



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki
Woodburn and Evans Head.



ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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13th & 14th September 2025

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

EVANS HEAD 5.00PM

SUNDAY

CORAKI 9.15AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

BCC - 17th September @ 10am



New parishioners are very welcome to Coraki/Evans Head Parish. We invite you to complete a Census Form from the rear of the church.

The Gloria

Does Pope Telesphorus mean anything to you? A holy hermit, born in southern Italy but of Greek origin, he became Pope and led the Church for eleven difficult years in the early part of the second century (128-139) before dying a martyr's death under the Emperor Hadrian. I introduce him to you because Pope Telesphorus established the practice of Christmas Midnight Mass at which, we are told, the Gloria was sung. This puts the Gloria into the second century; yet it is even older than this, for it originated in the East and was probably known to Telesphorus when he was a youngster. So this much loved hymn has been around almost as long as Christianity itself, and is used not only by ourselves, but also by the Orthodox Christians and many of the Protestant Churches. It has been set to music by most of the great composers and enjoyed many beautiful settings in the Church's original plainsong. The translation introduced to

the English speaking world after the Second Vatican Council was an ugly and truncated version of the original. But since the 2011 revision, we now rejoice in a translation faithful to and worthy of the original.

It begins with the song of the Christmas angels, as recorded by St Luke: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will (Lk 2:14). No wonder Pope Telesphorus used it at his Midnight Mass. What the translators of the old version cut and what the new (2011) translation restores is the almost breathless praise that comes at the beginning of the hymn: We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. I use the word breathless: it is as if the person praying cannot find words quickly enough or capable enough to express adequately what he wants to say. This in itself is very significant: we cannot ever praise God as he deserves; nor can we ever adequately express it; not the Gloria, not any one of us; only Christ.

Here, in the Eucharist, we give God all honour and glory because, and only because, we are latching on to Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father. He alone, by making his Sacrifice on the Cross a living reality in the Eucharist, gives us the wonderful opportunity of joining it and thereby of giving God the adequate praise He rightly deserves. The Gloria, written as it was in the second century, is a triumphant hymn of praise to the Blessed Trinity, with emphasis on the fact that Jesus is God and on the equality he enjoys with the Father. In those days the Church was struggling against the heresy called Gnosticism, a weird heresy drawing bits and pieces together from different religions, and therefore coming up with some very strange explanations as to who Jesus really was. The Gloria, as well as being a majestic hymn of praise, was a profession of faith in Jesus as God's Only Begotten Son, So let the Gloria express our unshakable faith in Jesus and be a breathless effort to praise God as adequately as we humanly can.

Antony Jones STL, PhL. 'The Revised Mass in Close Up'

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: For Anne Marie Therese Powell, Frank Milgate, Elaine Youngberry, Johnny Mayes, and for all the recently deceased relatives and friends of parishioners.

ANNIVERSARIES: For Hazel Enright, Susan Hughes, Moya Doyle, Margie & Robert Bell, and for all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

THE SICK: Ray O'Donnell, Paul Grill, Fr Frank Mulcahy, Maria Cameron, Anne Powell, Anita Watt, Ashley Watt, Bob Barney (Linda Barney's husband), Pat Brickley, Fr Anthony Lemon, (Priest of Murwillumbah), Reg Milgate.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Greg Moss, Our friends & family at Baptist Care Centre Coraki, all who are feeling the loneliness of isolation; Enright family and friends, Shayne & Rachel & family, Fr John Casey, Christopher (Beverly's Son), David Smith, Robert Smith, Trisha & Joshua Moore, David Layton, McCowan-Dan, Smith, Webber, Layton, Hawkins & Anderson families, Sandy, Shannon & Dion, Jamie & Jodie Smith & family, relatives and friends of Margaret Aleckson and all victims of sexual abuse.



The following children have been preparing for their First Eucharist.

St Joseph's School Coraki
Sunday 14th September
at Coraki

Braxton Gollan, William Stirling, Isabelle Rose, Jacob Rose & Patrick Stirling.

St Joseph's School Woodburn
Saturday 20th September
at Evans Head

Eli Walsh, Jackson Marsden, Abaigeal Ashton, Nancy Butler, Pheobe Jett & Poppy Parkinson

Please keep these students and their families in your prayers. May their preparation time bring many blessings to the students and their families.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

History is helpful for understanding such feasts as the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. After Saint Helena is claimed to have found the True Cross in AD 326, Emperor Constantine the Great, her son, ordered the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (or of the Resurrection, in Greek) to be built at the site. It was consecrated on 13 September 335, and on the following day, today, Helena's Cross was publicly shown for veneration. This observance spread in various forms and is still observed in all three ancient branches of the Church (Catholic, Orthodox, and Eastern Orthodox), all focusing on the veneration of the cross itself as the sign of salvation. While the feast has a focus on the cross, like a second Good Friday, it can also be considered a global celebration of Jerusalem's main church, similar to our observance of the dedication of Rome's cathedral, the Lateran Basilica.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Responsorial Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel *Alleluia, alleluia!*

Acclamation: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:13-17

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the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office - Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



Awareness

14th September

Scan the QR Code for resources from Catholic Australia

Safeguarding Sunday

At the conclusion of National Child Protection Week, Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.



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