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26th Sunday Yr A, 27th September 2026 World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Masses This Coming Week:

This Sunday's Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant

8am - Tues, Wed, Thurs @ St Mary's, West Wyalong

5:30pm - Fri @ St Isidore's, Tullibigeal

11am - Sat @ Christ the King Chapel, Bolo

6pm - Sat Vigil @ OLOL, Lake Cargelligo

8am - Sunday @ St Joseph's, Ungarie

9:30am Sunday @ St Mary's, West Wyalong

This Week's Feast Days:

Mon - St Wenceslus

Tues - Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Wed - St Jerome

Thurs - St Therese of the Child Jesus

Fri - The Holy Guardian Angels

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring. The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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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, 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, Frances Hanna (Anniv) and Anthony Scriven (Anniv). **Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.**

Prayer of the Faithful 26th Sunday, Yr A

Introduction: God is aware of our inner lives and our deepest needs. Trusting in the One who wills good things for us, we offer our needs as we pray:

For Pope Leo and all leaders of the Church. That they faithfully lead the Church in both word and example and empower the Body of Christ to be a place of integrity in the world.

For the Church throughout the world. That Christians may not only profess their faith with their lips, but also live it through loving service. Especially on this World Refugee and Migration Sunday, may we be a community that welcomes the stranger who finds themselves estranged from their homelands.

For national and world leaders. That they recognise their responsibility to create just societies. Especially where communities are faced with the needs of migrants and refugees, may our leaders foster hospitality and justice rather than fear and conflict.

For those who face difficulty in their lives, especially those forced to flee their homes through war, poverty, persecution, or disaster. May they find protection and peace. May those who work to support such people be blessed as they do the will of God.

For the community gathered here today, that we find joy in forming lives of integrity in doing the will of God.

For those who have died. That they know fully the peace of God's reward in heaven, and for those who mourn the passing of loved ones that they be comforted by those around them.

Conclusion: God of mercy and truth, you call us to follow Jesus with sincere hearts and faithful lives. Hear the prayers we offer today and strengthen us to do your will in all things, through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.

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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Reflection on Pope Leo XIV message - 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 27th September 2026

"Even Just One of These Children" (cf. Mt 18:10)

Dear Friends in Christ, This year we celebrate the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme focuses on children who are involved in Global movements of migration. We frequently find the articulations of adults who are Migrants and Refugees and their plight. We tend to forget the children involved. We see on the television and in social media the unspoken presence of young children gathering around their parents but saying nothing. Their faces often look blank and traumatised. This is what the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, is asking us to reflect on this year. Indeed, it is the Pope's message which declares, "Minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration. They are concrete faces, who have unique stories, and call on our conscience." The Pope then makes the acute observation, "Yet, amid so much darkness, the light of solidarity is not lacking. Individuals, families, civil institutions and ecclesial communities choose not to pass by on the other side." He then mentions families who open their doors and enable children in this situation to be accommodated and educated, particularly in reception centres. The Pope also lauds the efforts of volunteers and aid workers "who each day devote themselves to healing the invisible wounds of these little ones along migration routes and in our cities." Our responsibility in our community and in Australia in general, is to go out of our way to be attentive to this often invisible and voiceless dimension of Migrants and Refugees.

So let us read carefully this significant message from the Pope and pray, in our Mass and Prayers of the Faithful, for children caught up in the great waves of migration in today's chaotic world.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse Bishop-Delegate for Migrant and Refugees Chair, Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry
To read Pope Leo's full message:

www.acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026



1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks

of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

***My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!***

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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26th Sunday Yr A

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 – Come As You Are Dierdre Brown

Come as you are, that's how I want you.

Come as you are, feel quite at home.

Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;

come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.

No need to fear, love never ends.

Don't run away shamed and disheartened.

Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.

I came to bring peace, not to condemn.

Each time you fail to live by my promise,

why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.

Come as you are, trust me again.

Nothing can change the love that I bear you.

All will be well, just come as you are.



Reflection – 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.

Recessional - 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.

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