



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki
Woodburn and Evans Head.



ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C

30th & 31st August 2025

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The Greeting

The dictionary defines *greeting* as a polite word of welcome or recognition. Immediately after making the Sign of the Cross, the Priest greets the congregation; he welcomes them and recognises who they are. They are not just any old crowd of people: these are God's People, baptised into Christ, adopted children of God and alive with his very Spirit. The Priest recognises them for who they are and in reply the congregation acknowledges the Priest for who he is, the ordained minister whose endowment of the Spirit, received at his ordination, makes the Eucharist possible. Thus their reply to his greeting is: *And with your spirit*. *And with your spirit* seems unnatural to our ears; we would not normally respond to someone's greeting in that way. But *Et cum spiritu tuo* (the exact Latin equivalent) would have sounded equally odd to the ears of those who spoke Latin as their mother tongue in those early days of the Church when this response was originally composed. *And also with you* would be more natural and what you would expect. But the inclusion of the unexpected and jarring word *spirit* in the response draws immediate attention to the fact that the person to whom it is addressed is possessed of an extraordinary Spirit, received at ordination and necessary for the celebration of the Mass. The greeting therefore reminds us that this is no ordinary encounter between a man and a group; the Mass is on a different plane.

Dialogue

A greeting also implies the beginning of a dialogue; you don't greet yourself! The liturgical greeting at the beginning of Mass reminds us that we are about to engage in a dialogue, but a dialogue engaged in at several different levels at once.

Dialogue: Priest - People

First there is the dialogue between Priest and People. That dialogue goes on throughout the Mass. This is the main reason why the altars were turned round in the 70s so that the priest and people could face one another; you don't normally speak to a person's back. In the early Church, as so many of the ancient churches of Christendom bear witness, the altars faced the people then as they do now.

Dialogue: Church - God

But there is a dialogue going on at a deeper level. Apart from a couple of prayers before Holy Communion, every major prayer in the Mass is addressed to the Father. But every major prayer is addressed to the Father *through Jesus Christ our Lord*. The dialogue that is going on is not just between us and God but between the Church and God, the Church being ourselves in union with Christ. Jesus Christ, in all of us as High Priest through the Sacrament of Baptism and in the Priest in a special way through the Sacrament of Orders, prays to his Father with us in the Mass. The dialogue is raised to an extraordinary plane.

Dialogue: Me - God

In this sublime context, there is also a dialogue going on between our individual souls and God, the Spirit breathing where he will. This is the dialogue we are most aware of; on our part probably including matters as mundane as the baby's teething or where the next mortgage payment is coming from. Common and routine though these anxieties may be, they become absorbed at Mass into the great and timeless intercession Christ is making to his Father and take on a significance they could otherwise never claim for themselves.

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

EVANS HEAD 5.00PM

SUNDAY

CORAKI 9.15AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

BCC - 3rd September @ 10am

Students from St Joseph's School Woodburn and St Joseph's School Coraki are preparing to receive their First Eucharist during the Parish Masses on

- Sunday 14th September—Coraki
- Saturday 20th September—Evans Head

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: For 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, Phillip Ellem, Phil Gooley, Owen & Dorothy Malone 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.



Welcome into the Christian
Community

Rome Best

(24th August 2025)

who was baptised in our parish last weekend
and

Jimmy Roder

who will be baptised in our parish this weekend.

From the Principal St Joseph's Primary Coraki

Last week, St Joseph's came alive with the joy and creativity of **Book Week 2025!** Students and staff embraced this year's theme, *Reading Opens Doors*.

A highlight of the celebrations is always the much anticipated **Community Book Week Character Parade**, where we're joined by families, friends, the **CWA Preschool**, and **MRNC Playgroup**. Creativity, colour, and imagination were on full display as students and staff proudly paraded for the audience, dressed as their favourite book characters in celebration of the joy of reading.

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Today's Readings

First Reading

Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67: 4-7, 10-11

**God in your goodness, you have
made a home for the poor.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you:
learn from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or
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Parish Pastoral Advisory Team (PPAT)

The parish is looking at re-establishing the PPAT and is seeking your feedback. Do you think it would be worthwhile? The PPAT assists with the organisation of liturgies, especially Christmas, Easter and Sacrament of Initiation. the PPAT would meet four times per year.

Please complete the form at the church entrance .

RCIA and RRFC Network.

We are planning to establish a network in the Diocese of Lismore for those who work in the ministry of RCIA for unbaptised people and RRFC for Christians entering into full communion with the Catholic Church. This is not for catechumens or candidates. The network will meet four times per year via Zoom for a two-hour session. Meetings will include formation for leaders and opportunities for participants to share ideas and practices. We want to build up the capacity of our parishes for this important ministry of mission and evangelisation. If you are someone in the parish leading these processes or working with those who do, this network is for you. This initiative is supported by Bishop Greg Homeming. The first meeting is Tuesday October 7, 7-8 pm. Please register, with your name and parish, to receive a zoom link via email to Deacon Anthony Gooley agooley@lismore.catholic.org.au