



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki
Woodburn and Evans Head.



ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR C

15th & 16th November 2025

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

EVANS HEAD 5.00PM

SUNDAY

CORAKI 9.15AM

Weekend Celebrant: Fr Max Gow

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

BCC - 19 November @ 10am

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office -
Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or
Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



The Psalms in Three Voices

The Psalms have a secret all their own. They speak, or rather they sing (for they are songs really), in three voices. At every Mass we say or sing a psalm or part of a psalm. We have just listened to God in the first reading, and we reply to Him in the Psalm, in three voices. The Psalms are the Prayer Book of the Jews, both today and when they prayed their way through those long centuries leading up to the coming of their promised Messiah. Most pious Jews would have known the Psalms off by heart; Our Lady certainly would, and also her Son. As they have God for their divine Author, it is no wonder they are often described as the most beautiful prayers ever written. With the coming of Christ, they passed smoothly into the patrimony of the Church. They are now the Church's Prayer Book too. Their human author was King David (though many of the Psalms were written by others). They were written in the context of every kind of human situation you could think of: when David was victorious in war or in fear of his life; when he was repentant for the serious sins he had committed; when he was fleeing from his enemies or filled with hatred for them; or when he was exulting in the sense of God's beauty and the magnificence of his creation. Every human sentiment is there; sometimes shockingly there, as when one Psalm prays that the heads of their enemies' babies be smashed against a rock! Such a sentiment would not be allowed public expression today even after the nine o'clock watershed!

Whatever mood you may find yourself in, you will find a Psalm to suit it. But the Psalm of the Mass, over which you have no choice, may well not fit your mood at all. You may be full of the joys of spring while the Psalmist is filled with melancholy. So how do you pray a psalm which is not reflecting your present feelings or frame of mind? Do you just choose another one? In the Mass you can't do that.

But there is a way of praying such a psalm; now we must see how. Let's look at the three voices which gave this chapter its title.

First Voice: The Psalms were the outpouring of David's innermost soul to God. There was no beating about the bush with him; he called a spade a spade, even to Almighty God. These expressions of his own raw emotions became the cry of Christ and his disciples down the ages. Like David, we too can feel anger, joy, resentment, love, peace, turmoil; like David we are sinners seeking to be saints.

Like David, we need to be honest before God; He doesn't want us telling Him how full of sweetness and light we are when in reality we are furiously and darkly angry. Here then is the First Voice of the trio of voices: mine, speaking honestly to my God, telling Him not what I fancy He might like to hear but just how it is.

Second & Third Voices to follow next week.

Antony Jones STL. PhL 'The Revised Mass in Close-up'

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: For Warren Beddoes, Margaret Robinson and for all the recently deceased relatives and friends of parishioners.

ANNIVERSARIES: 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.



November Masses for the Deceased

Traditionally, November is the month where the Church remembers all those who have died. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope provided with your planned giving envelopes or use the special intention envelopes at the back of the Churches.

November Masses have been requested for the following:

Carl and Mary Petersen (Parents), Fred, Barry and Mary Lane, Margaret Aleckson Family, Greg Aleckson, Deceased parents, relatives and friends of Margaret Aleckson, Walter and Leila West, Audrey Smith, Norma Marsden and Enid Ryan, Paula, Madalena Rambaldini, the families of: Cross, Johnson, Martin, Hughes, Riordan, Muldoon and Maloney, Pignat & James Families, Vicki Hart relatives and friends (Son—Jason, Mother—May), Tom & Julie Walsh family & friends, Gloria, Addie & Perry Kelly, Lodovico (Eric) Grill and Brussa Families.

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 (Rite of Reception into Full Communion) for Christians entering into full communion with the Catholic Church. This is not for catechumens or candidates. 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 next planning meeting is Wednesday November 26, 7-8 pm. Please register, with your name and parish, to receive a zoom link via email to Deacon Anthony agooley@lismore.catholic.org.au

Reflection morning at the Marist 'House of Light'?

Take some time to nurture your spiritual world!

Thursday November 20th

Theme: Grace & Hope

Location: Marist House of Light, 8 Keen St Lismore.

Time: 9.30am – midday.

Cost: \$15 which includes morning tea.

How to book? Ring us on 0438 689 137 or email us at maristhouseoflight@gmail.com to reserve a place.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Marist House of Light!

Spiritual Books & prayer journals!

We have a range of books & prayer journals for sale that may inspire, hearten and inform you. Come and have a look at what we have available by using the contact details above.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Responsorial Ps 97:5-9. R. v.9

Psalm: **The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Acclamation: Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

From the Principal St Joseph's Primary Woodburn

On Friday, 31 October, Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 led us in a beautiful Mass as our school community took a moment to formally farewell and acknowledge the truly remarkable career of Mrs Megan Boyd. Megan is retiring after an incredible 40 years in Education.



At the end of the Mass, we took some time to express our deep appreciation for all that Megan has been and all that she has done for us over the years. We acknowledged what an incredible gift it's been to have Megan as a colleague, friend, teacher, and faith-filled leader. For many years, Megan has tirelessly poured her time, wisdom, and heart into St. Joseph's. She consistently kept our focus on what truly matters: living out the example of Jesus in our daily work. Megan has a unique gift for seeing the good in everyone and quietly lifting others with her compassion and patience. Her legacy lives on not just in the beautiful liturgies and programs she helped create, but in the countless everyday moments of kindness that have touched the lives of staff and students. Megan, we thank you for your faith, your teaching, your friendship, and your unwavering dedication. You will be deeply missed, and your spirit and example will remain with us always. We pray that God blesses you abundantly throughout the next part of your journey.

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World Children's Day will take place on November 20, 2025.

Child rights are human rights. They are non-negotiable. But in too many places today children's rights are being misunderstood, disregarded, or even denied and attacked.



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