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SUNDAY MASSES

CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

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)

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Fr Maurice Cahill

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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

Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I
cry to you all the day long.

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 Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his
praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

The Lord turns his face against the
wicked to destroy their remembrance
from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes
to the just and his ears to their appeal.
(R.)

They call and the Lord hears and
rescues them in all their distress. The
Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will
save. (R.)

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue
him. He will keep guard over all his
bones, not one of his bones shall be
broken. (R.)

Evil brings death to the wicked; those
who hate the good are doomed. The
Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to
Christ. Wives should regard their
husbands as they regard the Lord, since
as Christ is head of the Church and
saves the whole body, so is a husband
the head of his wife; and as the Church
submits to Christ, so should wives to
their husbands, in everything. Husbands
should love their wives just as Christ
loved the Church and sacrificed himself
for her to make her holy. He made her
clean by washing her in water with a
form of words, so that when he took her
to himself she would be glorious, with no
speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but
holy and faultless. In the same way,
husbands must love their wives as they
love their own bodies; for a man to love
his wife is for him to love himself. A man
never hates his own body, but he feeds it
and looks after it; and that is the way
Christ treats the Church, because it is his
body – and we are its living parts. For
this reason, a man must leave his father
and mother and be joined to his wife, and
the two will become one body. This
mystery has many implications; but I am
saying it applies to Christ and the
Church.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: .Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

Homily - Fr Maurice Cahill

Accepting the great truth of the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist can sometimes be difficult for people joining the Catholic community through the RCIA Process. The Christian community that they grew up in might have explained the bread and wine as symbols of Christ's body and blood. The Catholic Faith has ever proclaimed the literal truth in the words of Jesus when he says that we must eat his body and drink his blood. That in the consecrated bread and wine, we receive the living Lord Jesus is the truth we stand on. It is at the heart of our Catholic Faith, and the profound mystery of the sacrifice of the Mass.

Mysterious? Yes it is! Can we give a human explanation for it? No we can't! Jesus gives us some light on the reality, saying *The flesh has nothing to offer. It is the Spirit which gives life..*

He is saying that human thinking and reasoning cannot give understanding of the Eucharist. Only the Spirit – the Holy Spirit – can do that. It is the Spirit who gives us the gift of faith; that makes the Blessed Sacrament real for each of us. So we accept that we are intimately present to the Lord Jesus by our reception of the consecrated bread and wine.

In the RCIA Programme, one candidate, James, who *had piously worshipped as an Anglican all his life* was saying that the he just couldn't understand what Catholics were on about with the word *transubstantiation*. I asked him what used he receive when he went to Communion in the Anglican Faith? Was it bread that symbolised Christ, or was it the Lord? He was shocked that I could ask such a question. *Of course it was the Lord!* So we told him not to worry about '*transubstantiation*'. That very long word is part of a philosophical theory of St. Thomas Aquinas, indicating how it can be possible for the living Jesus to be present under the form of bread. If that theory helps people – then it helps. But no human explanation could explain the mystery. Otherwise it just would no longer be a mystery.

(One of the more consoling evidences of the real presence of the Lord would be at Lourdes. So many people are dramatically healed there. Most of them are to do with receiving Holy Communion; or at the Eucharistic Liturgy for the blessing of the sick. The Lord is giving beautiful signs that he is really present and active in the Bl. Sacrament).

But added to all this, we must choose to believe. I mean we must keep on choosing to believe that precious reality. We choose to come reverently to the altar. We have to keep choosing, because familiarity breeds contempt. We can receive Communion so often that we hardly say a real prayer. The choice is to profoundly acknowledge the living presence of the mighty, loving Lord Jesus himself. We have to keep choosing to renew our faith or it somehow wears thin. Every time I celebrate Mass, I need to stop beforehand and call to mind what it is that is about to take place – how it is the adoration of Jesus for his Father that will be taking place. What I am so used to doing can become thoughtless words unless I am constantly choosing to be prayerful and believe deeply. And so must we all as we partake in the all-holy Eucharist.

Bring your faith with you as you approach the altar for Communion.

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: Let us raise our hearts to God our Father in prayer, confident in His great mercy.

Prayer Leader.

We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Deacons that they continue to teach the joyful news of the Gospel.

We pray. . . Lord have mercy.

We pray for our Church communities that they be an example of courage and strength in their faith, to face the challenges that we encounter in our daily lives. We pray. . . Lord have mercy.

We pray for the Priests of our region that they find comfort in the presence of God, giving them wisdom and strength in their work as we await the position of Parish Priest to be fulfilled. We pray. . . Lord have mercy.

We pray for our Local, National and Global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, through the Holy Spirit let all people find comfort in the love of our God. We pray. . . Lord have mercy.

For the people of Afghanistan may the Holy Spirit secure the peace of Christ in the hearts of the Authorities, for the communities to live with Justice and Peace. We pray. . . Lord have mercy.

May many find in their hearts, a way to respond the call, and give generously with prayer and treasure to the people of Haiti following the earthquake. We pray. . . Lord have mercy.

God of Peace, let your light shine on those who are not well especially Bishop Bill and our relatives and friends. We pray. . . Lord have mercy.

We pray for the deceased members of our communities including Rosemary Bieman, Colleen Compton, Anna Ehmann, Betty Flood, Helen Frost, Shirley Leehy, Peta Saunders that they may rejoice in the vision of God in heaven. We pray. . . Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Father we ask for Your healing strength in our daily lives, as we come to glorify Your Mercy in Christ our Lord Jesus.

