



**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

47 Church St; PO Box 64,
West Wyalong, 2671; Tel: 6972 3655
Email: wyalongwest@cg.org.au
Website: <http://cg.org.au/wyalong/Home.aspx>

Lake Cargelligo,
78 Reef St, 2672
(please contact the West
Wyalong Parish Office)



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**

7th Sunday Yr C, 23rd February, 2025

	West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake	Tully
Monday 24th	No Mass			
Tuesday 25th	8am Mass			
Wednesday 26th	8am Mass			
Thursday 27th <i>St Gregory of Narek</i>	8am Mass			
Friday 28th	8am Mass		11:30am Mass	
Saturday 1st	No Mass		6pm Mass	11am Bolo
Sunday 2nd <i>8th Sunday Ord Time</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass		

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

'To go beyond instinct, to go beyond hatred,' Pope Francis suggests, is fundamental. However bad it gets, Jesus calls on us to see those who wrong us as God sees them: as creatures loved into existence, still capable of good.

Understandably, we find this challenging. But, as the Pope points out, Jesus faced such situations himself and shows us what turning the cheek really means.

By not trading strike for strike, Jesus avoids becoming like those who struck him in the first place. Jesus does not give in to injustice. Rather, he reveals it.

During his Passion, as the Pope explains, Jesus 'asks for an account of the wrong done to him.' He calls it out, gently but firmly. 'With his question,' the Pope affirm, 'Jesus denounces what is unjust. But he does so without anger, without violence, indeed *with kindness.*'

In any conflict, whether personal or international, we are therefore called to unmask the absurdity of hatred by being the 'one who has a greater inner strength,' to use our voice rather than fists, or gestures rather than words.

Ultimately, as the Pope declares: 'Turning the other cheek does not have to mean suffering in silence, giving in to injustice.' It means transforming the moment to bring light to the darkness. (*Liturgy Help: All Rights Reserved*)

Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction: As the psalmist declares, the Lord is kind and merciful. And so, in hope we offer our needs and the needs of the world.

We pray for all the leaders of our Church that their witness to the gospel may lead us in our synodal journey through this year of jubilee. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for leaders in politics, corporations, education and all powerful entities. May they see that compassion is necessary in leading people to true peace. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those whose hearts are full of vengeance. May they come to know that only love will bring them peace and comfort. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all of us gathered here that we may let go of vengeance, judgemental ways and hate. May we all be formed in the gospel and open to Jesus' call to love our enemies. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for the elderly and house bound people in our community. May they not be forgotten and be nurtured with compassion. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all those who have died, particularly in violent conflict. May they be at peace at last. We pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God of compassion, you hear the prayers of all your people and so we pray in Jesus' name and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Archdiocesan Invitations:

Bishop-Elect Tony Percy Farewell: You are warmly invited to join Archbishop Christopher and the Archdiocese for a special farewell Mass for Fr Tony Percy. This will take place at 5.00pm on the Solemnity of St Joseph, Wednesday 19 March 2025, at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest ACT. Following the Mass, light refreshments will be served in Haydon Hall at 6.00pm.

Holy Year Pilgrimage at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong – Saturday, 1st March The day starts at 10:00 am with tea or coffee and includes a prayer, blessings, and a Penitential Service for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence. Mass will be celebrated at 11:45 am, followed by a bring-your-own lunch (tea and coffee provided). Weather permitting, we will conclude with a Grotto walk and Rosary. All are welcome for this time of reflection and community!

Pray for our sick: Gwenda McConnachie, Dorothy Daniher, 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: Steve Herridge, Tony Galton, Dave Shearer and Lurensa Rowling.

Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement initiated by Christian women to unite nations through prayer. Its purpose is to facilitate national change and hopes to touch society through prayer and financial assistance. **World Day of Prayer** welcomes you to World Day of Prayer 2025 Service:

St Mary's Catholic Church, Friday 7th March, 2025 @ 10am.

St Mary's School students will be leading the singing during the service.

WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER
SERVICE 2025



The Cook Islands

'I made you
wonderful'

www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



St Mary's 2025 Sacramental Program Dates:

First Reconciliation:

Enrolment and Information
Session - **Thursday 6th
March @ 5pm, St Mary's
Church**



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**

1ST READING: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. 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 is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

Reprinted from Liturgy Help, All Rights Reserved

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.***

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

7th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C
Processional - Give Us Your Peace

Jesse Manibusan

Give us your peace, oh God
Give us your peace, your peace
Give us your peace, oh God
Give us your peace, your peace

When we're afraid, running from truth
Gather us back to you
Take every fear and fill our hearts
Give us your peace, oh God

When we are tired, weary and worn
Take us into your arms
Where there is no need, there is no want
Give us your peace, oh God

Lord we belong to you alone
Show us the way back home
Into your light, into your love
Give us your peace, oh God

Offertory - A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another
As I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another
By this shall all know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another. (x2)

Reflection – Mercy from the Heart of God

Gina Ogilvie

God of mercy and compassion
draw us deeply to your heart.
Lead us to a place of healing
where we'll never be apart.

Let forgiveness be our passion
reaching out with hands of peace.
Turning from the chains
that bind us finding freedom and release.

Mercy, ever flowing, freely given.
Mercy, mercy from the heart of God.
Mercy from the heart of God.

May our mission be of mercy,
welcome all without reserve.
As one heart we stand for justice
with compassion, called to serve.

Recessional – Go Now in Peace

Kevin Keil

Go now in peace my friends
Go now in peace together
May the spirit of Christ embrace your life
Go now in peace my friends

Go now in peace my friends
Go now in peace together
As you journey each day,
may God guide your way
Go now in peace my friends

Go now in peace my friends
Go now in peace together
May you witness to Christ
through deeds that you do
Go now in peace my friends

Go now in peace my friends
Go now in peace together
Now break open God's word,
good news ever heard
Go now in peace my friends
Go now in peace my friends

All Rights reserved.

Reprinted under ONE LICENSE # 729829-A