



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki
Woodburn and Evans Head.



ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI

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All Souls' Day

YEAR C

1st & 2nd November 2025 2025

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

EVANS HEAD 5.00PM

SUNDAY

CORAKI 9.15AM

Weekend Celebrant: Fr Mas Gow

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

BCC - 5 November @ 10am

Revelation and the First Reading

Most often the First Reading at Sunday Mass comes from the Old Testament. Unless it is preceded by some kind of explanation, this reading comes to us like a bolt from the blue, hitting us unexpectedly between eyes.

Suddenly, wrenched from our gentle Sunday morning routine, we are lunged into an obscure episode in the life of one of the ancient Kings of Israel or find ourselves being reprimanded by an equally ancient and usually angry Old Testament Prophet. From his chair, the priest sees a glazed expression descend upon the faces of his congregation. These readings really do need some prior explanation to ensure they make the sense they are meant to make on the 21st Century mind.

But anyway, why bother with the Old Testament at all? Christ has come. All that stuff is surely in the past!

Yes, Christ has come. But, as the season of Advent annually reminds us, He still comes. The Old Testament prepared his way; the Old Testament still prepares his way. St Jerome said famously that ignorance of the Old Testament is ignorance of Christ.

God prepared the way for the coming of his Son by choosing a People for Himself and taking great care in their instruction. It was important that when the Son of God made his appearance in this world there would be at least some people able to understand what he was talking about.

The pagan world was utterly corrupt, having no moral sense whatsoever and believing in a host of depraved gods and goddesses who tyrannised them. Before the Messiah could begin to explain the finer points of religion, it was necessary for the people to have some fundamental understanding of who God really is and a

basic appreciation of the difference between right and wrong. You can't teach quantum physics to someone who can't add two and two together. So out of this pagan world God called Abraham, made him the father of a nation, and proceeded by word and deed to teach this People, the Jews, about Himself.

Over the course of about two thousand years He instructed them - by his deeds as much as by his words. He saved them from Egypt; they learned He was a Saviour God. He gave them the Law; they learned He was a moral God. He led them safely through the wilderness, giving them bread from heaven and water from the rock; they learned He was a provident Father.

He sent them prophets who spoke his words to them and taught them morality. Just like sending our children to school and knowing it will take a long time before all lessons can be learned, so God sent his People to school and their schooling took two thousand years. And this period, this schooling, is what we mean by the Old Testament.

How could anyone on his own understand the ways of God unless God were to tell him? How could we know that He is a Father, a just and righteous Father, a loving Father, unless he revealed it to us? And here we use a word that is essential to the understanding of our Faith – Revelation. Revelation happened from the call of Abraham, through Christ who is the very embodiment of Revelation, to the death of the last Apostle. All or almost all we know about God has been told us, revealed to us, by God Himself.

To be continued next week.

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: For Warren Beddoes, Gloria Grande, Barry Filicietti, Jean Fava and for all the recently deceased relatives and friends of parishioners.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Enright 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.



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, and Paula and Madalena Rambaldini.

From the Principal St Joseph's Primary Woodburn

Hats off to an amazing morning last Thursday!

We are grateful to the Hope St Coffee Van for treating our students and families to a delightful (and free!) morning, serving up delicious pancakes, hot chocolate, and essential coffee for the adults. Their generosity is truly appreciated.

We also loved seeing all the creative and crazy hats our students wore as part of our ongoing '58km for Cancer' initiative. Every wacky accessory helped us push closer to our goal.

We're so proud of our students and families for embracing the fun while supporting a great cause.

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Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9

Responsorial Ps 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14

Psalm: **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Second Reading: Romans 5: 5-11

Gospel **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Acclamation: *This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.*
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 7: 11-17

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



2026 Columban Art Calendar For Sale

The 2026 Columban Art Calendar is available to purchase for \$11. Please place the money in the envelope provided or transfer using the bank account:

BSB: 062-565 Account #: 10456509
Reference: Columban Calendar



CATENIANS
FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH

The newly formed Northern Rivers Group of the Catenians Association are looking for men to join their fellowship. They are hosting morning tea in Alstonville, on Sunday 9th November 2025, after the 8.30am Mass. Everyone is very welcome! Meet for a cuppa & chat and find out how Catenians' support Catholic families.

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contacted 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



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