



**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;

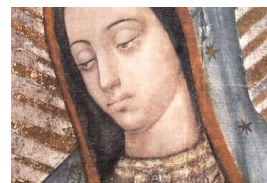
Our Lady of Lourdes
Lake Cargelligo-Tullibigeal
Parish founded 1923.
Present Church 1957;
St Isidore's Tullibigeal;
St FX School
Christ The King Chapel,
Bolo, 2008

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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17th Sunday Yr A, 26th June 2026, World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

	West Wyalong	Ungarie	Lake
Monday 27th	No Mass		
Tuesday 28th	8am Mass		
Wednesday 29th <i>Sts Mary, Martha & Lazarus</i>	8am Mass		
Thursday 30th <i>St Peter Chrysologus</i>	8am Mass		
Friday 31st <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	No Mass		11:30am Mass
Saturday 1st			6pm Mass
Sunday 2nd <i>18th Sunday Ord Time</i>	9:30am Mass	8am Mass	

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Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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, Maureen, 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: 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.**

In Celebration of Your
Silver Jubilee of Ordination



Everyone is warmly invited to attend a morning tea at St Mary's Parish Centre on Sunday 26th July to celebrate Fr Hilary's Silver Jubilee milestone.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

In a press release on the 10 February 2026, Pope Leo announced that, ***I will never forget you*** (Is 49:15) would be the theme for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

This year it aligns with the feast of St Anne and Joachim, the Grandparents of Jesus. Pope Leo says that the theme seeks to emphasise how God's love for every person is never lacking, even in the fragility of old age.

The press release states that World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July, and offers an opportunity to bring the Church closer to the elderly and to acknowledge their contribution to families and communities.

Last year, Pope Leo honoured the gift of grandparents, saying:

Let us look to grandparents and the elderly as witnesses of hope, capable of lighting the path for new generations. Let us not leave them alone, but join them in a covenant of love and prayer. Pope Leo XIV, July 10, 2025

Grandparents could be likened to the treasure and pearl of today's gospel, as well as the householder who, in wisdom, is able to draw on the past to give an interpretation for the present.

We pray in thanksgiving for grandparents and all that their lives of witness to the gospel can bring to family and parish life. May all the elderly, particularly those in care facilities or living alone, be respected and loved by those of us who come after them.



Prayer of the Faithful 17th Sunday, Yr A 2026

Introduction: Christ teaches us that the kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure we can possess. Seeking such treasure, we trust in God's goodness as we pray:

For Pope Leo and other leaders of our Church. May they bring to the people of God things both old and new for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. (Pause) Lord hear us.

For political and economic leaders and leaders in social discourse. That they work for peace and justice in our world. Especially on this World Day for Grandparents and Elderly, may they value the senior members of our society and promote the dignity of elderly people. (Pause) Lord hear us.

For all Believers, that we may seek first the kingdom of God and witness to its values through lives of holiness and charity. (Pause) Lord hear us.

For those searching for meaning or direction in life. That they may discover in Christ the lasting treasure that satisfies the deepest desires of the human heart. (Pause) Lord hear us.

For all elderly and grandparents of our parish community. May we honour their lives by recognising the gift of wisdom they offer, the dignity they deserve and by being present to their needs. (Pause) Lord hear us.

For all who have died. That they experience the reward of heaven, where all searching and longings of the heart come to rest in the presence of God. (Pause) Lord hear us.

Conclusion: Lord God, you encourage us to put our needs to you in prayer. We know that you hear these prayers offered today in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

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The Manager for the Archdiocese's Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding, Maria Hicks, can be contacted at ipss@cg.org.au.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Assembly 2026

When: Friday 31st July, 2026

Where: St Francis Xavier School

Time: Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch

Assembly at 2pm

Save
the
Date

1st READING: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESP PSALM: Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

2nd READING: Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his

purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION: See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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17th Sunday Yr A

Processional- Glory and Praise To Our God

Dan Schutte

*Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings he bears
To those who trust in his ways*

We the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
in every heart that sings

In his wisdom he strengthens us
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save.

God has watered our barren land
And spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full
For anyone to drink

Offertory – God Gives his people Strength

Medical Mission Sisters

God gives His people strength.
If we believe in His way, He's swift to repay,
All those who bear the burden of the day.
God gives His people strength.

God gives His people hope.
If we but trust in His word, our prayers are always
heard.
He warmly welcomes anyone who's erred.
God gives His people hope.

God gives His people love.
If we but open wide our hearts, He's sure to do His
part.
He's always the first to make a start.
God gives His people love.

God gives His people peace.
When sorrow fills us to the brim, and courage grows
dim,
He lays to rest our restlessness in Him.
God gives His people peace.

Reflection – Bless the Lord, Oh my soul

Jay Stocker

*Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
And all that is within me
Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
And all that is within me
Bless His holy name, Bless His holy name
Bless His holy name, Bless the Lord*

And forget not all His benefits
Forget not what He has done for us
He redeems our lives, renews our strength
Heals every sickness and shines down with mercy
Join with the angels to worship our God
His love is forever so praise Him forever and

As high as the sky is over the earth
So great and so strong is His love for us
As far as the east is from the west
So far has our sin been removed from us
Gone from us

Recessional - All The Earth Proclaim The Lord

Fr Lucien Deiss

*All the earth proclaim the Lord
Sing your praise to God*

Serve you the Lord hearts filled with gladness
Come into God's presence singing for joy

Know that the Lord is our Creator
Yes, he is our Father, we are his own

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving
O enter his courts while singing his praise

Our Lord is good, with love enduring
His Word is abiding now with us all

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