



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Serving the communities of Coraki  
Woodburn and Evans Head.



**ST JOSEPH'S, CORAKI**

**ST JOHNS, EVANS HEAD**

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**YEAR C**

**8th & 9th November 2025**

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY VIGIL**

**EVANS HEAD 5.00PM**

**SUNDAY**

**CORAKI 9.15AM**

Weekend Celebrant: Fr Peter Jones

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

**BCC - 19 November @ 10am**



New parishioners are very welcome to Coraki/Evans Head Parish. We invite you to complete a Census Form from the rear of the church.

## Revelation and the First Reading continued from last

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Christianity, unlike other great world religions, is a revealed religion.

But this Revelation was not completed during the two thousand years of Jewish history. That was a time of preparation, a time of schooling (like primary and secondary school leading up to university). The university time, as it were, was when Christ eventually came, who said to the eager crowds listening to his Sermon on the Mount, Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them" (Mt.5:17) - like a university lecturer building on all the students schooling that had gone on continuously from the Infants' Class. In other words, the Lord's teaching was to bring to completion the groundwork the Holy Spirit had already laid throughout the long years of that special Jewish history, which theologians call Salvation History.

When Christ came He brought revelation to its completion. He taught us all we need to know about God, as only He could, because he had come from God and was returning to God (John 13:3). How could the human mind, for example, ever reach the knowledge that there is only one God, and that this one God exists in a Trinity of Persons, unless Christ, who is Himself of God, had told us so?

As a result of this prolonged period of training, the Jews, at the time of Jesus, stood head and shoulders above all other peoples when it came to understanding the things of God. They were surrounded by two mighty civilisations whose influence continues to this very day, the Greeks and

the Romans, but religiously these were like babes in arms in comparison to the Jews. The mighty Romans and the sophisticated Greeks were still worshipping the mythical gods when the Chosen People were ready and able to accept and understand, if they had been willing to, the profound teachings of Christ. The nations had not even entered the infants' class when the Jews were already at university!

It was not only theological matters that the Jews were taught over those two thousand years of revelation but spirituality as well. Perhaps the most persistent lesson the Old Testament teaches is trust in God, the faithful God who never lets you down. He proved himself faithful in the face of constant disobedience and infidelity on the part of his Chosen People. He taught them to trust him no matter what, and when they did, all went well with them. He taught them to be mindful always of what He had done for them, for in remembering his wonderful interventions they would learn to trust and love Him more. He taught them to pray, giving them the Psalms, the most beautiful prayer book ever written.

These virtues and many others developed in the Chosen People over those centuries found their perfect flowering in Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The lessons those Jews needed to learn, we still need to learn. The spirituality that inspired them must still inspire us and be the foundation of our Christian Way.

So it boils down to this: that the Old Testament reading on Sunday morning, despite what it seems, is relevant and

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** For Warren Beddoes, 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,



### 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.

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important and deserves our fullest attention.

At Mass Christ comes to us, the same Christ whom God spent two thousand years preparing his People to receive. We need the same lessons God taught them; we need the same virtues He tried to instil into them. That is why, in the last chapter, I suggested we spend time through the week praying and reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures, with the Old Testament reading receiving as much attention as the others.

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



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### Today's Readings

**First Reading:**

Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

**Responsorial**

Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

**Psalm:**

**The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

**Gospel**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Acclamation:**

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

John 2:13-22

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

#### St Joseph's Coraki Pilgrims of Hope Celebration

On Wednesday our school and parish community came together to celebrate our theme of Pilgrims of Hope with a vibrant and joy-filled day of faith and witness.

We began the day with a beautiful Mass that set the tone for reflection, gratitude, and hope. This was followed by a morning tea with parents and parishioners. Students then took part in a Pilgrimage of Hope around the school grounds — a meaningful journey that reminded us of the importance of walking together in faith and supporting one another along the way. Thank you to the secondary students from St Mary's College Casino and St John's College Woodlawn who led the way in faith and leadership.

Adding to the spirit of giving, our Sprinkle Sundae fundraiser was a huge success, with proceeds going to support Catholic Missions and their important work around the world.



The day concluded with plenty of fun and laughter as students and staff participated in a soccer



shootout, bringing our community together in the true spirit of joy and celebration.

It was a wonderful day that highlighted the hope, energy, and faith that make our school such a special place.

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