

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki
Woodburn and Evans Head.



ALL SAINTS, WOODBURN



ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI



ST JOHNS, EVANS HEAD

1st Sunday of Advent

YEAR A

26th & 27th November, 2022

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St Joseph's Primary Woodburn

Principal: Ms Jeanette Wilkins

Address: Coraki Road, Woodburn

Due to impact from flooding, we are temporarily located at 35-37 Cypress St, Evans Head

Phone: 02 6682 2468

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

WOODBURN Cancelled until further notice.

EVANS HEAD—5.00PM (Anglican Church)

SUNDAY

CORAKI—9.15AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday 30th Nov CORAKI BCC—10am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24th December— 4.30pm Evans Head

6.00pm Evans Head

25th December— 9.15am Coraki

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the gospel of Matthew. (Year B features the gospel of Mark and Year C, that we have just completed, features the gospel of Luke.) Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means 'coming'; it is also reflected in the Greek word *Parousia*, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The gospel passage chosen for today's reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation.

It may seem a little confusing that we begin our year-long exploration of the gospel of Matthew by taking a reading from chapter 24. However, the need for readiness and alertness that Jesus speaks about in relation to the coming of the Kingdom is equally suitable for a modern audience when preparing to celebrate once again the coming of Jesus into the world. Jesus is the best expression of the Kingdom that we have yet experienced and so rather than seeing the choice of this passage as a confusion, we should recognise the alignment that exists between the anticipation of the Kingdom and the anticipation of the Nativity. The two great feasts of Christianity – the Nativity and Easter – are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into one of the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.

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THE ADVENT WREATH

The wreath is a circle of greenery with candles. A circle has no beginning or end reminding us of God's eternal presence.

The greenery symbolizes life and triumph and the candles are a symbol of light.

The wreath is blessed and the first candle, called the prophets candle, is lit to remind us of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah.



**RESPECTING A
TRADITIONAL
PEOPLE OF THIS LAND –
THE BUNDJALUNG
PEOPLE**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



RECENTLY DECEASED: Clare McDonald, John Doolan, Fr Louis Molloy, Noel Chamberlain, Richard Bell, John Sherridan and all the recently deceased relatives and friends of parishioners.

ANNIVERSARIES: For all whose anniversary occurs at this time

THE SICK: Ashley Watt, Anita Watt, Danny Boyd, Bob Barney (Linda Barney’s husband), Alma Hinschen, Pat Brickley, Fr Anthony Lemon (Priest of Murwillumbah), Marie Smith

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Our friends & family at Baptist Care Centre Coraki, people affected by the floods; all who are feeling the loneliness of isolation; all who are suffering due to the COVID19 virus; doctors, nurses and ancillary staff, school teachers, essential & frontline workers; Enright family and friends, Shane & Rachel & Family, Fr John Casey, Christopher (Beverly’s Son), David Smith, Robert Smith, Trisha & Joshua Moore, David Layton, McCowan-Dan, Smith, Moore, Webber, Layton, Hawkins & Anderson families, Sandy, Shannon & Dion, Jamie & Jodie Smith & Family. All victims of Sexual Abuse

**Thank you for your ongoing support of our Parish
Collection Report – 19th & 20th November 2022**

1 st Collection	Support of our Diocesan Priests	\$167.20
2 nd Collection Support of the Parish ministries	Loose Plate	\$34.20
	Planned Giving Envelopes	\$325.00

If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Program, please contact the Parish Office

Today’s Readings

First Reading - Is 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm - Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading - Rom 13:11-14

Gospel Acclamation - ***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Mt 24:37-44

SVdP Christmas Appeal

Christmas Gifting trees will be in our churches for the Advent period starting this week. Please take an envelope from the tree and return with your donation to the collection buckets. Donations received will be passed on to SVdP St Johns Conference for assistance to our local poor and needy people. Thank you all for your continued support. Happy and Holy Christmas to all.



Parish Census Update

If you not already done so, could you please complete one of the yellow census forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Deposits at branch: Bruno Ivan, Freeborn House, suites 4-8,92A Main Street Alstonville.



[The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office:](#)

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office please phone (02) 6621 9444

Or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

Do you know anyone who would like to work as an Administration Trainee?

The Chancery in Lismore and Invercauld House in Goonellabah would like to support a trainee in their pursuit of a Cert III in Business Administration. At the Chancery, you will receive exposure to many areas of administration, supporting all other administrative positions within the organisation. At Invercauld House you would be able to gain experience working in administration in a hospitality venue.

If you or anyone you know is passionate about obtaining administrative experience as a trainee in a caring and supportive environment or you would like additional information, please ring Marijo Bradley on 6621-9444.

**St Joseph’s Church Coraki Centenary
Sunday 12th February 2023**

If parishioners have any photos of events that were taken in the Coraki Church, it would be appreciated if you would scan them and email them to the parish office, noting what the event was and the year it was taken, eg Baptism of 1962. These can be both old or recent as we would like to capture the full history of the church. If you cannot scan them, and you are happy for them to be used, please bring them to the parish office and we will scan and return them to you immediately.

We will compile the images and present them at the centenary celebration.

