



St Mary's West Wyalong
Our Lady of Lourdes, Lake
Cargelligo
St Joseph's, Ungarie
St Isidore's, Tullibigeal
Christ the King Chapel, Bolo
St Kevin's, Rankin Springs

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27th Sunday Yr A, 4th October 2026

Masses This Week:

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

10am - Thurs @ RFBI
Waratah Village, West
Wyalong

11:30am - Fri @ OLOL, Lake
Cargelligo

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 Faustina
Kowalska

Tues - St Bruno

Wed - Our Lady of the
Rosary

Fri - St Denis &
Companions

This Sunday's Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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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 and Frances Hanna (Anniv).

Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.

Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction: As we nurture the vineyard of the Lord, we ask our loving God for all the needs of the world and our community. So let us pray:

For Pope Leo and all leaders of the Church that they may be nurturers in the vineyard and work towards peace and justice with integrity and hope. We pray to the Lord.

For all those who lead nations and governing bodies. May they look beyond the possible wealth and power within their grasp and deliver justice and peace to their people. We pray to the Lord.

For those who live in our parish community boundaries who are homeless and alone and suffering from broken promises. May we as a community take the time to build resources to help them and make promises that we can keep. We pray to the Lord.

For couples for whom the promises of marriage have not been fulfilled. May they come to deeply understand the compassion of God and be given the gift of other ways in which to live in the kingdom of God. We pray to the Lord.

For those who are affected by climate events and emergencies that have damaged their homes and livelihoods. May they experience the promises of wealthy nations that come to fruition. We pray to the Lord.

For those who have died. May they experience the promise of eternal life. We pray also for those who mourn. May they receive the gifts of comfort and peace from those around them. We pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God of hosts, we implore you to turn again in hope, knowing that you hear our cries which we make in the name of Jesus, our Lord, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

What Is the Month of the Rosary Meaning?

The Month of the Rosary meaning goes back to a moment in history when prayer changed everything. In 1571, during the Battle of Lepanto, Christians across Europe prayed the Rosary for peace and protection. Against overwhelming odds, victory came, and the Church recognized this as the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Soon after, the Church established October as a month dedicated to the Rosary, inviting the faithful to turn to Mary in times of need.

Today, that invitation is still open to you and me.

How You Can Participate This October

Want to live out the true Month of the Rosary meaning?

Start small:

- *Pray one decade a day*
- *Invite your family or community to join in praying the Rosary with you*

A few minutes of prayer can have an everlasting impact.

In a world searching for answers, the Rosary remains a quiet but powerful response.

This October, as we enter the Month of the Rosary, remember:

Your prayer doesn't stay in one place. It travels. It reaches hearts. It supports missions. And it helps bring Christ to the world, one bead at a time.



Morning Tea after Mass today in St Mary's Parish Centre



October Parish Mass Counts
During the month of October, all parishes in our Archdiocese are required to conduct Mass counts at all weekend masses. The first weekend will be the 3rd and 4th of October.

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.

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress. The Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God***

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7
(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with

prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God***

Gospel Acclamation: See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: ***Matthew 21:33-43***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***
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Processional - Companions on the Journey

Carey Landry

We are companions on the journey

Breaking bread and sharing wine

and in the love we bear is the hope we share

for we believe in the love of our God,

we believe in the love of our God.

No longer strangers to each other,
no longer strangers in God's house;
we are fed and we are nourished
by the strength of those who care,
by the strength of those who care.

We have been gifted with each other,
and we are called by the Word of the Lord:
to act with justice, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with our God,
to walk humbly with our God.

We will seek and we shall find;
we will knock and the door shall be opened;
we will ask and it shall be given,
for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God.

Offertory - I am the Vine *John Michael Talbot*

I am the vine and you are the branches

Live in me and you will never die.

I am the vine and my father is the keeper

Come to me let the Spirit bring you life.

Like a tree planted by the living waters
To stretch the fruits into the living stream
You will show no distress
In the heat of the drought
But still bear fruit and live

Come to me all you heavy laden
My yoke is easy, my burden is light.
I will raise you up on the wings of an eagle.
And through God's mountain you'll fly.

Reflection – Where Two or Three are Gathered *Liam Lawton*

Here in the bread that is broken

Here in the cup that is poured

Here in the word that is spoken

Jesus Christ is Lord

Here where the poor find their treasure

Here where the greatest are least

Come find a love beyond measure

In this heavenly feast

Where two or three are gathered
Gathered in my name
I come with words of comfort
To ease your hurt and shame

Where two or three are gathered
I am there as well
Inviting my disciples
In perfect love to dwell

Where two or three are gathered
I am there with you
I lead you into freedom
My path is safe and true

Recessional - All The Earth Proclaim The Lord
Fr Lucien Deiss

All the earth proclaim the Lord

Sing your praise to God

Serve you the Lord hearts filled with gladness
Come into God's presence singing for joy

Know that the Lord is our Creator
Yes, he is our Father, we are his own

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving
O enter his courts while singing his praise

Our Lord is good, with love enduring
His Word is abiding now with us

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