



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki  
Woodburn and Evans Head.



**ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI**

**ST JOHN'S, EVANS HEAD**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**YEAR C**

**16th & 17th August 2025**

**Parish Administrator:**

Fr Max Gow (Alstonville)

**Supply Priest:**

Fr Peter Jones

**Parish Secretary:**

Mrs Tanya Pagotto

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**Hours:** Monday - Friday  
9.00am – 3:30pm

**SCHOOLS**

**St Joseph's Primary Coraki**

**Acting Principal:** Mrs Kristie Coster  
**Address:** Adam Street, Coraki  
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**St Joseph's Primary Woodburn**

**Principal:** Ms Jeanette Wilkins  
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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY VIGIL**

**EVANS HEAD** 5.00PM

**SUNDAY**

**CORAKI** 9.15AM

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

**BCC - 20th August @ 10am**

**The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office**

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Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or

Email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)



## Thank you!

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land, I would like to sincerely thank you for your contribution of \$325.95 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2025.

The Holy Places rely heavily on the Good Friday donations and pilgrims to continue to maintain the historical sites that mean so much to our Christian/Catholic faith. At Christmas time the world waited in hope for a solution or at least a ceasefire in this sacred land – and yes it happened. But once again many innocent people of the Holy Land are once more being terrorised.

An article I read at Easter said, “this year 9,770 Christians have obtained permission to enter Jerusalem during the Holy Week, from a total of over 50,000 living in the West Bank who would like to celebrate their faith in the Holy Sites in this crucial religious period. It should be noted that Christians have never been involved in incidents of violence.”

Fr Ibrahim Faltas OFM, the Vicar of the Custody of the Holy Land in Jerusalem, remarked in this same article, that the contradictions of Jerusalem as both a Holy place for the three monotheistic religions and a focal point of conflict, starkly reflect the contradictions of humanity. “Within just a few hundred square metres, the Holy Places for Christians, Jews, and Muslims echo with different yet similar voices, songs, and prayers – and at the same time, in this same city, hatred prevents the right to profess one another’s faith.”

Jerusalem, Palestine, Gaza and the surrounding areas are still very unsafe places to visit, and the people are still suffering immensely. Please continue to remember the Holy Land in your thoughts and prayers, and please know that whatever signs of solidarity you can make with the Holy Land Church and its peoples will be used well.

With my deep thanks,

Yours faithfully in Christ,

Fr Bernie Thomas OFM Commissary of the Holy Land, Australia

## Upcoming Conference to Support Parish Staff

This year’s Parish Secretaries and Pastoral Associates’ Conference will be held from **18–19 August** at Invercauld House, Goonellabah. The program includes sessions on topics such as occupational health and safety, effective communication, and using Canva. It’s a great opportunity to learn and connect with colleagues.

The parish office will be closed on these days.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** For Johnny Mayes, Brian Brown and Joan & Lloyd Fleming and for all the recently deceased relatives and friends of parishioners.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** For Margaret Eileen Malone, Joan Bell 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.

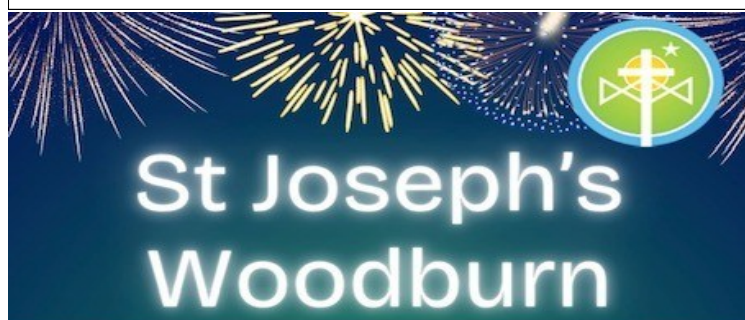


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## Cracker Night & Community Fair

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - 4:30-8:30pm



Rides

Food trucks

Laser Skirmish

Raffles

Face painting

Game stalls

Crockpot corner

Chocolate Wheel

Auctions



Unlimited ride wristbands  
available to purchase

### Today's Readings

**First Reading**

Jeremiah 38: 4-6. 8-10

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 39: 2-4, 18

**Lord, come to my aid!**

**Second Reading**

Hebrews 12: 1-4

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**My sheep listen to my voice,  
says the Lord:**

**I know them, and they follow me.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

Luke 12: 49-53

### From the Principal St Joseph's Primary Coraki

#### Kindergarten's 100th Day of School

On Tuesday 5th August Kindergarten celebrated their 100th day of school.

On the day the children dressed up as a 100 year old and were mistaken for residents of the retirement village.



Kindergarten had a picnic lunch, made fairy bread and participated in a range of activities related to the number 100 to celebrate this special milestone in their school journey.



Please join me as I celebrate my Golden Jubilee Anniversary (50 years)  
of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Saturday 6th September, Mass at 11.00am  
St Carthage's Cathedral  
6 Leicester Street, Lismore.

Followed by refreshments at Invercauld House  
163 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah.

RSVP (for catering purposes) by Monday 1st September 2025  
to St Carthage's Parish office (02) 6626 0200

Fr Jim Griffin