

St Mary's West Wyalong
Our Lady of Lourdes, Lake Cargelligo
St Joseph's, Ungarie
St Isidore's, Tullibigeal
Christ the King Chapel, Bolo
St Kevin's, Rankin Springs

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Feast of Christ the King - 22nd November 2026

Masses This Coming Week:

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

11:30am - 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 - St Columban, St Clement I, Pope

Tues - St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Wed - St Catherine of Alexandria



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? … That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? … That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? … That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? … That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? … The homeless man in the street who asks for money? … The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? … Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

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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: Mary Gregg, 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, members of the Channon and Burke families, members of the Daly and Scully families, members of the Caldow family, members of the Smith family, members of the Muir, West and McFadyen families and members of the McDonald and Wood families. ***May they rest in the peace of Christ.***

Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction: Christ our King comes among us in mercy and love. Trusting in his care for all people, let us bring before him the prayers of the Church and the world as we pray:
For the Pope Leo, bishops, priests, and all leaders of the Church. That they witness to Christ the King by shepherding God's people in humility, compassion and faithful service. Lord hear us.
For leaders of nations and all in authority. That they recognise their call is to serve with justice and integrity, protect the dignity of every person and to work for peace among peoples. Lord hear us.
For those who are hungry, homeless, sick, imprisoned, or alone. That they may experience the compassion of Christ through the kindness and care of others. Lord hear us.
For all who work in caring industries or find themselves needing to care attentively for loved ones in their lives. That they be guided by the love and mercy of God as they bring healing and comfort to the those around them. Lord hear us.
For those who have died. That they welcomed into the eternal kingdom that has been prepared for them from the foundation of the world. Lord hear us.
For our faith community gathered here today. That we show care for those who need to be fed, clothed and visited. May we be particularly attentive to the easily forgotten of our community. Lord hear us.
Conclusion: Loving God, Jesus shows us the way of mercy, justice, and compassion. Hear the prayers we bring before you today, and help us to serve Christ our King each day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Archdiocese advances the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC): Please refer to the article published in The Voice on 16 November 2026 to see the latest update from the APC Working Party. Through this article, the draft Statutes for the soon to be formed APC, are published. We invite your reflection and comment on the draft Statutes so that the next Council of Priests meeting hears the voice of interested parishioners from across the archdiocese.



Welcome to Seminarian Nick Barry who will be in the West Wyalong Mission until Christmas.

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 today 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.

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: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.
The Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God***

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1
(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.
The Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God***

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9-10
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'
The Gospel of the Lord ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***
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Christ the King Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A
Processional: Processional - Blest Be the Lord
Dan Schutte

Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord
The God of mercy, the God who saves
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day

He will release me from the nets of sinful men
He will protect me from their wicked hands
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,
no evil settle in my soul

Offertory – The Lord is My Shepherd
B*rian Bonniwell*

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
wherever he leads me wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

I *want to go to meet him there*
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going
He promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

Reflection –Hymn to Christ the King *Sarah Hart*

Oh we were wandering in the dark
We had lost our hope and way
And we were restless in our hearts
How we needed to be saved
And so to rescue all your own
You sent to us your only son
A light to fall, a peace to bring
The coming of our Christ, the King

The word made flesh, the light from light
A cry that pierced our endless noise
A child to speak into our pain
Restoring unto us our joy
To teach our hearts and heal our wounds
Replace our doubt with heaven's truth
The broken, healed; the lost, redeemed
The beauty of our Christ, the King

Though heaven's glory he had shown
All our praises turned to scorn
The gift of mercy that he gave
We returned with cross and thorn
Yet to the end, he loved us still
Surrendered to the Father's will
Forgiveness was his offering
The mercy of our Christ, the King

And though they laid him in the tomb
In the silence of the grave
No stone could keep the love of God
From the ones he came to save
And so in power and radiant light
He vanquished death and rose to life
Now with the heavens I shall sing
The glory of our Christ the King
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Recessional – Hail Redeemer

Hail Redeemer King Divine
Priest and Lamb the throne is thine
King whose reign shall never cease
Prince of everlasting peace.

Angels, saints and nations sing
Praised be Jesus Christ our King.
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.

Eucharistic King of love
Draws thee daily from above
Clad in signs of bread and wine
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine.

King whose name creation thrills
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills
Till in peace each nation rings
With thy praises King of Kings.

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