Communion Antiphon The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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.

We pray for the recently Deceased

Rosemary 'Rosie' Bieman, Colleen Compton, Anna Ehmann, Betty Flood, Helen Frost,
Shirley Leehy, Elizabeth 'Peta' Saunders

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Daniel Charnock, Terry Chipperfield, Clem Coffey, Marg Coffey, Clare Fitzpatrick, Amy (Dolly) Keating,
Wendy Smith, Ida Stace, Barbara Thomas, Frank Thomas, Mary Margaret Trappel

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Joseph Anderson, Cynthia Appleton, Judy Mary Carmody,
Olga Charlton, Robyn Chesworth, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nicholas Dilley, Brigid Field, Pam French,
Melinda Grainger, Anne & Peter Hardy, Julie Hartigan, John Hogan, Ken Jones, Ethan Joseph,
Krystyna Kulzcznski, Patricia & Robert Lancaster, Little Luke, Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Kevin Moloney,
Lisa Peattie, 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

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR PARISH

Thank you to those parishioners who have setup regular contributions to their parish and first collection. This is a great support to our clergy and church. Please consider if your household can afford to contribute – any amount will be greatly appreciated. Those who are envelope planned givers can easily transfer to electronic payments. If you would like to set up an electronic payment which will cover both your First & Second collection donation please email Louise.gilchrist@mn.catholic.org.au and provide your phone contact details and she will go through the process with you. Alternatively Louise can provide bank details for your parish so you can manage your donation.

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK.

August 23-29

Would you like to discover a way of tracking your Cycles and understand a method of family planning? More info can be found on our website:

<https://billings.life/en/> OR Contact our Billings Area Administrator NSW Maria 0408 402 059

An information session about the Billings Ovulation Method® will be held on Monday 23rd August @ 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST. To register please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-webinar-tracking-fertility-tracking-health-tickets-163000285241>

Further information about natural fertility awareness can be found at the Billings LIFE website: <https://billings.life/en/>

National Day of Prayer for the Pandemic

Sunday 22 August 2021

We join with the National Council of Churches in calling Australia to united prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis. The theme is 'Lord have mercy'; and it calls on us to be especially united in prayer. Prayer resources are available at <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhavemercy/>.

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

Please find, on the next page, an invitation to Light a Candle for Afghanistan.

CatholicCare August Appeal 2021

CatholicCare Community Programs receive no government funding, so we're calling on the Catholic and broader community to help. Please give a gift to our 2021 August Appeal today. Every dollar counts.

Donate today Send your cheque to PO Box 775 Newcastle 2300

Give a gift online www.catholiccare.org.au/augustappeal

The parish office continues to be closed to the public and our office staff are working reduced hours from home. Please send through bulletin notices and anniversaries by 12pm Wednesdays via email or phone.

VINNIES VITUAL COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT

Mary from the Largs parish and Anne Horadam, a member of the East Maitland Conference, will be participating. You can offer your support by sponsoring. Donations can be made by googling *Maitland Community Sleepout 2021* or directly at <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepout-maitland-2021>.

Due to COVID restrictions the refundable can/bottle collection will be postponed until first Mass after COVID lockdown. Please ensure that the bottles and cans are clean and cans are uncrushed. Until then, aim to double your collection. With thanks, Mary Please contact Mary if you have any questions 0437604501

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 23rd August (*St Rose of Lima, virgin*)

Tues 24th August (*St Bartholomew, apostle*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 25th August (*St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz, priest*)

12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 26th August

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 27th August (*St Monica*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 28th August (*St Augustine, bishop, doctor*)

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

Sun 29th August

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 23rd August

9.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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

Tues 24th August

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

Wed 25th August

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

Thurs 26th August

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

Fri 27th August

9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

7.30am - 9.00am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

St John's Chapel Maitland closed during lockdown

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Light a candle for Afghanistan

Join us in prayerful silence for Afghanistan



For many of us fortunate enough to live in Australia, it's hard to fully fathom the sight of people desperately clinging to aircraft as the pilots inside prepare for takeoff. Yet, in recent days disturbing images like these, beamed from Afghanistan, have caused distress, confusion, and a general sense of uneasiness in the local community.

Fr Greg Barker, Parish Priest of Boolaroo-Warners Bay, who spent six years serving full-time as a chaplain in the Royal Australian Air Force, came up with an idea to turn his despair into a sign of hope. Fr Greg, who flew in and out of war zones during his time in Iraq in 2004, is inviting us all to light a candle with him.

Thursday 19th August at 6pm

Light a candle for the woman and girls there – a light in the dark for what may lay ahead for them. For centuries, families have lit candles in their windows to show travelers the way home. This act demonstrated that there was still hope, as small as it might be when all seemed lost

Friday 20th August at 6pm

Light a candle for those veterans among us who might be feeling that their service there, and the sacrifices that were made, were for nothing. The light will symbolise that nothing we do for others, freedom or peace, is ever wasted.

Saturday 21st August at 6pm

Light a candle for all the Christians and people of other faiths in Afghanistan, who will now be in dire circumstances as the militants sweep through.

You might like to light a candle at the same time and join with Fr Greg in a few moments of prayerful silence or prayerful non-silence if you want to pray a few prayers. Take a picture of your candle, and I will share it around.

One light or a thousand it won't matter – it's the solidarity in prayer that matters. And for our veterans, maybe that they and their service matter to us.

If you would like to email a picture to Fr Greg please email it to Parish.Boolaroo@mn.catholic.org.au