



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki
Woodburn and Evans Head.



ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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6th & 7th September 2025

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The Penitential Rite

The Holiness of God and the Sinfulness of Man

What first comes home to us at our celebration of the Mass is that we have entered into this presence of God, we, who are dust and ashes and sinful dust and ashes at that; and He, the Lord God, purer than the transparent heavens.

Instinctively we become aware of our sinfulness in this presence of the Holy One. This is why the Penitential Rite follows immediately on the Priest's greeting, at the very beginning of the celebration.

The forms of the Penitential Rite changed somewhat with the revised translation of 2011, but these changes need no explanation. What is most noticeable is, perhaps, the return of the *Confiteor* to something like its old format, with the striking of the breast three times and the accompanying words: *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault*. This change has been made not only to conform the prayer to the original Latin, but also, I think, to bring home to us again the seriousness of offending almighty God.

Because we have never seen God and because we cannot begin to imagine his infinite greatness, goodness and holiness as they really exist in Him, we can never really appreciate the seriousness of offending Him. Earlier generations could not appreciate this either; but we, in our generation, seem to have gone further, we seem to have lost sight of sin almost completely. This is the cause of so many of our personal, social and international woes, evident everywhere.

It was precisely because we are sinners, because the world had fallen away from God and in need of reconciliation that Christ came among us as a man and paid with his life the penalty of our own personal misdeeds. The very fact of Christ, his Incarnation as well as his Death and Resurrection, can only be understood in terms of the infinite love of God which yearned to reconcile wayward man to Himself. Such is the massive relevance of evil, and we cannot brush it under the carpet.

We as Christians must take evil seriously in order to take God and his Christ seriously and recognise our accountability before Him. Whatever others may say or do, we must see ourselves as different, *as a people set apart*, as St Peter reminds us. We must see ourselves as sinners seeking to be saints, always in need of forgiveness, reconciliation and ongoing purification. Hence the need of the Penitential Rite at the very beginning of Mass.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

EVANS HEAD 5.00PM

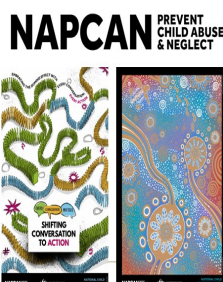
SUNDAY

CORAKI 9.15AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

BCC - 17th September @ 10am

“Child abuse and neglect is preventable. If we all work together as a community we can create an Australia where all children can grow up safe and well. What role can you play in supporting children and their families?”
Leesa Waters, CEO, NAPCAN



National Child Protection Week
7-13 September 2025

Penitential Rite not the Sacrament of Reconciliation

But the Church has always insisted that this Penitential Rite is not the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is that unique Sacrament instituted by Christ on the evening of Resurrection Sunday, when he breathed the Holy Spirit into his Apostles and gave them the power to forgive sin in his name. Through this Sacrament Christ remains an abiding healing Presence in his Church. In this capacity He meets our individuality and frailty with his love and reconciliation, and shares with us what He has won for us by the bitter pain of his Passion. When you consider that Christ came among us principally to reconcile mankind to God, the neglect of the Sacrament of Penance is amazing. We Catholics, like everyone else, are deeply influenced by the trends of society. But will society's standards serve

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: For 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.



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as an excuse when we, like Geronimus, appear before the judgment seat of God, that moment no words can describe? The regular Penitential Rite at Mass should remind us of the need for that special encounter with Christ, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which sends us away walking on air.

Fr Antony Jones : 'The Revised Mass in Close Up'

St Joseph's goes to Camp Goodenough



Congratulations to our Stage 2 students for the outstanding way they represented themselves and our school during the Camp Goodenough excursion! Their enthusiasm, bravery in trying new things, and kindness to one another made the experience truly special.

It's been wonderful to hear such positive feedback, not just about the fun they had but also about how they supported each other throughout the journey. Thank you to the teachers for their support, energy, and care over the three days. We are incredibly grateful. Well done, everyone, you should be very proud!

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Today's Readings

First Reading:

Wisdom 9:13-18

Responsorial

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading:

Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia!

Acclamation:

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 14:25-33



Welcome into the Christian Community

Lyla Powell

who will be baptised in our parish this weekend.



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.

Children's Activity Booklet

Send completed activity booklets to the Safeguarding office to receive a participation certificate. Activity Booklets can be found at the church entrance.



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