



**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

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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21st Sunday Yr A, 23rd August 2026

		West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 24th	<i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	No Mass		
Tuesday 25th	<i>St Louis</i>	No Mass		
Wednesday 26th		No Mass		
Thursday 27th	<i>St Monica</i>	No Mass		
Friday 28th	<i>St Augustine</i>	No Mass		No Mass
Saturday 29th	<i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>			6pm Mass
Sunday 30th	<i>22nd Sunday Ord Time</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

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The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

We acknowledge the Wiradjuri peoples who are the traditional owners of the land where we gather today. We pay respects to their elders past and present and to the memory of their ancestors. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations and we celebrate their continuing contribution to the life of our region. We also extend our respect to all Aboriginal peoples living in our community.

Pray for our sick: Clare Devaney, Fr Paul Kumasaka, Maureen, Colleen Goodwin, Gwenda McConnachie, Paddy Doughan, Noel Pettit, Pat Mason, Fiona Frame, Liz Jones, Greg Withers, Marie McKenzie, Peter Campbell, Mary Turner, Sarah Pettit, Brian Lynch and Shirley Sullivan. ***Jesus, grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick.***

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries: Gary Peterson, Cecilia Irvine, Fr Troy Bobbin, Sr Marie Jean RSM, Patricia Smith, Joanne Cairns, Neale Daniher OAM, Ray Connellan, Irene Schmidt, Norma O'Neill, Maurice Doughan, Greg Brereton and Anniversary Masses for Bill, Betty and Tim Stenhouse. ***Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.***



Many thanks to the parishioners who travelled to Temora or dialled in to attend the 2026 Archdiocesan Assembly. A wrap up will be published in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

Fr Hilary will be away on Annual Leave from the end of August until mid September and back for weekend Masses on Saturday 19th September.

The Western Mission welcomes Fr Mark Ha from South Tuggeranong who will be covering weekend Masses.



Parish Safeguarding Commitment

The Western Mission is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and action. If you have any concerns, please contact; Parish Safeguarding Officers: Sue Buttenshaw & Louise Daniher.

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The Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding, Maria Hicks, can be contacted at ipss@cg.org.au.

Prayer of the Faithful 21st Sunday 2026

Introduction: Trusting in God whose wisdom holds all things and whose love endures, we confidently bring our needs as we pray:

For the Church. That we may continue to grow in faith, recognising Christ more deeply and living with courage what has been entrusted to us. (Pause) Lord hear us.

For leaders in the Church and the world. That authority may be exercised with humility and care, serving the good of all, especially those most in need. (Pause) Lord hear us.

For those seeking faith. That all who search for meaning and truth may encounter Christ and find a path of hope and belonging. (Pause) Lord hear us.

For those carrying responsibility. That those entrusted with the care of others may be strengthened in wisdom, patience, and compassion. (Pause) Lord hear us.

For our community. That we may respond to Christ's question with honesty and trust, growing together in faith and love. (Pause) Lord hear us.

For those who have died. That they may be received into the fullness of life in God, and that all who mourn may be comforted in hope. (Pause) Lord hear us.

Conclusion: God of wisdom and love, you reveal yourself to those who seek you. Hear these prayers and strengthen us in faith, through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st READING: Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;

do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

2nd READING: Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his
wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to
penetrate his motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who

could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give
him anything or lend him anything? All that exists
comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him
be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

***You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my
Church;***

the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philip-
pi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do
people say the Son of Man is?' And they said,
'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,'
he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter
spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of
the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah,
you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and
blood that revealed this to you but my Father in
heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on
this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of
the underworld can never hold out against it. I will
give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: what-
ever you bind on earth shall be considered bound
in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be
considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the
disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he
was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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"Who do
people say
that the Son
of Man is?"

Matthew 16:13



21st Sunday Yr A

Processional - United As One *Matthew Walker*

What can we give as we come here today
But the stories of our lives?
What can we bring, what can we give
To raise your spirit high

**Gathered here today, united in love.
Your Spirit is with us to share and celebrate.
Gathered as God's people, under one cross,
We are Christ's body, united as one.**

What do we share, as we come here today
But the story of His life?
How can we learn, to love as He loved,
To proclaim Your power and might?

Now that we've all, been renewed in Your love
And felt Your hand in our lives,
We must all go and be saints of this day
And spread Your message wide.

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 Body of Christ *Sarah Hart*

This is the Body of Christ,
Beautiful, broken and blessed;
Miracle of the greatest of loves,
Presence of God in our midst.

This is the Cup that he shares,

Endlessly emptied and poured;
Sacrifice made so that we might be saved
Now and forevermore.

Amen, amen!

We are healed by the Bread of life.

Amen, amen!

We are one in the Body of Christ.

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This is the Body of Christ,
Word become flesh by his grace;
Miracle of a mystery no tongue
Ever could fully explain.

This is the Blood of the Lamb,
Gift of a heart open wide;
Poured from the Cross to the altar where love
Comforts and fills and provides.

This is the Body of Christ,
Gathered in hope and in faith;
Bound by this love, this Body and Blood
He offers again and again.

Recessional – Let there be peace on earth

Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father
We are family.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

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