



St Mary's West Wyalong
Our Lady of Lourdes, Lake
Cargelligo

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St Isidore's, Tullibigeal
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28th Sunday Yr A, 11th October 2026

Masses This Coming Week:

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

11:30am - Fri @ OLOL, Lake Cargelligo

6pm - Sat Vigil @ OLOL, Lake Cargelligo

8am - Sunday @ St Joseph's, Ungarie, Communion Service

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

This Week's Feast Days:

Wed - St Callistus, Pope & Martyr

Thurs - St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

Fri - St Hedwig



This Sunday's Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

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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: Judith Ryan, 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: God invites us into service of each other and gives us the grace that we require, so let us name our needs and the needs of the community as we pray:

For Pope Leo and all the leaders of our Church. May they wear the wedding robe of service in all that they do and lead us into the kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

For the leaders of nations and the decision makers who affect the workings of the world. May they take responsibility for their power and use it only for the good of all people. We pray to the Lord.

For those who work in the service of people through health care, education, social services and care of prisoners and the poor. May they be open to the grace of God that will help them to help others. We pray to the Lord.

For our community gathered here to celebrate Eucharist. May we seek to be of service to others in all that we do and work towards building the banquet in which we all share. We pray to the Lord.

For those who are ill and suffering and have no one to care for them. May they open themselves to the grace of God to get strength for the journey. We pray to the Lord.

For those who have died that they will be welcomed into the banquet of heaven, and for those who mourn that their grief will be lessened by the hope given by Christ that all are gathered into God's love. We pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: Loving and compassionate God, we know that you hear our prayer and open our hearts with hope as we pray through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus, our Lord Amen.

Fr Rozo Palić will be visiting Australia during October and November 2026 and running a series of Healing Masses and healing ministry in different capital cities. He does these healing services around the world and has seen many miracles happen in people's lives!

"Healing Prayer Masses and ministry in Canberra with Fr Rozo Palić - 5pm to 9pm, Friday 23 October at Mary Help of Christians Parish, Hodgson Crescent, Pearce; and 8:30am to 4pm, Saturday 24 October at St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston Street, Yarralumla. Fr Rozo is an internationally renowned healer and exorcist whose ministry has helped thousands of people across the world. He is returning to Australia after a successful visit last year - come with expectant faith! Free events - to assist with catering, please register for the Saturday event on TryBooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DQKHQ>. All welcome, bring family and friends! For more info call Susanna 0419 902 293; Ana 0409 710 312."



AN EVENING OF
HEALING & PRAYER
with **Fr Rozo Palić**

 **Friday 23 October 2026**
5:00 pm

 **Sacred Heart Church**
Mary Help of Christians Parish
115 Hodgson Crescent, Pearce ACT

Healing Mass • Exposition • Talk • Guided Meditation •
Benediction • Personal Prayer for Healing

 Bring rosaries, holy objects, water, oil or salt for blessing.
Please label all items with your name.

All are welcome
Details: godislove.net.au/canberra.html

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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 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22. R. v.6

***(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.***

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation: See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

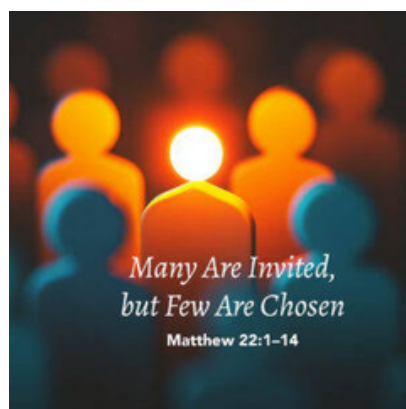
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: ***Matthew 22:1-14***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***
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28th 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 – The Lord is My Shepherd

Josh Blakesley

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want, The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

He lets me rest in open fields so green.

He leads me to the quiet streams.

He gives me strength and guides me in his ways.

He renews his promises each day.

He is my guide, my shepherd and my king,
and in my fear he offers peace.

Though I walk through the valley, I will not be
afraid. You will protect me; I’ll be saved.

Reflection – The Feast Meant for Everyone

Sarah Hart and Tom Booth

Bread for the immigrant, bread for the poor

Bread for the hungry who beg at our door

Food for the outcast waiting to belong

Come to the feast meant for everyone

Bread for the sheltered, bread for the rich

Those who need nothing but all Jesus is

Food for all people, empty we all come

Come to the feast meant for everyone

O, how great is the love of God

In this Body broken, this saving Blood

O, how great is the love of God

Here in the feast meant for everyone

Here in the feast meant for everyone

Drink for the brother thirsting for more

Drink for the sister who’s run out of hope

This cup is healing more than just enough

Come to the feast meant for everyone

Gather the sinners, gather the saints

All souls in heaven and here in this place

This is the table where we are made one

Here in the feast meant for everyone

Recessional - I am the Bread of Life

Andrew Chinn

I am the bread of life

Those who come to me shall not hunger

All who believe in me shall not thirst

They shall have everlasting life

All those who come to me

I will not turn away

I will raise them all

To life on the last day

No-one can come to me

Unless they are called

I am the living bread

Given for life, for all

All who eat and drink of me

For my flesh is real food

You will live in me

And I will live in you

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