



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki
Woodburn and Evans Head.



ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C

23rd & 24th August 2025

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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.



The Sign of the Cross

The Mass begins and ends with the Sign of the Cross (the blessing). Most of our prayers likewise start and finish with this powerful and symbolic prayer.

Earliest Form of the Sign of the Cross

The earliest sign of the Cross used in the Church was made with the thumb on the forehead. This form has survived down the centuries in the Liturgy and we find it to this day in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick, as well as in the ceremonials of Ash Wednesday.

The Sign of the Cross and Baptism

We were baptised in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, exactly the same words we use in the Sign of the Cross. At our Baptism the Sign of the Cross was put on our foreheads as a kind of indelible label denoting what we are and who we are, identifying us as children of God and sheep of Christ's flock; and all our subsequent use of this Sign takes us back to that moment of Baptism when we first became Christ's.

The Sign of the Cross at the very beginning of the Mass, links immediately the two great Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. This is an essential connection. The moment of Baptism is the moment when the Risen Christ gives us the fruits of his Passion, restoring us to that original friendship with God destroyed by sin. The Holy Spirit, the very Life of God, is poured into our hearts, transforming us from mere creatures into children of the Father. And being children of the same Father we are brothers and sisters together, belonging, as St Paul reminds us, to the household of God. This is precisely what entitles us to share the family meal of the Eucharist.

St Paul also tells us that, baptised into Christ, we are mystically united to his Death and Resurrection, we die with Him and we rise with Him. Baptism unites us to his Death and Resurrection; the Mass celebrates his Death and Resurrection, as we shall presently see.

The Assembly

So the sign of the Cross, reminds us also that we all belong to the same Family of God. Our gathering together for Mass is, therefore, significant in itself: it is the assembling of God's household. Christ's presence in this assembly is one of the principle ways in which He is present in the Mass. The presence of Christ in each one of us forms us into the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Church. Christ's People, living among the unbelieving world but now gathered together for the Mass, the Universal Church in miniature the Holy Catholic Church in the lowly parish church.

What we Profess by making the Sign of the Cross

We make the Sign of the Cross so often that we can easily forget what we are professing when we make it. We confess, first of all, our belief in the Blessed Trinity, that the one true God is in fact three Persons of equal power and majesty, who, though Three, are in essence One. This is the mystery which underpins the whole of our Faith; the mystery too big for the human mind to comprehend; the inner, revealed, nature of

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: For Elaine Youngberry, Johnny Mayes, and for all the recently deceased relatives and friends of parishioners.

ANNIVERSARIES: For 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.



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God. We believe it because it has been revealed to us by Christ. The Sign of the Cross is as profound an act of faith in the one true God as it is humanly possible to make. As we confess our belief in the Mystery of the Blessed Trinity, we trace the shape of Christ's Cross on our body. By doing this we profess our faith that God actually took a human body like ours and, for us men and for our salvation, as we say in the Creed, took a wooden Cross, carried it up Calvary Hill and died on it. We profess publicly our faith in this Crucified Christ whenever we make this Sign. *We preach Christ crucified; a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, but to those whom God has called, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.* (1 Cor 1:23-24)

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

From the Principal St Joseph's Primary Woodburn

Book Week came early for St Joseph's Woodburn. With Week 5 looking very busy with the scheduled Zone Athletics Carnival and our Stage 2 students away at Camp, we rescheduled Book Week to Week 4 (last week). The theme for Book Week 2025 is 'Book an Adventure', and what an adventure it was.

It was a fantastic week filled with all things books and reading as we celebrated Book Week across the school. Our Book Fair in the Library was a hive of activity. The Library also featured cosy reading nooks and displays, created specially for Book Week, and hosted various daily reading activities. This year, our Year 5 and Kindergarten students also had the special opportunity to share their love of reading with the children at Woodburn



Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116
Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

Second Reading Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, alleluia!*
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 13: 22-30

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Preschool during a delightful visit on Tuesday.

On Thursday, we enjoyed a highlight of the week, our Book Character Parade, followed by open classrooms and games. It was wonderful to see so many mums, dads, and family members join in the celebrations. Overall, it was a truly adventurous Book Week, full of imagination, community spirit, and a love of reading!

Our Year 4 students have begun preparing to receive their First Eucharist (Holy Communion). This special Sacrament will be celebrated during the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, 20 September at St John's Church, Evans Head. Please keep them in your prayers.

A decision has been made by the St Joseph's Community Forum to officially postpone the School Community Fair/ Cracker night until 2026. This was not an easy decision, but after carefully considering the ongoing wet weather, the forecast, and the condition of the school grounds, it was agreed that it would not be safe or practical to proceed with the event this year.

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