



**Catholic Archdiocese of  
Canberra & Goulburn**

## WEST WYALONG MISSION

Established out of the Western Mission in 2012

**St Mary's West Wyalong**  
founding Parish for the Bland  
1894 (St Patrick's Wyalong)  
Present St Mary's Church  
1928;  
St Mary's School 1896

**St Kevin's Rankins Springs**  
Weethalle-Tallimba  
St Kevin's RS 1955;  
Weethalle Parish founded 1934;

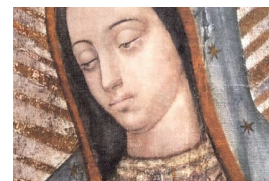
**St Joseph's Ungarie**  
Ungarie – Burcher  
Parish founded 1931  
Present St Joseph's  
Church 1978;

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Lake Cargelligo-Tullibigeal  
Parish founded 1923.  
Present Church 1957;  
St Isidore's Tullibigeal;  
St FX School  
Christ The King Chapel,  
Bolo, 2008

Fr Hilary Rotich PP & Administrator

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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### Catholic Schools:

West Wyalong: **St Mary's Principal, Mr Damian Collins: 6972 3003;** <https://smwms.nsw.edu.au/>

Lake Cargelligo: **St Francis Xavier Principal, Mrs Rachael Morris & Mrs Jacinta Elwin: 6898 1611;** <https://sfxlake.nsw.edu.au/> Continuing Catholic Schooling or High School Yrs 7-12: **St Anne's Central School,**

**Temora: 69771011**

### 5th Sunday of Easter Yr C, 18th May, 2025

	West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 19th	No Mass		
Tuesday 20th <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	No Mass		
Wednesday 21st <i>St Christopher of Magallanes</i>	No Mass		
Thursday 22nd <i>St Rita of Cascia</i>	No Mass		
Friday 23rd	8am Mass		
Saturday 24th <i>Mary, Help of Christians</i>	No Mass		6pm Mass
Sunday 25th <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

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'Jesus loved us first', Pope Francis reminded us. This is the key to the newness of Jesus' commandment.

As Francis pointed out, it was already an established principle that you should love your neighbour. What Jesus does is extend this, going beyond formal concern to a really deep love – 'as I have loved you'.

Jesus' love, Francis elaborates, 'is God's universal love, without any conditions or limits.'

Which is why it is important to start by knowing that Jesus already loves us, irrespective of who we are or what we have done. He loves us, Francis explains, 'despite our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses.'

In fact, as Francis adds, it was Jesus himself 'who ensured we become worthy of his boundless and never-ending love.' There is nothing we can do to make him love us more or less than he already does. God's love, by definition, is boundless.

So, aided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to experience and express the love of Christ. As the late Pope said, if we are truly open to this, then 'we can spread everywhere the seed of love that renews relationships between people and opens horizons of hope.'

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## **Prayer of the Faithful, 5th Sunday of Easter, 2025**

Introduction: Sisters and Brothers, we rejoice with the Universal Church on this day of the Inauguration of Pope Leo XIV .

We pray for Pope Leo XIV chosen by God to confirm us all in faith: that he may strengthen our hope in Christ's promises and to lead Christians along the path of unity. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Universal Church, united around Pope Leo, successor of Peter the Apostle: that as the pilgrim people of God, we may live the commandment to love one another. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray with thanksgiving for Pope Leo who takes on the mantle of the *servant of the servants of God*: that with humility he will reveal to us the tenderness of the Heart of Jesus. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for our world, wounded by the sin of war and violence, of indifference and contempt: that a new hope, generated by faith, will bring healing to broken lives and the balm of the Holy Spirit to all. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who seek salvation: that faith will be a sure path, hope a steady light, and charity the bond of community. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for farmers and local communities dependent on autumn rain. May the gift of abundant rain replenish all drought affected areas. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died through war, hunger and poverty that they will enter into the glory of God. We remember our recently departed and all those who mourn their loss. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Conclusion: Father, you constantly watch over your Church and your creation; make us joyful in the election of Pope Leo, confirm our unity, and help us to be sincere in all we do. Through Christ our Lord.

