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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)

**Support Clergy**

Fr Maurice Cahill

**Regional Office**

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,  
Sandra Buck, Rebecca Piefke

**ACTiV8 Youth Co-ordinator**

Rebecca Piefke 0422 500 429

**Spiritual care of sick & aged in care or at home:** Phone office 49338918

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0428 220 997

**Family Ministry Co-ordinator, Hunter**

**Deanery**

Lucy Sneesby-Tooth 0417 773 444

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**

**Ps 118:137, 124**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**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 Is 35:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you. 'Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

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

**Resp. Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1**  
**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

**Second Reading Jas 2:1-5**

A reading from the letter of St James  
*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Gospel Mk 7:31-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

## Homily - Fr John Lovell

'Ephphatha', Jesus says in our Gospel to a deaf man wanting to be healed. It's an Aramaic word meaning 'be opened'. It's also part of our Baptismal rite where the priest or deacon points to the child's ears and mouth and says, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive His Word, and your mouth to proclaim His faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father".

While Jesus was always happy to heal the physical disabilities of people who were paralysed, lame, blind, deaf, dumb or suffering from some other condition, His greatest concern was for people's spiritual healing. For in an earlier chapter of this Gospel He speaks of those who 'see and see again, but not perceive...hear and hear again but not understand'(Mark 4:12).

It was the founder of Western monasticism, St Benedict, who taught his followers to, "Listen with the ear of the heart". We might ask, how do we do this and *why*?

If we don't learn to listen to God speaking to us in our hearts, how can we come to develop a meaningful relationship with Him, which we each need if we are to discover His particular purpose for us in our lives? This requires regular periods of silence in which we open our hearts and say, like the Prophet Samuel, 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening'. If we persevere with this, especially in conjunction with reflection on the Word of God, the ears of our hearts will be opened, 'Ephphatha', and we'll come to know and fulfil that special mission the Lord is calling each of us to in our lives.

Fathers' Day: This Sunday being Fathers' Day, we give special thanks at this time for all our fathers: our natural fathers, adopted fathers and spiritual fathers. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide all these men to live as true models of our one universal Father in Heaven.

### 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:** God is our help and salvation. Through His love for us He created a wonderful world for us to live in, He gave us his Son Jesus to show the love he has for us, with confidence we place our prayers before Him.

**Prayer Reader:** We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all who proclaim the word of God, that through them, our Church may be a place of Spiritual hope and love, and embrace all who turn to her for help and support. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . Lord hear us.

We pray especially for the Priests in our region that they continue to have the strength and courage to take on the role of Shepherd for our communities in this trying time as we await the position of Parish priest to be filled. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . Lord hear us.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will intervene in Afghanistan, and those countries who are suffering from unrest. Bring those responsible to court, so peace can return to the people and the leaders of the countries be filled with love and compassion. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . Lord hear us.

As we welcome this new season of spring, we pray that all will open their ears and hearts and recognise that You are the Creator of the wonders on earth, that You have freely given us in this world. Give special graces to those who are struggling in this Pandemic time. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . Lord Hear us.

On this Father's Day, we pray through St Joseph the father figure of Jesus, for all fathers in this world, may they continue to be an inspiration of faith, and guard and protect their children's safety on this child protection day, showing the love that Jesus has for all His children. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . Lord hear us.

We pray for all the Plenary Council members who are preparing for the first Assembly in October: that they be attentive to the heartfelt hopes voiced in the initial consultations. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . Lord hear us.

With love we pray for those who are not well, especially Bishop Bill, our own families and all those who are suffering from the Covid Virus. May our prayers bring them strength in their sufferings and give them hope in the love that God has for them in their journey. . . In Faith we pray. . . Lord hear us.

May those who have died recently including Joseph Anderson, Betty Kate Flood, Patricia Hancock, Michael Kauter, Sr Bernadette Mills, Michael Ryan, John Tobin (Snr), Anthony Wills, William (Bill) Woodhouse now enjoy the company of Jesus and the saints in a true Resurrection. . . In Faith we pray. . . Lord hear us.

**Celebrant:** We pray that we can be instruments of Your love in our region and where ever we go. We ask that you scatter your love around the world. We offer our prayers through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**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***

Joseph Anderson, Betty Kate Flood, Patricia Hancock, Michael Kauter, Sr Bernadette Mills, Michael Ryan, John Tobin (Snr), Anthony Wills, William (Bill) Woodhouse

***We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including***

Richard Breiner, Bernard Campbell, Andrew & Florence Collins, Len & Ellen Collins, Mervyn & Kathleen Collins, Andrew Ferry, Veronica Warby

***We pray for those who are sick at this time***

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Cynthia Appleton, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Robyn Chesworth, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nicholas Dilley, Brigid Field, Pam French, Melinda Grainger, Vince Gurr, 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](mailto: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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit their website for further information [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)

To Fathers and father figures,  
past and present.  
Thinking of you this day,  
and offering a prayer  
That God  
will keep you always,  
in the shelter of his care -  
May He guide you in your daily work,  
Bless everything you do  
and grant you all those special joys  
that mean the most to you.



## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2021

5-11 SEPTEMBER

EVERY CHILD IN EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A FAIR GO

### National Child Protection Week

*Every child, in every community, needs a fair go. To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.*

As a diocese, our goal when it comes to child protection is to always recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable adults, in-line with the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's abiding commitment to their safety, welfare, and wellbeing.

### 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>

### Stay Connected

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

\*Weekday Gospel reflections can be found on the parish website <https://maitlandcatholicparishes.org.au/>

### 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>

### 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](mailto: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.

### St Vincent de Paul Sleepout Fundraiser

Even though the Sleepout is over, the can/bottle/refundable recyclables collection continues due to COVID. Please continue to collect them and bring them in when masses resume. Thanks for your support. Mary 0437604501

### Seasons of Creation Celebration

Join us to hear guest speakers break open this year's Season of Creation theme, "A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God". 2:00pm, Saturday, 25 September 2021

More information: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/season-of-creation-tickets-167271083313>

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

#### Mon 6th September

#### Tues 7th September

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### Wed 8th September (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

#### Thurs 9th September (St Peter Claver, priest)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### Fri 10th September

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### Sat 11th September

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

#### Sun 12th Septemebr

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

#### Mon 6th September

9.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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

#### Tues 7th September

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

#### Wed 8th September

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

#### Thurs 9th September

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

#### Fri 10th 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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