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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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Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,
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We are in the country of the Worimi, Gamilleroi, Wonnarua, Gweagal, 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 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean

hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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

Homily - Fr John Purnell

Once again we hear the Pharisees and Scribes continue to scrutinise Jesus' preaching and his behavior, as well as the behavior of His followers.

In the Gospel story they observe that some of Jesus' disciples did not follow strictly the purification ritual that was required of a faithful Jew before eating any meal, or preparing any food. For the Scribes and Pharisees, this gave them the perfect opportunity to openly criticise Jesus and His followers as for them the law always reigned supreme no matter what, there was no exemption to the Law of Moses.

Despite this constant criticism and moral judging, Jesus proclaims to the crowd: *"Listen to me and hear me! Nothing that enters a person from outside can defile that person! It is what comes from within that defiles the individual."* Jesus then names twelve emotions and acts that defile individuals, acts that at their core are judgements.

This week may be a good week for us to ask ourselves: *"At times, do we judge or critique others because they are not following the law, be that the law of God or the law of the land?"*

I assume we do.

Many of our judgements are automatic. They may be leftovers from what we were taught as children. Judgements simply are part of our human condition. And often we may not be fully aware that we are judging another person for breaking one of the laws or rules we consider to be important. Let's be brutally honest, none of us like it when another person judges us. Yet at times, we automatically judge others when we may not have the complete picture. It is not our place to judge others. This is God's work to do.

If/when we find ourselves beginning to judge another this coming week for any reason let us stop, breathe, and pray, as we may find our week is a little lighter and brighter without so much judgement.

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: Father in heaven hear our prayers we place before You. Make us aware of Your presence and the wonderful works You have created for us in this world.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Bill and our Priests and Deacons, may they continue to be examples of compassion, love, mercy and tenderness to all Your children. We pray. . . . Lord hear us.

Holy Spirit enlighten a priest to undertake the role of Parish priest of our Region. Give the Priests of our Region the strength and courage to continue the good works as we await this position to be filled. We pray. . . . Lord hear us

We pray for our Church to continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit and to be a source of justice and love as a renewal place where all can call it home, as we reflect on the future of the Church in Australia, We pray Lord hear us.

We pray for peace in our world especially in Afghanistan. May the Holy Spirit shine on those who are suffering and give them the courage and faith to search for You every day in prayer. We pray. . . . Lord hear us.

Lord God, many people in lockdown are finding it very stressful. Shine Your light upon them and inspire them to respect the laws of the land during this pandemic time, give them the hope and trust that You are walking with them. We pray. . . . Lord hear us.

For those who are not well especially Bishop Bill and those who are infected with the Covid Virus, through our prayers may they find solace in the love You have for them. We pray. . . . Lord hear us.

We pray for those who have gone before us including Carmel Godwin, Michael Kauter and Carol Sheen may they dwell in Your presence forever. We pray. . . . Lord hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God, you are our Father and the hope of the world. Grant that we may work, live and pray as Your sons and daughters. We ask this through Christ our lord.

Communion Antiphon How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



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

Carmel Godwin, Michael Kauter, Carol Sheen

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Ted Burgess, Sr Norah Creigh, Frank Hill, Pam McFadyen, Eileen McGilvray, Patricia Rogers, Eileen Palmer, Veronica Faith Sheeley, Sarah Wand,

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, Leanne Hardy, Julie Hartigan, John Hogan, Ken Jones, Ethan Joseph, Krystyna Kulzczynski, 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

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

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.

Pints with a Purpose | Explore Season of Creation with Rose McAllister

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment.

MN Catholic Youth welcome Rose McAllister who will explore this year's theme; inviting us to consider how we can celebrate this season so we are caring for our common home.

Time: 7:00PM

Date: Monday, 6 September 2021

More information: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pints-with-a-purpose-season-of-creation-tickets-168044011161>

Invitation to Plenary Council Conversations

The Plenary Council members will be invited into spiritual conversations over the first week in October in order to arrive at the concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centered Church in Australia at this time. In preparation for the upcoming First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council our Diocesan Plenary Council members Bernadette Gibson, Fr Andrew 'Doohan' VG, and Helen Belcher are seeking input from our diocesan community. You are invited to join them for a series of conversations around the Plenary Council agenda and its associated questions, and guided by the Holy Spirit, so they can hear from as many people as possible. Plenary Conversations will be over a number of weeks each Thursday from 26/8 to 30/9 - 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom.

To register click in the link below

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/plenary-council-lead-up-conversations-tickets-168063956819>

Our Diocesan Councils need you!

Becoming a Council volunteer is a wonderful opportunity to not only meet fellow members who share your interests, but also to make a difference in an area you're passionate about! Pastoral Ministries are seeking expressions of interest for these Councils: Diocesan Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Ministry Council, Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Council, Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People, Diocesan Council for Women, Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Council, Diocesan Social Justice Council.

If you would like any further information, please contact Jenny Harris - jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au

Haiti Earthquake Support | Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon

As the situations in Afghanistan and Lebanon deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises. Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

David McGovern from Catholic Mission invites interested parishioners to join online gathering *Mission: One Heart, Many Voices* from Wed 1st Sep - Fri 3rd Sep to explore issues of Faith & Spirituality. To register go to: <http://2021.mohmv.com.au/>

CatholicCare August Appeal 2021

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

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 30th August

Tues 31st August

~~5.30pm~~ Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 1st September

~~12.00pm~~ Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

~~7.00pm~~ Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 2nd September

~~7.00am~~ Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 3rd September (St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor)

~~7.00am~~ Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 4th September

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

Sun 5th Septemebr

~~9.00am~~ Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 30th August

~~9.30am~~ Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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

Tues 31st August

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

Wed 1st September

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

Thurs 2nd September

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

Fri 3rd September

~~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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