



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki Woodburn and Evans Head.



ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI

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2nd Sunday of Easter

YEAR B

6th & 7th April 2024

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation after the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's Risen presence are his marks of suffering?

It seems, however, that words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God can be greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

Years ago I remember struggling with some personal issues during a retreat. One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the retreat director, adapting today's psalm, 117, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone'. By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fears, doubts and disbelief and transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is the one which God wants to use as the cornerstone. When we see this happening, when we see God taking the part of us we consider most unlovable and using it for good, then we want to cry out with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

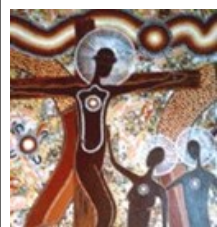
EVANS HEAD 5.00PM
(Anglican Church)

SUNDAY

CORAKI 9.15AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

- Wednesday 17th April
CORAKI BCC – 10am



RESPECTING A
TRADITIONAL PEOPLE
OF THIS LAND –
THE BUNDJALUNG
PEOPLE

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Smith and for all the recently deceased relatives and friends of parishioners.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Flanagan and for all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

THE SICK: Greg Moss, Anne Powell, Anita Watt, Ashley Watt, Bob Barney (Linda Barney's husband), Pat Brickley, Fr Anthony Lemon, (Priest of Murwillumbah), Denise Robinson, Bill McDermott, Reg Milgate.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Our friends & family at Baptist Care Centre Coraki, people affected by the floods; 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. All victims of Sexual Abuse and relatives and friends of Margaret Aleckson.



Last Weekend's Collections

Due to the Easter public holidays, the collections from last weekend have yet to be counted. Figures will be advised in next weekends bulletin.

Thank you for understanding
Tanya and Denise

How to prepare for Mercy Sunday

To fittingly observe Divine Mercy Sunday in a solemn way, we should:

Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;

Sincerely repent of all our sins;

Place our complete trust in Jesus;

Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday;

Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast;

Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy ;

Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf:

Today's Reading—Easter Sunday

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Responsorial Psalm Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, alleluia!*

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual Formation
with Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

18 - 35 years old

24 April

22 May

19 June

24 July

21 August

10 September

9 October

5:30 - 6:30 PM

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