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SUNDAY MASSES

ST JOSEPH'S (Est 1835), Cnr King St & New England Hwy, East Maitland
Vigil 5.00pm; Sunday 8.30am, 6.00pm
Registrations - QR Code available.
Judy 0412 689 517

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Est 1841)
Maitland

SACRED HEART, New England Hwy, Campbell's Hill - **Vigil 6.30pm.**
Registrations - Judy 0412 821 505 or Carole 0429 328 127

HOLY FAMILY, 11 John St, Largs
Sunday 8.20am. Registrations - Terry 0429 727 704 or email terryob1956@gmail.com

ST COLUMBA'S, Cnr Prince & Church Sts, Paterson - **Sunday 9.30am.**
Registrations - Maryanne 0409 336 993

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Est 1871)
Cnr George & James Sts, Morpeth
Sunday 7.15am. Registrations - John 4934 8520 / 0414 254 230

ST PATRICK'S (Est 1905), 55 New England Hwy, Lochinvar - **Sunday 9.30am. Registrations** - Tony 4932 0208/0437 280 147

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Est 1947), Cnr Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave, Beresfield
Vigil 6.00pm. Registrations - Irena 4966 2902 / 0407 662 901

ST PAUL'S (Est 1961), 10 Young St, Rutherford - **Sunday 8.00am.**
Registrations — Gabby 0422 086 991

Ministers

All baptised members of the community

Ministry Team

Parish Priest: Fr Paul O'Neill (RIP)

Parish Administrator : Fr John Lovell

Asst Priests: Fr John Purnell & Fr Graham Fullick
(Presbytery 4934 5783)

Support Clergy

Fr Maurice Cahill

Regional Office

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,
Sandra Buck, Rebecca Piefke

ACTiv8 Youth Co-ordinator

Rebecca Piefke 0422 500 429

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0428 220 997

Family Ministry Co-ordinator, Hunter

Deanery

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We are in the country of the Worimi, Gamilleroi, Wonnarua, Gweagul, Darkinjung, Biripi and Awabakal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their Elders, celebrate their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors.

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Resp. Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

**The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily—Fr Maurie Cahill
Sunday dedicated to grandparents and to the elderly.

I have seen grandparents who have flown from Ireland to be present at a grandchild's first Holy Communion. And at baptisms, we can see there is so much love and care of grandparents – their faith quietly obvious and their very presence bestowing their own blessing on the gathering. Pope Francis has declared this Sunday dedicated to grandparents and the elderly. Francis says that the aged must not see themselves as no longer important. The elderly find their energy has diminished, and life limited in so many ways; perhaps they can no longer leave their dwelling. And there also likely are the sufferings and inabilities that age brings. Add the loneliness and sorrows that is so often part of growing old. Francis says they must not see themselves as useless and “on the scrap heap”; that they are a precious link, a valuable, even powerful part of the Church. Francis says even the memories they have and their wisdom are a blessing they can share with younger generations. My elderly mother used to say that she found she could pray so much better now than when she was younger and busy with all the family. (But I wonder which was the better prayer – in the difficult or in the easier times?) Pope Francis insists that the prayer of the elderly is a power of grace which flows over the whole church – the Church which is so much in need. They are their own special part of the powerhouse that drives the work of the Lord. He encourages all to read a page of the gospel every day to absorb the love of the Lord. Francis concedes that he is indeed a member of the aged, carrying many of its disabilities. But it certainly has not dimmed his tremendous love of the Lord or his zest for teaching the world to live by it. Today he has a special word of the Lord for the elderly: to know that the promise of the Lord is true for them when he says, “Behold, I am with you always.”

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
(all bow)
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty; from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: Jesus fed the five thousand with the bread of life. May our love of the Eucharist, the real presence, sustain us in faith and love, as we place our prayers before our God whose Son Jesus gave us the bread of life.

Prayer leader:

For the Church to perform every day the miracle of the multiplication of the bread of life and the word of salvation. May no one lack nourishment for the body or the lack of hope that is born in faith. For Pope Francis' ministry. . . Let us pray. . . Lord hear us.

For all of us older people to live in a manner worthy of the call we have received with humility, gentleness and generosity. May our frailty never prevent us from being strong in love, nor from being consolation for the poor and support for the young. . . Let us pray. . . Lord hear us

For the young people when they come face to face with hunger for bread and a hunger for peace in this world. May they never be discouraged by how little they have, but may they obey the Lord's invitation to help feed everyone else. . . Let us pray. . . Lord hear us

For those of us who are grandparents, may we know how to accompany our families with wisdom, may we learn to pass on the treasure of faith to our grandchildren and to the younger generations. . . Let us pray. . . Lord hear us.

We pray for the Priests in our region that the Holy Spirit will guide them with strength and wisdom, to continue their good works as we await the appointment of a Parish Priest. . . Let us pray. . . Lord hear us.

For every sick person to be healed, and for the storm of the Pandemic to subside. May we learn never to leave anyone alone when they are facing the onslaught of evil, and may care be guaranteed for everyone, including in the poorest countries. . . Let us pray. . . Lord hear us.

Dear God, we remember all the elderly who have died in recent months as a result of the pandemic, including those who are not remembered by anyone. We pray also for our friends and relatives who have died recently especially Robert Donaghy, Mary Veronica Goodwin, Slavo Kefecsek and Edwin Oarde. Welcome them into your Kingdom of peace and mercy. . . . Let us pray. . . . Lord hear us.

