



**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;

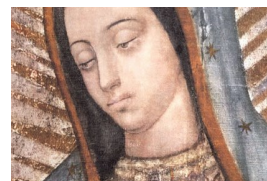
St Joseph's Ungarie
Ungarie – Burcher
Parish founded 1931
Present St Joseph's
Church 1978;

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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| 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) |
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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**

8th Sunday Yr C, 2nd March, 2025

| | | West Wyalong | Ungarie | Lake | Tully |
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| Monday 3rd | | No Mass | | | |
| Tuesday 4th | St Casimir | 8am Mass | | | |
| Wednesday 5th | Ash Wednesday | 2pm Mass | | 9:30am | |
| Thursday 6th | | 8am Mass | | | |
| Friday 7th | Sts Felicity & Perpetua | No Mass | | 11:30am Mass | 5:30pm Mass |
| Saturday 8th | St John of God | No Mass | | 6pm Mass | |
| Sunday 9th | 1st Sunday Lent | 9:30am Mass | 8am Mass | | |

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'Wars begin from the tongue', says Pope Francis. Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, he draws our attention to the importance of choosing our words carefully, lest they become 'bad fruit'.

He also reminds us that words can be destructive. If we are 'grumbling, gossiping, speaking ill of others', he says, then we are engaging in activity that 'destroys the family, destroys school, destroys the workplace, destroys the neighbourhood.'

Commenting on how words can amplify attitudes, the Pope wants us to remember that 'through our tongue we can also feed prejudices, raise barriers.'

This is especially true online. Stressing that these days 'words travel fast', the Pope remarks that 'too many of them convey anger and aggression, feed false news and take advantage of collective fears to propagate distorted ideas.'

Christians should 'be reflective, not reactive' when engaging with other people online. We should always 'be mindful of posting and sharing content that can cause misunderstanding, exacerbate division, incite conflict, and deepen prejudices.' We should look for those digital splinters that might be distorting our own perspectives before we jump online to accost others.

Ultimately, the Pope wants us to remember that our words always affect another person.

Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction: The psalmist proclaims that it is good to give thanks to God. We offer the needs of our community and our world in the knowledge that God hears our prayer.

Petitions

Let us pray for our Church, Pope Francis and all leaders throughout the world. May they always speak the truth and lead by witnessing to Jesus' words. Lord hear us.

Let us pray for world leaders. In this era of misinformation and abandonment of the truth, may the leaders of nations be drawn into the power of truth. Lord hear

Let us pray for all those who become ill and disoriented through the use of social media. May they be guided towards the truth that comes from God and not misled by the promises and despair of what they absorb through social media. Lord hear us

Let us pray for all those who spread the gospel throughout the world. May their efforts be fruitful and supported by our community. Lord hear us

Let us pray for those who are suffering because of violent conflict throughout the world. May the Spirit of truth prevail so that reconciliation and peace become a reality. Lord hear us.

Let us pray for those who have died to whom Truth has now been revealed. We also pray for those who mourn that they will know the truth of the eternal love of God. Lord hear us.

Conclusion: God of Truth, we bring these needs to you with the faith filled understanding that you will provide all that we need. We make our prayer in Jesus' name through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.**



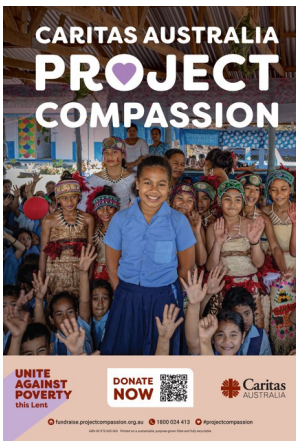
Project Compassion 2025

Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes will be available from next week in all Western Mission Churches.

Why not sign up to **Give it up for Lent**: Lead by example this Lent and give up something meaningful- *like coffee, takeaway meals, or screen time!* You can also use it as an opportunity to raise funds for people living in poverty around the world.

Small sacrifices can lead to big changes!

What will YOU give up this Lent?

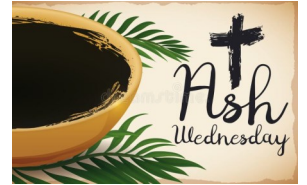


Archdiocesan Invitations:

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.

Western Mission Ash Wednesday Mass Times:

9:30am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Lake Cargelligo
2:00pm - St Mary's, West Wyalong



Pray for our sick: Pope Francis, 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.**

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**



Sign up for **The Long Walk for Water**: Commit to walking every day during Lent (40 days) in solidarity with the 292 million people who walk more than 30 minutes each day to collect clean, safe drinking water. This walking challenge is a tangible way for you to reflect and stand with those who walk every day just to access basic necessities like water. **Will YOU step up this Lent?**

1ST READING: Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his
talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged
on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most
High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the
night.
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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

When this perishable nature has put on im-
perishability, and when this mortal nature
has put on immortality, then the words of
scripture will come true: Death is swallowed
up in victory. Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of
death is sin, and sin gets its power from the

Law. So let us thank God for giving us the vic-
tory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never
admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's
work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you
cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION: Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one
blind man guide another? Surely both will fall
into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his
teacher; the fully trained disciple will always
be like his teacher. Why do you observe the
splinter in your brother's eye and never no-
tice the plank in your own? How can you say
to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the
splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot
see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take
the plank out of your own eye first, and then
you will see clearly enough to take out the
splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten
fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces
sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its
own fruit: people do not pick figs from
thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A
good man draws what is good from the store
of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws
what is bad from the store of badness. For a
man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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8th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C
Processional - One Faith, One Hope, One Love
Andrew Chinn

***One Faith, one hope, one love within us all
One dream, one land, one holy family
With the love of our God,
With Jesus in our hearts
One Holy Spirit, one Holy Trinity***

Our God of love has called us here
Together to this Holy place
Called by our name to be people of faith
To live in God's love all our days

Jesus is hope for all the world
A light that shines for us all
We are called to give hope,
To reach out in love
Hand in hand we follow the call

In God's Spirit of love we gather here
In this place of love we all belong
With faith in our God,
With hope in our hearts
We grow in love, we gather as one

Offertory – Here at the Table
Michael Harvey & Gina Ogilvie

Called to the sanctuary, we come,
bringing the gifts that we offer.
This sacred moment is blessed,
our spirits unified.

***Standing at the altar with offerings of our
hearts, together in this holy place.
Bread and wine the symbols, the mystery that's
created and in Your love, we find grace.
Here at the table in the presence of our God,
we bring our hopes, our dreams and our fears, in
this communion, love draws near.***

Turning to You now in wonder,
ignited by Your love.
Lives that are broken are mended,
our voices rise in song.

Reflection – The Eyes and Hands of Christ
Tom Kendzia

***Where two or three are gathered in my name,
love will be found, life will abound.
By name we are called, from water we are sent:
to become the eyes and hands of Christ.***

One we become, no longer strangers.
No longer empty or frail.
Filled with the Spirit, every hunger satisfied.
Christ is the centre of our lives.

One in the Spirit, one in the Lord.
One in the breaking of the bread.
Life giving witness of our dying and new life.
Held by the promise in our hands.

Not what we are, but what we become.
Not what we say, but what we do.
Living the challenge as bearers of light.
We are the eyes and hands of Christ.

Recessional – 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.

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