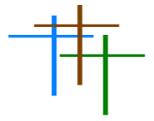


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH



Serving the communities of Coraki, Woodburn & Evans Head.

PENTECOST

YEAR B

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

TUESDAY

EVANS HEAD.....5.20PM

WEDNESDAY

CORAKI (Village).....9.30AM

PENTECOST MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

WOODBURN.....5.30PM

SUNDAY

EVANS HEAD..... 7.30AM

CORAKI9.15AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST:

- ✠ After 5.30pm Vigil Mass **WOODBURN**
 - ✠ After 9.15am Mass Sunday at **CORAKI**
 - ✠ After 5.20pm Mass Tuesday **EVANS HEAD**
- ✠ **ALSO AT ANY TIME ON REQUEST**

PARISH UNITS FOR SALE

In the Parish Retirement Complex located at 25 Cypress St Evans Head. Enquiries: 66832051



"RESPECTING A TRADITIONAL PEOPLE OF THIS LAND THE BUNDJALUNG PEOPLE"



REFLECTIONS ON THIS WEEKS SCRIPTURE READINGS

God's Word.....A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'One in the Holy Spirit'. All of today's readings speak about the Spirit of Jesus gifting his disciples with the talents and powers for going forth with courage to proclaim the Good News.

The first reading, from Acts, describes the events of Pentecost, in which the Holy Spirit comes upon the Apostles in wind and fire. When they are filled with the Holy Spirit, they begin to speak in languages they never knew before.

The second reading is a reminder that the Spirit bestows gifts for proclaiming the Good News on everyone, but not everyone has the same kinds of gifts. The gifts of the Spirit are public gifts, not private ones. And when people use them to complement the gifts of others, the community forms the one Body of Christ in which the Spirit is alive.

The early Christians probably argued about whose gifts were the most important. As one Body in Christ, divisions such as race, age or nationality lose all meaning. The image of the body was chosen to highlight that the community is not a static, unmoving group. A living body grows and moves and changes; so, too, does the church community if it is to stay alive.

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit. The disciples are hiding out, scared and defeated. Jesus comes to them and breathes new life into them – the breath of the Spirit. With the gift of the Spirit comes the gift of peace and a mandate to go out and forgive the sins of others.

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Vene Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.



Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptise people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit – the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up people into church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit. We could ask ourselves what changes do I wish the Spirit could blow my way and in what ways do I need more courage, knowledge, direction or commitment. *Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart*

RECENTLY DECEASED

Happy are those who die in the Lord! (Apocalypse 13).

Gary Maloney, Brian Tarlington (Husband of Nancy), Ron Jackson (Brother of Pauline Robson) Beverley Chinnery, Bridget (Del) Berryman, Margaret Nugent, Bruce Cooper (QLD), Barry Gilbey (Fr David Gilbey's Brother).

ANNIVERSARIES

Ruby Hutchinson, Phylis Aitkin, Nancye Walsh, Gary Walsh, Hazel Cannon.

THE SICK

Mrs Grant (Tintenbar), Bob, Kayden, Gary McLean, Val Hardy, Marie Smith, Cameron Mackie, Claire Carusi, Brother Mark Murphy FMS, Les Simpson (Ballina), Jake Thompson, Claire Hetherington, Anita Watt (Carmel Hyde's niece), John McDermott, Mick Ryan, Greg Moss, Jan Rowsell, Warren Grant (formerly Broadwater), Jessica Lavis, Billy Williams, Paige Humphreys, Pam Ellem (Annette Clark's sister in law)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Christopher (Beverly's Son), Pat Ryan, Deborah, Nicole, Enright family & friends. McCowan-Dan, Anderson families.

A Challenge for our Parishioners

This Winter the staff and students at St Joseph's Coraki want to make a difference to the lives of the homeless in our country. We are hosting a Pyjama Day on Friday 1st of June to raise enough money (\$99) to buy a street swag for someone sleeping on the street. We challenge you to match us on this and raise enough money (\$99) to buy a second street swag. (You can wear your pyjamas to Mass if you like as well!) Together, we can make a difference this Winter. If anyone would like to donate a blanket towards this appeal, it would be most gratefully received!



The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

Sacrament Of Confirmation

Congratulations to the children who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend with Bishop Greg Homeming.



Eric Mortimer, Kaylah Magee, Jack Graham, Kimberly Campbell, Jed Duignan, Max Ferrier, Jacob Kirk, Ava Litchfield, Josie Litchfield, Boston Long, Ariella Mangan, Clancy Newman, Lorena Swanson.

Please stay after Mass and celebrate with the Children and their families as they cut their Confirmation cake.

WOODBURN - A light supper in School library

CORAKI - A light lunch/morning tea

TRAVIS SCHAEFER will receive Confirmation **NEXT Sunday at St Josephs Coraki. Please keep Travis & his family in your prayers also.**

Parish Men's Group

Discussing Spirituality & Contemporary Issues

EVERY THURSDAY at 7pm on in the "St. John's Gathering Room" Evans Head. We invite and will welcome any man of our parish who would like to share in our discussion to join us.

WELCOME HOME

PAIGE HUMPHRIES & FAMILY

Following 9.15am Coraki Mass **NEXT SUNDAY**, there will be a Sausage sizzle in the Church grounds to welcome them home! Please stay and share in their Joy at Paige's successful surgery!



Today's Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading: (Acts 2:1-11)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Responsorial Psalm:

RESPONSE: LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH

2nd Reading: (Gal 5:16-25)

The fruit of the Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE. ALLELUIA

GOSPEL: (Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15)

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all truth