Celebrant: Loving Father, we know You are always with us, that we are your people and You are our Father, so we join our prayers together with Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

We pray for the recently Deceased

Robert Donaghy, Mary Veronica Goodwin (Macksville), Slavo Kefecsek, Edwin Oarde

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Beverley Brodie, Zenaida Gabriel, Elizabeth Hoawerth, Frank Ingruber, James Keighery,
Hope & Joel Lawrence, Mollie O' Brien, Casimira Reyes

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, Linda Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Joseph Anderson, Cynthia Appleton, Judy Carmody, Olga Charlton, Robyn Chesworth, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nicholas Dilley, Brigid Field, Pam French, Melinda Grainger, Col Green, Anne & Peter Hardy, Julie Hartigan, John Hogan, Ken Jones, Ethan Joseph, Terry Kauter, Krystyna Kulzcznski, Patricia & Robert Lancaster, Little Luke, Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Kevin Moloney, Lisa Peattie, Pauline Randall, Lolito Regudo, Ella Rusak, Olga Rusak, Jane Winsor O'Keefe, Amelia Verdera Satana, Margaret Sipple, Steven Small, Anne Standing, John Szczudluk, Vivian Tee, Bill Temperley, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Edward Vincent Hallam, Penelope Olive Stoneman

Would you like to remain on the sick list ? If so, please email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au, place a letter in the second collection or send a letter to PO BOX 215 Maitland, 2320 Please continue to pray for those who are unwell in our communities

WEEKLY BULLETIN - If you wish an anniversary/notice/article to be placed, OR you wish to be added to our distribution list, please advise before 10am WEDNESDAY

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390 or E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit their website for further information www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

Update on COVID Check-in Requirements to Enter our Parish Buildings

1. Anyone who has a phone that can scan QR codes, has an obligation to scan in upon entering any of our parish buildings (for Mass, prayer, cleaning or any other purpose).

Also, please remember to check-out upon leaving.

2. If you are unable to scan the QR code, please seek assistance from someone who can, so they can scan you in on their device. Instead of putting all this burden upon the one person who normally monitors everyone entering, it would be good for regular attendees to 'buddy-up' with someone they know who would be happy to scan them in each time they attend.

3. Please only record your attendance in written form (ie on paper) if you can't register yourself or get someone else to register you via the QR code. On top of this, please remain vigilant in wearing masks, safe distancing, not exceeding allowable church capacity numbers and in observing no congregational singing.

Sacraments of Initiation - First Holy Communion IMPORTANT COVID CHANGES

Due to current COVID restrictions, numbers in our churches have been further reduced leading to several changes to the First Holy Communion program. These changes will be explained in detail at all three Parent Preparation Meetings this coming week. **Please note children will not be able attend this week's meetings.** We can only have one parent/carer representative from each family attend one of the meetings. This will enable us to comply with the reduced numbers allowed in the churches. Please bring the preparation books. Prior email check-in is no longer required to book your preferred venue for this session. COVID check-in is mandatory when you arrive at the church. Masks must always be worn in the church. An email highlighting the changes will be emailed to all families who participated in the Confirmation program.

BERESFIELD CATHOLIC LADIES GROUP: The next meeting will be this **Tuesday, 27th July**. You are warmly invited to come along and join us. We will meet at **THE BERESFIELD TAVERN, Anderson Drive, Beresfield** for lunch at **11.30am for 12.00 start**. Please call Irena on 4966 2902 or 0407 662 901 by Monday 26th to book your seat. Everyone welcome.

Following direction from NSW Government our Diocesan CEO advised all Diocesan employees that we could work from home, wherever practical. After discussions with Fr John and the staff and given that we are able to safely distance the staff will continue to work within the office.

The Parish office will be CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

This will reduce the movement within the office. Sorry for any inconvenience – please call us on 49338918 or email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au if you need to discuss any aspect of parish life or to make arrangements for bulletin notices. If Government requirements change we will adjust our operations

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Our safety is important and so we have invested in a life-saving defibrillator for each Mass community. They are located in obvious spots within your Church and for Paterson it is installed in the Nara Room. It's important that you take a little time out of your day to watch the training video in the link below as it may mean the difference between someone's life being saved, or not. The training is something which will help everyone. We pray that the machines will never need to be used but if the situation arises this training will give us the confidence to save a life! Here is the link to the training [.http://rcl.ink/1iS](http://rcl.ink/1iS)

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out what is involved in becoming Catholic? Or would you like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation?

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process, please note there will be an Enquiry Evening on **August 11th at 7PM**. At this stage it is planned to be at the **THERRY CENTRE** at East Maitland. However, due to present Covid restrictions alternative arrangements may need to be arranged. For this reason, could you please register your interest in the Enquiry Evening by contacting the Chisholm Parish Office at

PIETY STALL

New books have arrived.

Open after Sunday masses at **St. Joseph's church, East Maitland. Contact Marion Riley 0412811759.**

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 26th July (*Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary*)

Tues 27th July

6.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 28th July

12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 29th July (*St Martha*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 30th July (*St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 31st July (*St Ignatius of Loyola, priest*)

8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 1st August

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 26th July

9.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

12 - 1pm Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 27th July

9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 28th July

9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 29th July

9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 30th July

9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

St John's Chapel Maitland open for private prayer daily