**Pray for our sick:** Gwenda McConnachie, Paddy Doughan, Noel Pettit, Pat Mason, Fiona Frame, Liz Jones, Greg Withers, Marie McKenzie, Peter Campbell, Geoff Collins, Barry Cooper, Mary Turner, Sarah Pettit, Archie Boneham, Lesley Wright, Brian Lynch and Shirley Sullivan.

**Jesus, grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick.**

**Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:** Allannah Moran (nee Ridley), Martin Kelleher, Dorothy Daniher, Steve Herridge, Tony Galton, Dave Shearer and Lurensa Rowling.

**Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.**



### **Statement from Archbishop Christopher Prowse on the Election of Pope Leo XIV**

Habemus Papam! We have a Pope. With great joy, I join the Church worldwide in welcoming Pope Leo XIV as the 267th successor of St. Peter. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the College of Cardinals has discerned a leader deeply rooted in faith, unity, and service.

When Pope Leo XIV appeared on the balcony, his first words, "Peace be with you," echoed the greeting of the Risen Lord. It is a reminder that the Pope's primary mission, like St. Peter and his successors, is to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His smile and serene presence have already touched hearts, offering the world a message of hope and renewal.

The American born Pope Leo XIV's motto, as a bishop, "*In the One, one*", beautifully reflects his call to unify. From the people of Rome to his Peruvian diocese and beyond, his opening address spoke of peace, walking together, and God's unfailing mercy and love. His focus on unity and his commitment to the themes of synodality show a desire to bring collective harmony to a diverse, global Church.

The new Pope's experience is as varied as it is profound. His time as an Augustinian monk, Prior General of the Augustinian Order and Peruvian bishop and his significant Vatican roles exemplify a balance of his mystical, pastoral, administrative and linguistic charisms. This rich and diverse background uniquely equips him to guide the Church with wisdom and compassion. His choice of Leo XIV reminds us of Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) whose long Papal ministry was foundational to the articulation of Catholic Social Teaching.

We now enter a time of prayer as Pope Leo XIV prepares for his formal installation and begins his ministry as the Bishop of Rome. With gratitude for the legacy of Pope Francis, we move forward with confidence, trusting the Holy Spirit to lead us through this Jubilee pilgrimage of hope. I ask all the faithful to join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV as he undertakes this God given mission.

May God bless him, and may his Servant leadership bring abundant grace to the Church and the world.

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse  
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn  
8th May 2025**

1ST READING: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

RESP PSALM: Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

***(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.***

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

2ND READING: Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared

now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

ACCLAMATION: John 13:34

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!***

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 2025**

**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 - A New Commandment**

A new commandment I give unto you

That you love one another

As I have loved you,

That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall people know that you are my disciples

If you have love one for another

By this shall people know that you are my disciples

If you have love one for another.

**Reflection – You Are the Light Sarah Hart**

You are the light that stands alone

In depth of night, in eye of storm

Where shadows fall, you enter in

Ignite with hope what dark has dimmed

And though our eyes may fail to see,

It is the heart that’s given sight

Through night and storm, to trust in you

Upon our path, you are the light

You are the word that’s written deep

Within the hearts of all who long

For endless days beyond the skies

For peace on earth, a kingdom come

We sing the name that heals our souls

And share the way, the truth, the life

For hearts that long, both lost and found

We speak the word, you are the light

O you are God who spoke the dawn

The saviour son who came in flesh

To be a lamp for wandering hearts

To steal our darkness by your death

And as you rose, you gave us peace

Your Spirit gift to kindly lead

Sweet mystery how true you guide

We look to you, you are the light

**Recessional – Sing A New Song**

*Dan Schutte*

***Sing a new song unto the Lord;***

***Let your song be sung from mountains high***

***Sing a new song unto the Lord***

***Singing alleluia***

Yahweh's people dance for joy

O come before the Lord

And play for him on glad tambourines

And let your trumpet sound

Rise, O children, from your sleep;

Your Saviour now has come

He has turned your sorrow to joy

And filled your soul with song

Glad my soul for I have seen

The glory of the Lord

The trumpet sounds, the dead shall be raised

I know my saviour lives

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