



**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

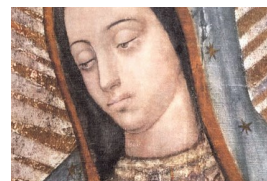
Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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### Easter Sunday Yr C, 20th April, 2025

	West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 21st	No Mass		
Tuesday 22nd	No Mass		
Wednesday 23rd	No Mass		
Thursday 24th	No Mass		
Friday 25th	ANZAC Day		
Saturday 26th	No Mass		6pm Mass
Sunday 27th	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

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

The joy of Easter, Pope Francis reminds us, is a call 'to experience the risen Christ and to share the experience with others.' Like the women finding the tomb empty and telling the disciples, or Peter running to the tomb when he heard the news, we are called to respond to the message with action! We are meant to become bearers and sharers of hope: He is Risen!

As the Pope suggests, sometimes this means that we have 'to roll away the stone from the tomb where we may have enclosed the Lord.' We need to be open to being changed.

'A Christianity that seeks the Lord among the ruins of the past and encloses him in the tomb of habit', the Pope declares emphatically, 'is a *Christianity without Easter*.' Every year, therefore, we should take up anew this opportunity to follow our Lord with joyful hope. Each Easter is an opportunity to proclaim Christ Risen in our own time and place.

'Let us make Jesus,' the Pope says, 'rise again from all those tombs in which we have sealed him.' Let us embrace this Easter opportunity for 'encountering him today as the living God who desires to change us and to change our world.' Let us proclaim the Resurrection by what we do next.

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## Prayer of the Faithful Easter Sunday, 2025

Introduction: As we celebrate as resurrected Christians, let us bring our needs to God.

We pray for Pope Francis and for all leaders in the Church. May their lives be truly a witness to the resurrection as they live the Good News. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for leaders of nations that they will be tolerant of religious difference and allow all people to celebrate their faith in God without fear. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all those who do not know Christ that they will be able to recognise the gift of salvation in their own lives and see, through the witness of others, God's greatness. We pray to the Lord.

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. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for all Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. May they find safety and support to continue to live their lives of faith. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those in our community who are ill, lonely, or feeling despair during these Easter celebrations. May others reach out to them and support them in their pain. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who grieve and mourn. May their eyes be opened to the resurrection so that they know in their hearts that their loved ones are in God's hands. We pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God of Salvation, we bring all these needs to you in the sure knowledge that they will be granted through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus.

**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.***

Peace of the Risen Lord be with all,

I am celebrating this year's Easter for the first time in this beautiful community of West Wyalong and the rest of the communities in this Mission. I feel blessed to be among you and be part your lives. I begin by wishing you all the Joy of Easter as the psalmist said ]"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad". (Psalm 117) I share the Easter greetings of peace, hope, and joy to you and your loved ones during this significant season. The words from the resurrected Lord of Peace rings true to all of us that despite the world's many voices of doubt in the unprecedented circumstances we have this hope to hold on to. The year 2025 was declared by Pope Francis as the Jubilee year of Hope. Let us all be people of hope despite the challenges we face both here in Australia and all over the world. I pray for everyone in our community that this Easter weekend will be special as we journey through life. We will gather with family, friends and in prayer houses to celebrate and reflect knowing that we are a Easter people. May the Risen Christ be part of your lives as you dine, travel as he accompanied the disciples of Emmaus and finally told him to stay with them. (Lk 24:13ff) We will invite the post-resurrection Christ to stay with our families and communities.

As we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the triumph of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. The empty tomb speaks volumes—our Saviour lives, and because He lives, we too are invited to walk in the newness of life. There are many Australians who have suffered losses and disruptions due to recent floods and drought in the same measure, we remember them in our Easter worship.

We are the Easter people—spreading joy, sharing love, and being a light in our communities whether near or far.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter and stay safe .

Shalom /Peace

Fr Hilary Rotich.

1ST READING: Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:

‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

RESP PSALM: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

***(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.***

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
‘His love has no end.’ (R.)
2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

2ND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are

in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

ACCLAMATION: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.***

***Alleluia!***

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

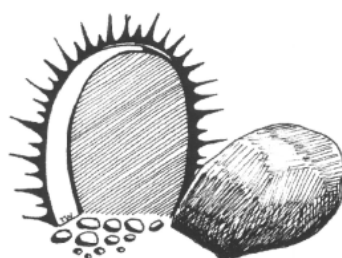
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**Mary saw that the stone  
had been removed.**

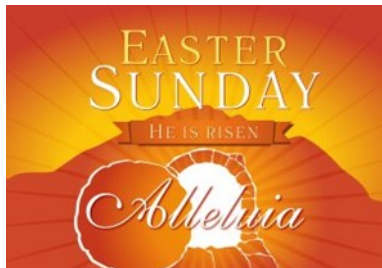
## Easter Sunday Year C

**Processional - Welcome** *Andrew Chinn*

***Welcome to this family  
Welcome in joy and peace  
Welcome to this place of love  
Welcomed by God***

Called by your name  
Called by our faith  
Called to belong  
Called to be one

Come to the light  
Come find new life  
"Come follow me"  
Live in God's Peace



One in God's love  
One in God's Son  
Spirit of Peace  
One family

**Offertory - We Gather At Your Table**  
*Andrew Chinn*

***We come to your table now  
With gifts of bread and wine  
We gather at your table now  
With these gifts of our lives***

This bread that we bring  
We offer now to You  
It will be Your Body  
A gift of love from You

This wine that we bring  
We offer now to You  
It will be Your Blood  
A gift of love from You

Our lives that we bring  
We offer now to You  
May we be nourished  
Through this gift of love from You

**Reflection – The Risen Christ**  
*Sarah Hart*

Oh, the splendour of creation,  
God's own hand and love's design.  
We below in adoration  
see the gifts of the divine:

mountains high and rushing waters,  
all the beauty of the skies.  
Yet more beautiful the glory  
of the risen Christ.

***We will see him lifted high,  
we will meet him in the sky.  
He will come and we will rise  
in the glory of the risen Christ.***

Oh, the mystery of Calvary:  
love laid bare upon the cross,  
broken heart and wounds wide open,  
mercy's way for all of us.  
Nail and thorn could hold no power  
over sinless sacrifice,  
hope amid the darkest hour  
of the risen Christ.

Oh, the wonder of our Saviour:  
stone rolled back with radiant light,  
death destroyed by this redemption,  
by the one who gave his life.  
Now is heaven breaking open;  
sinner, sing and saint, arise  
into this eternal welcome  
of the risen Christ.

**Recessional – Sing to the Mountains**  
*Bob Dufford*

***Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.***

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song.

Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God.

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