



**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

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### Ascension of the Lord Sunday, 1st May 2025

		West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake	Tully
Monday 2nd	<i>St Marcellinus</i>	No Mass			
Tuesday 3rd	<i>St Charles Lwanga</i>	8am Mass			
Wednesday 4th		8am Mass			
Thursday 5th	<i>St Boniface</i>	8am Mass			
Friday 6th		8am Mass			5:30pm
Saturday 7th				6pm Mass	11am Mass
Sunday 8th	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass		

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'Jesus is not abandoning the disciples', Pope Francis points out. 'He ascends to Heaven, but he does not leave them alone.'

Jesus' Ascension, Francis suggests, can be understood with respect to two aspects of the event. Firstly, Jesus 'announces the gift of the Spirit.' Then, secondly, Jesus 'blesses the disciples.'

In sending the Spirit, Jesus ensures that he remains present with his disciples in a new way. There is now, Francis explains, 'a presence that does not want to limit our freedom.' Jesus leaves room for us to make our own way, through time and space, accompanied by the Spirit. As Francis quips, it is the case that 'true love makes us protagonists.'

We are now 'his witnesses in the world', he reminds us. By blessing his followers, Jesus shows that he 'is the great priest of our life.' Ascending to the Father, he intercedes for us and goes 'to present our humanity to him.'

Francis therefore encourages us to reflect on how truly we embrace our call 'to be witnesses to the Gospel.' Are we 'capable of loving others, leaving them free and making room for them'? Do we intercede on their behalf 'and bless their lives'? Do we really trust that Jesus wants to work through us?

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### ***Prayer of the Faithful, Ascension Sunday, 2025***

Introduction: The psalm today fills us with a sense of joy as God mounts his throne and we clap our hands with joy. Let us lift our needs and the needs of our world joyfully to God.

We pray for the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Leo XIV, as he leads us in the power of the Spirit to be witnesses to the ends of the earth through this year of jubilee. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our Australian Church who worked hard for the Plenary Council and the Synod of Bishops. May they continue to open themselves to be empowered by the Spirit in all deliberations for the Church in Australia and into the future. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of all nations as Christians witness to the presence of Christ in the world. May they show tolerance and support for the values that discipleship brings to all cultures. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are suffering illness, particularly those whose illness is terminal. May they be given the strength to live their natural life to the end and be cared for with respect and love. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children in our Western Mission preparing to make their Sacrament of First Eucharist. May they be open to receiving this sacred gift as part of their initiation into the Catholic Church. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for farmers and local communities dependent on autumn rain. We give thanks for the recent rain and ask that the gift of life giving rain continues. Lord, hear us. **Lord hear our prayer.**

As we begin the Australian week of prayer for Christian Unity, may we be open to all those who follow Christ and join in the bringing of the reign of God in our communities. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Conclusion: God of Peace, we are assured that our prayers are heard and our sins forgiven. In trust we make these prayers in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit for God has fulfilled the promises made. **Amen.**

**Baptisms:** Congratulations and welcome to Fletch and Kai Kelly, sons of Sophie and Jarrod Kelly. Fletch's godparents are Kayla Heffer and Owen Rhind. Kai's godparents are Caitlin Kelly and Mitchell Blackstock.

Congratulations and welcome to Stella and Jax Sedman, children of Alicia and James Sedman. Stella's godparents are Lauren Smith, Dylan Sedman, Leah Middleton and Reece Middleton. Jax's godparents are Matthew Gow, Tara Sedman, Tyrelle Gow and Andrew Smith.

**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 Herdridge, Tony Galton, Dave Shearer and Lurensa Rowling. ***Mary, Helper of Souls pray for them.***



1ST READING: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

RESP PSALM: Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

2ND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

ACCLAMATION: Matthew 28:19. 20

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Go and teach all people my gospel.**

**I am with you always, until the end of the world.**

**Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**Ascension Sunday 2025**

**Processional - Shout to the Lord** *Darlene Zschech*

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord, there is none like You  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

***Shout to the Lord***

***All the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You (x 2)***

**Offertory - To The Table We Are Called**

*Michael Harvey & Monica O'Brien*

***To the table we are called,  
to the banquet of the Lord.  
We are gathered for the feast  
where we will see the face of God and live!  
By your grace we are gathered here in faith.  
In this meal we are made whole.***

In the body that is gathered,  
by hope that calls us here.  
In our longings and our struggles,  
we place our trust in you.

Bread and wine become your body  
by the faith that draws us near.  
In this sacred meal of promise,  
we know your saving grace.

In this mystery now before us  
we pray for unity,  
For healing of our broken world,  
for peace to be restored.

**Reflection – All the Hungry, Come** *Beth Doherty*

All the hungry, all the thirsty  
All the righteous, all the broken  
Those who carry heavy burdens  
Come, come, come

All the sinners, all the faithful  
All the fearful, come and be filled  
Those whose cross is hard to carry  
Come, come, come

***For a table has been furnished  
in sight of all your foes.  
The oil of gladness poured out on your wounds  
And your burdens will be taken  
By the One who hears your prayers  
And beauty be restored for all to see***

All the poor and all the rich  
And all the lonely and all the weary  
Those whose days seem overwhelming  
Come, come, come

All who know You, all who seek You  
All of those with no knowledge of You  
Let Your name be praised forever  
Come, come, come

**Recessional – Mission Song** *Brian Boniwell*

Go now I am sending you to walk the way of peace.  
To spread the warmth of human kindness,  
love will be your sign. Love will be your sign.

Take the bread of life I give, a leaven for the world.  
Share the word that has been broken,  
share the fruits of love. Share the fruits of love.

Let my Spirit come the change your water into wine.  
Heal the broken, raise the fallen,  
comfort in my name. Comfort in my name.

Join the song creation sings, a hymn of joyful praise.  
Speak the truth and speak for justice,  
let your voice be heard. Let your voice be heard.

Know that I will be with you no matter where you  
roam. Gently leading, gently guiding,  
love will bring you home. Love will bring you home.

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