



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki
Woodburn and Evans Head.



ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI

ST JOHNS, EVANS HEAD

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C

25th & 26th October 2025

Parish Administrator:

Fr Max Gow (Alstonville)

Supply Priest:

Fr Peter Jones

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SCHOOLS

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St Joseph's Primary Woodburn

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

EVANS HEAD 5.00PM

SUNDAY

CORAKI 9.15AM

Weekend Celebrant: Fr Peter Jones

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

BCC - 5 November @ 10am

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SCRIPTURE AS PRAYER

Praying the Mass Theme

It is a good idea to use the theme of the Sunday Mass as a week-long theme of our prayer. Every Sunday Mass has a scriptural theme which is determined by the Gospel. The first reading, which almost always comes from the Old Testament, has been chosen by the Church to tie up with the Gospel: it throws light on the Gospel, and, in its turn, is itself illuminated by the Gospel. These two readings give us something really worthwhile to ponder during the week. When you are praying these readings at home (*lectio divina*) do not read as you would a book or newspaper; go slowly, very slowly, from phrase to phrase. Allow God space to speak to you in just the way He wants to. Let every word or phrase percolate in your mind, as water percolates through coffee while turning the water itself into coffee. Let the Word of God seep through your mind as you repeat the word or phrase over and over again until, likewise, your mind becomes the mind of Christ, as St Paul says in his First Letter to the Corinthians (2:11). Thus the Word of God, literally, *changes your mind*. Stay with any word or phrase which seems especially to be addressing itself to you; rest in it; return to it; remember it. God is speaking to your heart.

Christ, the Word of God

The use of the title *Word of God* or Christ is very familiar to us all. It was an insight of St John the Evangelist who first expounds it in the opening chapter of his Gospel. This foreword to his Gospel became known simply as the *Prologue*.

It is such a theological and spiritual masterpiece that it became attached to the end of every single Mass for centuries, a custom that began in England long before the Reformation and spread over time across the entire Church. It was known as *the last Gospel* and only removed from the *Common* of the Mass when the Liturgy was reformed after the Second Vatican Council. Thus we learn from St John that the inspired Voice that speaks to us as we listen to and pray the

Scriptures is the Voice of Christ, the eternal Word of God.

Reading or listening to the Scriptures, then, is almost sacramental; it makes Christ present. As a speaker implants his word in the mind of his hearer, so the divine Speaker plants his Word in us when we listen to or pray the Sacred inspired Scriptures. No other way of praying has anything like this power.

Antony Jones STL. PhL '96

The Revised Mass in Close-up'

All Souls Day Masses—1st & 2nd November



Parishioners are invited to bring a photo of their deceased loved one/s and place under the altar for the All Souls Vigil and Sunday Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: For Gloria Grande, Barry Filicietti, Jean Fava and for all the recently deceased relatives and friends of parishioners.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Enright and for all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

THE SICK: Ray O'Donnell, Paul Grill, Maria Cameron, 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.



From the Principal St Joseph's Primary Coraki

Our Kinder, Stage 1, and Stage 2 students came together for a beautiful prayer celebration focused on God's glorious creation and the gift of one another. Through prayer and reflection, we were all reminded of Jesus' teachings about love, kindness, and respect—values that help us build a warm, welcoming school community at St Joseph's Coraki where everyone feels valued and where we all love to come each day. Our students used bubbles to send their special prayers up to God.



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Today's Readings

First Reading: [Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-18](#)

Responsorial [Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7](#)

Psalm: **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

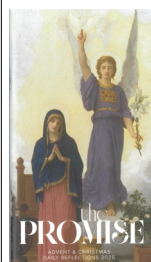
Second Reading: [2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18](#)

Gospel ***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Acclamation: *God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.*
Alleluia!

Gospel: [Luke 18:9-14](#)

Daily Reflections: Advent & Christmas



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Job Opportunity



Parish Administration Officer

- Supporting the Catholic Parishes of Alstonville/Wardell and Coraki/Evans Head
- 18 hours per week (9:00am to 3:30pm)
- Located in Alstonville Parish Office



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Applications close 3 November 2025



The newly formed Northern Rivers Group of the Catenians Association are looking for men to join their fellowship. They are hosting morning tea in Alstonville, on Sunday 9th November 2025, after the 8.30am Mass. Everyone is very welcome!

Meet for a cuppa & chat and find out how Catenians' support Catholic families.



The Jubilee Boat will arrive on Monday 3rd November at St Joseph's Church Coraki. Parishioners are invited to the St Joseph's Coraki School Mass on Wednesday 5th November @ 9.30pm followed by morning tea.