



**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;

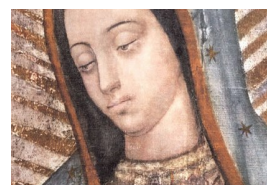
Our Lady of Lourdes
Lake Cargelligo-Tullibigeal
Parish founded 1923.
Present Church 1957;
St Isidore's Tullibigeal;
St FX School
Christ The King Chapel,
Bolo, 2008

Fr Hilary Rotich PP & Administrator

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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Continuing Catholic Schooling or High School Yrs 7-12: **St Anne's Central School, Temora: 69771011**

Social Justice Sunday, 30th August 2026

	West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake	Tully
Monday 31st	No Mass			
Tuesday 1st	8am Mass			
Wednesday 2nd	12pm Father's Day Whole School Mass			
Thursday 3rd <i>St Gregory the Great, Pope</i>	8am Mass			
Friday 4th <i>EMBER DAY (Spring)</i>	No Mass		No Mass	5:30pm Mass
Saturday 5th <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</i>			6pm Mass	11am Bolo
Sunday 6th <i>23rd Sunday Ord Time</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass		

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The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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 and Greg Brereton. **Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.**

Social Justice Sunday Prayer:

You created every person in your image and call us to live as one human family. In a world marked by division, fear and misunderstanding, fill our hearts with the self-giving love of Christ. Teach us to see one another not as strangers or opponents, but as sisters and brothers, worthy of dignity, respect and compassion. Give us the courage to build bridges where there is distrust, to seek encounter where there is separation, and to work for justice with humility and mercy. Help us to listen with open hearts, speak with kindness, and walk together in the way of peace. May your Holy Spirit guide us to welcome the stranger, stand beside those on the margins, reject all forms of hatred and racism, and become instruments of reconciliation in our communities. Through the example of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and all the saints, strengthen us to live the Gospel through sacrifice, generosity and love, so that your light may shine through us and bring hope to our nation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Social Justice Sunday

In a world shaped by competing voices and uneven realities, we are called to see more clearly the way of Christ. On this Social Justice Sunday, we are invited to recognise that faith is not only personal, but lived in relationship, expressed in justice, compassion, and a willingness to stand in truth for the good of others.

To view the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2026 Social Justice Statement :

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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.

A reminder that there will be morning tea after Mass on Sunday 6th September in the Catherine McAuley Parish Centre, West Wyalong.



The Western Mission warmly welcomes Fr Mark Ha from South Tuggeranong Parish who will be replacing Fr Hilary while he is away on Annual Leave in Kenya.



Prayer of the Faithful Social Justice Sunday 30th August 2026

Introduction: Called to live our faith through justice, compassion, and truth, we bring our prayers before God, who hears the cries of all people, so we pray:

For the Church. That we may have the courage to speak truth, like Jeremiah, and be a faithful voice for justice, especially for those who are unheard. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For leaders of nations and communities. That authority may be exercised with integrity and responsibility, seeking the good of all, especially the vulnerable and marginalised. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who are displaced or forgotten. That all who experience poverty, exclusion, or injustice may be upheld in dignity and supported through the care of others. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those called to speak truth. That those who work for justice, especially in difficult circumstances, may be strengthened and sustained in hope. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our community. That we may recognise where we are called to act and respond with generosity, humility, and a commitment to the common good. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have died. That they may rest in the fullness of God's peace, and that all who mourn may be comforted in hope. Lord hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Conclusion: God of justice and mercy, you call us to live in truth and love. Hear these prayers and guide us in your way, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself
be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the strong-
er.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my
heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

2nd READING: Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship
him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking
beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model

yourselves on the behaviour of the world around
you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by
your new mind. This is the only way to discover
the will of God and know what is good, what it is
that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION: See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

***May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.***

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he
was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer griev-
ously at the hands of the elders and chief priests
and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up
on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter
started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve
you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.'
But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me,
Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the
way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to
be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself
and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone
who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone
who loses his life for my sake will find it. What,
then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world
and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in
exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of
his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he
will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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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 – My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord
Steve Angrisano

***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God.
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God,
thirsting for you, my God.***

O God, you are my God,
and I will always praise you.
In the shadow of your wings
I cling to you and you hold me high.

Through the day you walk with me;
all the night your love surrounds me.
To the glory of your name
I lift my hands, I sing your praise.

I will never be afraid,
for I will not be abandoned.
Even when the road grows long
and weary
your love will rescue me.

Reflection – Follow Me *Danielle Rose*

If you lose your life for the sake of my name
If you leave behind all fortune and fame
Then my heart shall be your home
Every child shall be your own
One grain falls to the ground
and a thousand are sown
Follow me, follow me...

***I've called you by name; I call you my friend
From now on you'll be fishers of men
Cast out all fear; put out in the deep
Take up your cross and follow me***

You will hold the heart
of the world in your hands
You will hold the Flesh
and the Blood of the Lamb
As you lay down your life for the Body of Christ
You will stand in my place offering sacrifice
For the sheep, a good shepherd for the sheep

Do you love me? Yes Lord I love you
Do you love me? You know that I love you
Do you love me? You know everything;
you know that I love you
Feed my sheep
Take up your holy cross and follow me

Recessional – The Lord is My Shepherd
Brian Boniwell

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

***I want to go to meet him there
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.***

And while on the journey to where we are going
He promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together to
know all the wonders he's given to me.

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