



**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;

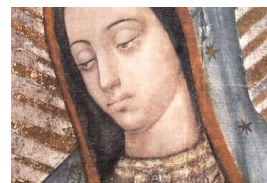
**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
*Lake Cargelligo-Tullibigeal*  
*Parish founded 1923.*  
Present Church 1957;  
St Isidore's Tullibigeal;  
St FX School  
Christ The King Chapel,  
Bolo, 2008

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: 6898 1611;** <https://sfxlake.nsw.edu.au/>

*Continuing Catholic Schooling or High School Yrs 7-12:* **St Anne's Central School, Temora: 69771011**

### 20th Sunday Yr A, 16th August 2026

|                                           | West Wyalong | Ungarie  | Lake     |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Monday 17th                               | No Mass      |          |          |
| Tuesday 18th                              | 8am Mass     |          |          |
| Wednesday 19th <i>St John Eudes</i>       | No Mass      |          |          |
| Thursday 20th <i>St Bernard</i>           | No Mass      |          |          |
| Friday 21st <i>St Pius X, Pope</i>        | No Mass      |          | No Mass  |
| Saturday 22nd <i>Queenship of the BVM</i> |              |          | 6pm Mass |
| Sunday 23rd <i>21st Sunday Ord Time</i>   | 9:30am Mass  | 8am Mass |          |

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The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

*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:** 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.***

## Archdiocesan Assembly **Core Information**

*We invite all to prayerfully discern:  
'How can our Church become a 'Sanctuary for the Thirsty?'*



### When?

The Archdiocesan Assembly will be held on Saturday 22 August (9:00am - 4:00pm) 2026. A series of experiences in the 'Assembly Festival' will be hosted in the lead into the Assembly. This includes an Ecumenical Prayer Experience (Friday 21 August).



### Where?

The Archdiocesan Assembly will be offered in 'Hubs' across the Archdiocese, including: Canberra, Goulburn, Temora, Tumut, Batehaven, Bega and Cooma. There will also be a 'digital' experience offered to all in the Archdiocese.



### Who?

The Assembly is a gathering of leaders and members of our parishes, schools, ministries, movements, communities and agencies. It is anticipated that over 600 people will gather in-person in the Hubs and many more online.

### 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: [wyalong-west.safeguarding@cg.org.au](mailto:wyalong-west.safeguarding@cg.org.au)

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

### Prayer of the Faithful 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 2026

Introduction: Following the example of the woman of our Gospel reading, with resolve and confidence we turn to God with our needs as we pray:

For all leaders of our Church. That they be attentive to the Holy Spirit speaking through the Body and continue to stretch God's blessings to all in keeping with the will of God. (Pause) We pray to the Lord.

For leaders in our public and political spheres. That they recognise that their power is not for self-service, but to serve all, especially the lowly and those that have no voice. (Pause) We pray to the Lord.

For the Church throughout the world. That Christians may faithfully reflect the mercy of Christ and welcome all people with compassion, wisdom, and understanding. (Pause) We pray to the Lord.

For those who feel on the fringes or abandoned by the Church. We pray for courage in their lives to turn to God and discover the healing love of Christ, and for courage in our communities to find a way to include them in our lives of faith. (Pause) We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who cry out for the needs of their children, especially mothers and fathers in places of war and conflict. (Pause) We pray to the Lord.

For those who have died. That they may share in the fullness of life. For those who mourn their loss, that they be comforted in humbly trusting their loved ones to Jesus' care. (Pause) We pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God of mercy and compassion, you hear the prayers of all who call upon you in faith. Hear the prayers we bring before you today and strengthen us in hope and love, through Christ our Lord and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

1st READING: Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

RESP PSALM: Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

***(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!***

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

2nd READING: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead!

God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God.***

ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:23

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.***

***Alleluia!***

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

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**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Yr A**

**Processional - Though the Mountains May Fall**

*Bob Dufford*

***Though the mountains may fall  
and the hills turn to dust,  
Yet the love of the Lord will stand  
As a shelter for all who will call on His name.  
Sing the praise and the glory of God.***

Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget His love?  
Though a mother forsake her child,  
He will not abandon you.

Should you turn and forsake Him,  
He will gently call your name.  
Should you wander away from Him,  
He will always take you back.

Go to Him when you're weary;  
He will give you eagle's wings.  
You will run, never tire,  
For your God will be your strength.

**Offertory - In the Breaking of the Bread**

*Bob Hurd*

***In the breaking of the bread  
We have known Him; we have been fed.  
Jesus the stranger, Jesus the Lord,  
Be our companion, be our hope.***

Once I was helpless, sad and confused  
Darkness surrounded me, courage removed  
And then I saw Him, by my side  
Carry my burdens, open my eyes.

There is no sorrow, pain or woe  
There is no suffering, He did not know  
He did not waver, He did not bend  
He is the victor, He is my friend.

**Reflection – We Receive** *Chris Bray*

And on the night He was betrayed,  
He broke bread.  
And when He'd given thanks,  
He broke it and said,

'This is my body which is broken for you,  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

***We receive, we receive,  
the body of Christ, broken for all.  
We receive, we receive,  
His precious blood, poured out for us.  
We receive.***

And at the table Jesus said,  
'this cup is the new covenant in my blood.'  
For as often as you eat it and drink,  
Proclaim His death til He comes.

Your holy presence, Your spirit moves  
We believe, we believe (x3)

**Recessional - Go Now in Peace**

*Kevin Keil*

Go now in peace my friends  
Go now in peace together  
May the spirit of Christ embrace your life  
Go now in peace my friends

Go now in peace my friends  
Go now in peace together  
As you journey each day,  
May God guide your way  
Go now in peace my friends

Go now in peace my friends  
Go now in peace together  
May you witness to Christ  
Through deeds that you do  
Go now in peace my friends

Go now in peace my friends  
Go now in peace together  
Now break open God's word,  
Good news ever heard  
Go now in peace my friends  
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