



**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

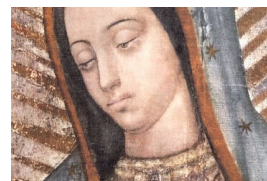
Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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### 6th Sunday of Easter Yr C, 25th May, 2025

		West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 26th	<i>St Philip Neri</i>	No Mass		
Tuesday 27th		8am Mass		
Wednesday 28th		8am Mass		
Thursday 29th	<i>St Paul VI, Pope</i>	8am Mass		
Friday 30th		8am Mass		11:30am Mass
Saturday 31st	<i>Visitation of BVM</i>	No Mass		6pm Mass
Sunday 1st	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

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

Reflecting on Jesus' gift of peace, so eloquently expressed in today's Gospel passage, Pope Francis encouraged us to think about the context. This beautiful message is given in what Francis characterises as 'a moment that is anything but serene. Judas has left to betray him, Peter is about to deny him, and almost everyone else to abandon him.'

What Jesus shows us in that moment is that 'he remains kind until the end.'

'Jesus demonstrates that meekness is possible', Francis says, by revealing his own peacefulness 'precisely in the most difficult moment'. Through this, Francis suggests, Jesus 'wants us to behave that way too, since we are the heirs of his peace.'

We are called to be 'witnesses of peace.'

Understanding that 'this meekness is not easy', Francis intimated that this is where Jesus' gifting of his peace to us is so important. As he explains, 'Jesus knows that on our own we are not able to keep peace, that we need help, that we need a gift.'

This gift, Francis says, is 'the presence of God in us' – the Holy Spirit – helping us 'to forgive, to begin again, to set out anew because we cannot do this with our own strength.'

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## ***Prayer of the Faithful, 6th Sunday of Easter, 2025***

Introduction: Sisters and brothers, Jesus has unfolded for us the mystery of God dwelling in us, a Divine Presence bringing peace.

We pray for Pope Leo as he embarks on his Pontificate. May he find strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church of today, that it will have the same commitment to Christ's gospel and pastoral care of the people, as we see in the Church of Jerusalem under the care of Peter and the apostles. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray at the conclusion of National Volunteers' Week for all who volunteer in our parish, Archdiocese, community and country, that their generosity of spirit will bring hope to others. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray on this last day of Laudato si' Week, marking the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' letter on Creation, that all will care for our common home for the sake of the whole of humanity. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray unceasingly for peace in our broken world, in the destruction of Gaza, in the need for a ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia, in the brokenness of Myanmar, and the hunger of Sudan and South Sudan. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for farmers and local communities dependent on autumn rain. We give thanks for the recent rain and ask that the gift of life giving rain continues. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those on the Central Coast and Hunter regions of NSW recently impacted by record breaking rain and flooding. We thank the tireless work of emergency services who responded to the disaster. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died that they will enter the heavenly Jerusalem where the Lamb of God will be its radiant light. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer**

Conclusion: Heavenly Father, through Jesus you revealed to the nations your Church, filled with the Holy Spirit; may we continue his work in joy and with trust. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**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:** Allannah Moran (nee Ridley), Martin Kelleher, Dorothy Daniher, Steve Herdridge, Tony Galton, Dave Shearer and Lurensa Rowling. ***Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.***



1ST READING: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

RESP PSALM: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

2ND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy

city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

ACCLAMATION: John 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
And my word is not my own:  
it is the word of the one who sent me.  
I have said these things to you  
while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.  
Peace I bequeath to you,  
my own peace I give you,  
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.  
You heard me say:  
I am going away, and shall return.  
If you loved me you would have been glad to know  
that I am going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I.  
I have told you this now before it happens,  
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 2025**

**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 - 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 – One Sacrifice of Christ** *Rick Modlin*

One sacrifice of Christ,  
one throne above the heavens.  
Christ has risen as he said,  
and will come to wake the dead.  
Christ will return to set us free.

One sacrifice of love,  
one message for the nations:  
Jesus suffered, died and rose,

and ascended to the throne.

Christ will return to save the world.

One gaze we lift above,  
where Love was drawn to heaven.  
We stand watchful through the night  
for our King to come in light,  
heirs to the glory of the Lamb.

One mighty Word of truth:  
Christ did arise in triumph.  
Now he sits upon the throne;  
God's right hand is he alone.  
Christ reigns in splendour over all.

One banquet richly set  
for all God's holy people.  
We will dine in joy and peace,  
and our song will never cease,  
praising the Lamb upon the throne.

One shout of joy we raise,  
one voice in exaltation.  
For in glory Christ has gone,  
and in hope we now are drawn  
to one sacrifice of Christ,  
one sacrifice of Christ.

**Recessional – Glory and Praise To Our God**  
*Dan Schutte*

***Glory and praise to our God***  
***Who alone gives light to our days***  
***Many are the blessings He bears***  
***To those who trust in His ways***

We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings

In His wisdom He strengthens us  
Like gold that's tested in fire  
Though the power of sin prevails  
Our God is there to save

God has watered our barren land  
and spent his merciful rain.  
Now the rivers of life run full  
for anyone to drink.

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