



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki
Woodburn and Evans Head.



ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C

18th & 19th October 2025

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The Workings of Inspiration

Continued from last week...

So the Church reached the all important conclusion that each book of the Bible has two genuine authors at the same time, one divine and one human. God is the real Author of Mark's Gospel but equally so is Mark. God is the real Author of Jeremiah's prophecies, but equally so is Jeremiah. And so with the history books of the Old Testament, the Wisdom Books, the Psalms; so also with the Letters of St Paul, the Acts of the

Apostles, the Apocalypse of St John, and every other book in both Old and New Testaments of the Bible. This has huge implications for our whole approach to Scriptures and to our way of using them in prayer.

Scripture as Prayer

As we have just established in the last chapter, the inspired Scriptures are in a category of their own. They have God, as well as some human person, as their Author. God Himself actually speaks to us when they are read. They are therefore the perfect instrument for transforming our prayer from a monologue, where we do all the talking, into a dialogue where we engage with God in live conversation. We not only speak but we listen too, and when we listen to God's Word something remarkable happens. This is prayer at a very high level. It happens at Mass and it happens when we are praying the Scriptures alone.

Listening

As we said in an earlier chapter, the Mass is essentially a many-faceted dialogue between us and God, taking place both in the Liturgy of the Eucharist and, more obviously, in the Liturgy of the Word. We feel insulted when a fellow human-being

pays no heed or merely divided attention to what we are saying. Will the same not be true of the Lord when He speaks to us through the Mass readings and finds us listening to a different voice - to that of our nearest neighbour in the pew, perhaps, or simply to the chatter of our own runaway thoughts?

Isn't it easy to say that God speaks to us, but isn't it hard to get that fact into our heads! That God, the almighty Creator and Redeemer, actually speaks to us and listens to our reply! Try getting an audience with the King! Yet with God, we need only turn to Him and his immediate and full attention is ours.

Listening is the operative word.

St Paul says that faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." (Romans 10:17) We should not be reading our hand missals when God is speaking to us; we should be listening to Him. Of course, if the public address system isn't up to much or the reader hasn't been properly trained, then a case could be made for using a missal. But generally, we should let God speak directly to us; the printed page is an unnecessary go-between just getting in the way. With head buried in a missal or, even worse a missalette, we fail to notice all the rich imagery and visual beauty of the actual celebration of the Mass, profound and powerful symbolism meant to speak to our deepest being.

A hand missal is excellent for reflecting on the scriptures afterwards in the light of the homily, or for preparing us in advance for the Mass. It can also be a very useful tool for praying the Sunday Scriptures at home and keeping ourselves in tune with the mind and mood of the Church, as she moves from season to season, from fast to feast.

Antony Jones ATL, PhL.—'The Revised Mass in Close

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

EVANS HEAD 5.00PM

SUNDAY

CORAKI 9.15AM

Weekend Celebrant: Fr Max Gow

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

BCC - 22 October @ 10am

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: For Gloria Grande, Barry Filicietti, Jean Fava, Fr Frank Mulcahy, Mary Pagotto, Anne Powell, and for all the recently deceased relatives and friends of parishioners.

ANNIVERSARIES: Denise Robinson 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.



Pope Francis declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "Pilgrims of Hope", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war.

As Pope Francis stated 'the Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrim of Hope.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrim of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

THE JUBILEE LOGO

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.



The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

The logo shows how the way of the pilgrimage is not an individual effort, but rather collective, with the impression of a growing dynamism that tends more and more to the cross.

The Jubilee Boat will arrive Monday 3rd November at St Joseph's Church Coraki.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial Ps 120. R. v.2

Psalm: **Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Gospel **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Acclamation: The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Daily Reflections:

Advent & Christmas



The Promise booklet is available to purchase for \$6. Please place the money in the envelope provided or transfer using the bank account:

BSB: 062-565 Account # : 10456509

Reference: Advent the Promise

Children's Week 2025

18-26 October

Theme: Everyone should know about Children's Rights.
- Based on Article 42 of the UNCRC



Potluck Dinner with the Bishop

Potluck

Our Lady of the Rosary, Alstonville, is hosting a potluck dinner with the Bishop on Friday, 24th October 2025 at 6pm.



All parishioners from Coraki, Evans Head and Woodburn are invited to attend.

If you are able to bring a dish, please complete the sign-on page within the church. Any questions, please contact the parish office on 6628 3047.