountain you'll fly.

### **Recessional – We Are God's Hands** *Andrew Chinn*

**We are God's hands, we are God's eyes**

**We are the love, the heart of Christ**

**Oh Spirit move, our hearts and minds**

**That we may see, peace in our time**

May our hands reach out to those  
Who've come across our seas to find a home  
May we reach out across the seas  
To touch the poor, be God's mercy

May we see with open eyes  
And comfort those with lonely lives  
Look all around and see the need  
With eyes of hope, be God's mercy

May our hearts be the love of God  
Bring the love of Christ to one and all  
May our love sow seeds of peace  
And may our hearts, be God's Mercy

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