



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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30th Sunday Yr A, 25th October 2026

Masses This Coming Week:

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

12pm - Wed, 5/6 Class Mass @ St
Mary's, 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:

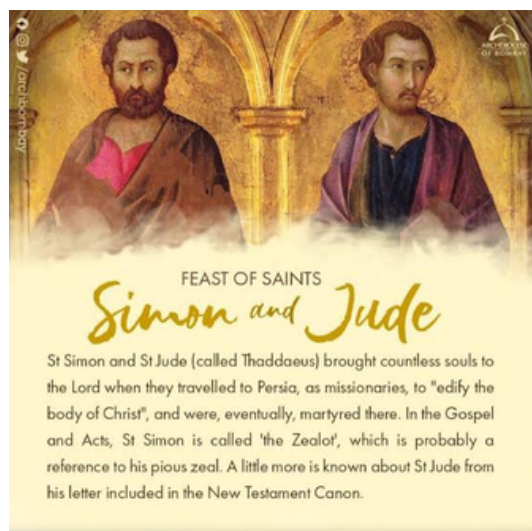
Wed - Sts Simon & Jude,
Apostles

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 mitzvot (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 mitzvot governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

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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: Peter Campbell, Clare Devaney, Fr Paul Kumasaka, Colleen Goodwin, Gwenda McConnachie, Paddy Doughan, Noel Pettit, Pat Mason, Fiona Frame, Liz Jones, Greg Withers, Marie McKenzie, 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 and Greg Brereton. ***Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.***

Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction: Trusting in God's loving provision as we journey in faith, we turn to God and offer these needs and so we pray:

For Pope Leo and the leaders of our Church. May they witness to the gospel by loving God and loving their neighbours. Lord, hear us.

That the Church be bound ever closer to Jesus and faithfully proclaim God's commandment of love through service and truth. Lord, hear us.

For political leaders in our world. That they work to create places of neighbourly love and of justice, especially where there is conflict and division. Lord, hear us.

For those who feel lonely or distant from people around them. That they may experience God's love through the care and kindness of others. Lord, hear us.

For our parish community. That we may grow in love of God through prayer and worship, and in love of neighbour through generosity and service. Lord, hear us.

For the faithfully departed. That those who have died be welcomed into God's eternal love and peace. Lord, hear us.

Conclusion: Lord God, you call us to love you above all things and to love one another as you love us. We offer these prayers confident in your great love, pray you grant them through Christ our Lord and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



The poster features the Catholic Voice logo (ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN) in a red box. A pink brushstroke banner says "Everyone is Invited". The main title "Christmas Cover Competition" is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, text explains the competition: "Could one of your students create our Christmas cover? We're inviting school students across the Archdiocese to enter the Catholic Voice Christmas Cover Art Competition. This year's theme is 'Everyone is Invited', exploring how the birth of Jesus brings people together. Encourage your students to get creative. The winning artwork will feature on our December Christmas cover." A QR code is shown with a red checkmark, and text says "Scan the QR code for full details and how to enter. Entries close 16 November." The background is a colorful abstract design with a large yellow star and blue and pink brushstrokes.

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: Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2
(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you.

This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

***All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.***

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

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 - Love the Lord *Jay Stocker*

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart, with all your soul
Love the Lord your God
With all your mind, with all your strength
And love others as you would love yourself
And love others as you would love yourself

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Reflection – Remember Me *Sarah Hart*

When you eat this bread

When you drink this cup

Remember me

Will you go and share

With the world I love

Remember me

Look for me wherever hope is bleak
Where the wounded ones wait for a friend
Do not forget I am with the lowly
Remember me to them

When you eat this bread
When you drink this cup
Remember me
Will you go and share
With the world I love
Remember me

Seek me wherever the dark takes hold
Where mercy has no light to grow
Offer the fruit of my heart's compassion
Remember I am hope

Find me in faces that are unseen
In the empty and broken of heart
Share from your stores all of my abundance
Remember you are called

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
(Repeat)