

St Mary's West Wyalong
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St Joseph's, Ungarie
St Isidore's, Tullibigeal
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32nd Sunday - 8th November 2026

Masses This Coming Week:

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

10am - Thurs @ RFBI Waratah Village

11:30pm - 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 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tues - St Leo the Great, Pope

Wed - St Martin of Tours

Thurs - St Josaphat

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

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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.***

November Masses: Archie and Judy Boneham, members of the Walsh and Connellan families, members of the McCann, Doughan and McAnerey families, members of the Quinlan, Gorham and Grayland families, members of the Smith family and members of the Channon and Burke families. ***May they rest in the peace of Christ.***

Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction: Seeking wisdom and preparing our hearts, we turn to the One who can provide for all our needs so let us pray:

For Pope Leo and leaders of our Church. That they seek wisdom with diligence and humility, and guide the Church to be prepared for the kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

For world leaders in politics, education and commerce. That they act with wisdom and justice and avoid the trappings of short term self-advancement. We pray to the Lord.

For the Church throughout the world, especially those who serve in health care and advocacy for the poor, disadvantaged and oppressed. May they continue to witness to Jesus as they make real the kingdom of God. We pray to the Lord.

For those who feel discouraged or uncertain about the future. That the Lord may renew their hope and strengthen them with the light of his presence. We pray to the Lord.

For our parish community and our families. That we may remain faithful in daily prayer and loving service, keeping our hearts ready to welcome Christ in all things. We pray to the Lord.

For those who have died. That they may enter the eternal wedding feast of heaven and rejoice forever in the presence of God. We pray to the Lord.

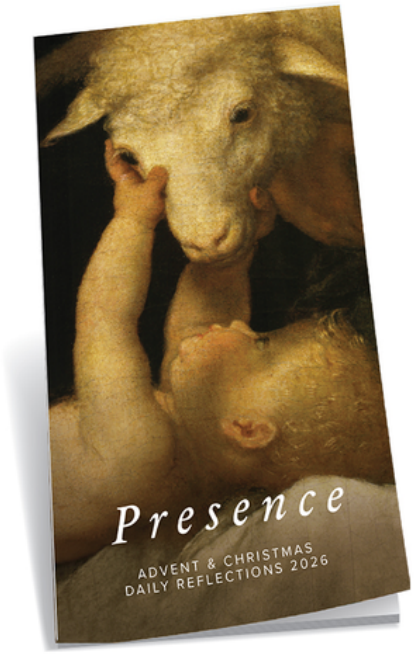
Conclusion: Lord God, we offer these prayers in the hope they help us remain watchful and prepared for your kingdom. Grant them in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that at its heart, it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives.

To remind us of this, there will be copies of ***Presence***, available from the end of November in each Western Mission Parish. ***Presence*** provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God, and come to know that Jesus is the whole reason for our being. Like Mary proclaimed in her *Magnificat:*

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." LUKE 1:46

The Advent Program is a pocket-sized book that includes daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. The book also includes beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections.



Bellarwi CWA invites the Public to a free evening with:
Isabel Baker, Author of "A - Z of Dementia Care"
17th November 2026, St Barnabas Parish Centre, West Wyalong 7pm - 9pm
Sponsored by Evolution Mining with supper provided.
RSVP to Rhonda 0439 752 548 by 12/11/2026

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.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.
The Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God***

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8. 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. (R.)

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. (R.)

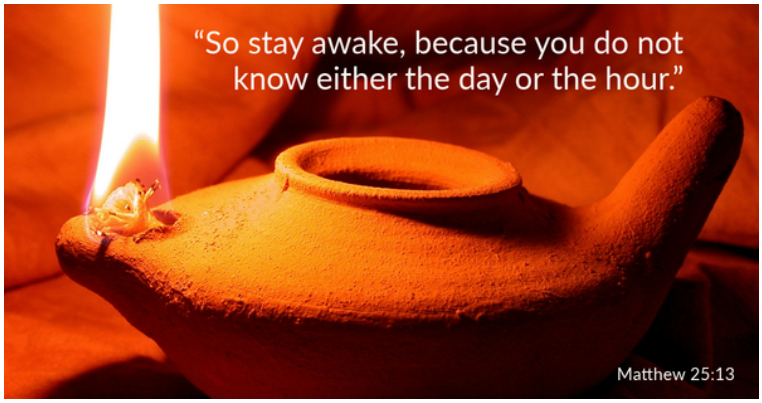
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.
The Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God***

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'
The Gospel of the Lord ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***
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32nd Sunday Year A
Processional - City of God *Dan Schutte*

Awake from your slumber!
Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep
The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night

Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning;
we are daughters of day
The One who has loved us
has brightened our way

God is light; in him there is no darkness
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all

Offertory – Come to the Table *Andrew Chinn*

Come to the table, come to the feast!
Come to the table of the Lord!
Bringing gifts of bread and wine,
come with open hearts
Come to the table of the Lord

This bread that we bring, and offer now to You
It will become your Body, it will our hearts renew
We offer this gift of bread with true
and humble hearts
With all that we bring, all that we are!

This wine that we bring, and offer now to You
It will become your Blood,
it will our hearts renew
We offer this gift of wine with true
and humble hearts
With all that we bring, all that we are!

Our lives that we bring, and offer now to You May
you live within our hearts,
may we rest in You
We offer this gift of our lives with all our hearts With
all that we bring, all that we are!

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

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

Recessional – Light The Way *Andrew Chinn*

Light the way, lift your hearts
In all you do, in who you are
Be the Good News, my living word
Be the change, be the start
Of a peace and joy-filled path
Be light for the way, hope for the world

Out of the darkness, out of the night
Live in my truth, live in my light
And take my light into this day
And as you go… light the way!

And in this way, let your light shine
A light for all, a hopeful sign
And all will see and give God praise
And as you shine… you light the way!

I have called and chosen you
To now go forth and bear my fruit
Be light for the world in every day
And as you lead… light the way!

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