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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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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.

Gathering (*lights turned off/low*)

Ode to the Light of Christ (*read by one person as priest is proceeding to altar*)

Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord. Let us not fear the past when our hearts were heavy.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 2:5)

Come, let us bring light from the darkness.

Let us make evil good and find sweet in the bitter.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:20)

Come, let us weep together when the light grew dark with the clouds, from the darkness and distress.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:30)

Come, let us walk with our brothers and sisters, those who have walked in darkness.

Let them see the great Light of God and let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 9:2)

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Penitential Act (*lights turned on*)

Presider: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Presider: Lord Jesus you are our hope: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: Lord Jesus you rout the proud of heart and exalt the lowly: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy

Presider: Lord Jesus you send the rich away empty and fill the hungry with good things: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

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 Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.'" He said, 'Prophesy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord.'" I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army. Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophesy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall settle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this it is the Lord who speaks."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm (R.) My soul is thirsting for the living God.

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God. (R.)

My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God. (R.)

O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. (R.)

And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 14:7-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine in the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel *Luke 1:46-56*

Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

'He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –

of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home .

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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.

Commission to Shine the Light of Christ

Presider: Let us walk in the Light of the Lord. Let us not fear the past when our hearts were heavy.

All: Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 2:5)

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All: And let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 2:5)

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Homily Fr Graham Fullick

Today is a Remembrance day for the abused. When we as the Catholic Church in Maitland-Newcastle look the surviving abused child in the eye, adult as they are now, today we look deeper to their soul and our soul. We are, I am, present to the mystery of God in them and in us together as children of God. It may be hard as a Church to say sorry, it should not be, for obvious and grave is the crime. It may be hard for a victim to see the amendment of life and repentance, harder even to trust and believe in the same Church, but the Church is not the same. The pilgrim repents and re-finds the path. Light makes visible the path to salvation individually and as Church. Victims are not the same. The injury remains, scars are there, but they are acknowledged and seen. They teach and call us to be more loving and caring.

What is the magnificence of Mary about? Her prayer is the Magnificat. The magnificence of Mary is that her soul, note soul full of God the Holy Spirit, proclaims the greatness of God the Father, as she is to bear God the Son. The magnificence of Mary Mother of Priests and the Church is that she is humble. In the light of God she sees her cousin Elizabeth in her old age now pregnant with St. John the Baptist. She is present to her cousin's need, not her own perturbation as a virgin now pregnant and having to explain *that* to St. Joseph. She has no concern about public scandal or her need as pregnant. She in her humility sees her cousin. She is present to the

mystery of God in her cousin Elizabeth and goes and visits her for fully three months. This Sunday the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Maitland-Newcastle seeks to be more humble, more one, holy, catholic and apostolic and sees and is present to those hurt by abuse. We see you. Lord help us to see and love more clearly. Today God lets us rejoice and be radiant in Him, to pray for the fire not the ashes, to look to the victims together and say in God's light we see light. Let us be children again, contrite, seeking forgiveness, forgiven and forgiving. In seeing others as God's children we ourselves become more children of God. Let us look to the Lord and find new ways to be radiant.

Universal Prayers - Perpetual Day of Remembrance

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, let us pray to the God of light and truth for our needs and those of the world.

Prayer Leader:

For the gift of wisdom and humility. God of mercy . . . **Hear our prayer.**

For the gift of courage and forgiveness. God of mercy . . . **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have been affected by abuse. God of mercy . . . **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the success of the Plenary Council first Assembly, that the Holy Spirit fill the Council members with words of wisdom and compassion and call all to be open and guided by this same Spirit. God of mercy . . . **Hear our prayer.**

May our prayers be heard for Bishop Bill, our family and friends who are not well. May all people in need of prayers be comforted in knowing that they are loved. God of mercy. . . **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that a glorious Resurrection was released to those whose journey on earth reached their destination recently including Raymond Francis Belcher, Bill Molnar, Newton Potter. May they enjoy the company of Mary and the Saints in our Heavenly home. God of mercy. . . **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God of the living and the dead, in Jesus you raise us up to shine your light in the dark places of our world. Hear these prayers and help us to always remember how much we are loved. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

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

Raymond Francis Belcher, Bill Molnar, Newton Potter

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including


Peter & Patricia Bowe, Margaret Jacka, Peter Lamoury, Joy Taylor

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 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

Dear Brother & Sisters in Christ,
 In solidarity with our communities on this important occasion of the Perpetual Day of Remembrance, I have asked that the lights be switched on and left on in all our churches in our Maitland Catholic Parishes from Saturday evening 11th September through to Wednesday 15th September, which is the actual date each year when we specially remember all those affected by abuse in our diocese.
 Many thanks, Fr John Lovell


**Join us in
 praying the
 Rosary**



**Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom
 (during lockdown)**

Zoom link - <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/64126789062>
 Password—Rosary

**MAITLAND REGION PRAYER
 GROUP**



Every Monday at 10am Via Zoom.
 Hosted by Family Ministry
 Co-Ordinator Lucy Sneesby-Tooth
 All are welcome to join.
 For more information or if you need help joining the meeting please phone Lucy 0417 773 444
 Zoom link – <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/66161593560>
 Password – Oremus

What is Zoom?
 Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing app anyone can use to meet clients, employees, students and other people online – either by audio-only or video or both.
Sign up with Zoom
 Head to the Zoom website (www.zoom.us) and sign up by clicking on “Sign up it’s free.” Zoom has four distinct price plans, but you only need to choose the “Free Plan.” After that, click on “Create account.” Log into your account and you will land on the page where you can locate the “Meetings Tab.” This is where you can join a meeting.
 For a step by step guide and YouTube video guide click on the below link <https://naturalvita.net/how-to-use-zoom-step-by-step-for-beginners-complete-guide/>

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>

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.

St Vincent de Paul Sleepout Fundraiser
 Your collection of cans/ bottles/carton ,refundable, recyclables, continues, please!!
 The collection of which will now be on a nominated weekend, possibly 2 weekends after masses resume. This will enable a more coordinated, successful effort.
 Thankyou for your continued support.
 Mary Adamson0437604501

*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/>

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

- Mon 13th September** (*St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor*)
- Tues 14th September** (*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
- Wed 15th September** (*Our Lady of Sorrows*)
12.00pm Mass, St John’s Chapel, Maitland
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
- Thurs 16th September** (*Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr and Cyprian, bishop, martyr*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
- Fri 17th September**
7.00am Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
- Sat 18th September**
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
- Sun 19th Septemebr**
9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

- Mon 13th September**
9.30am Prayer, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
12 – 1pm Adoration, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
- Tues 14th September**
9.30 – 10.30am Prayer, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
- Wed 15th September**
9.30 – 10.30am Prayer, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
- Thurs 16th September**
9.30 – 10.30am Prayer, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
- Fri 17th 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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Shine the Light of Christ Vigil

Churches, Schools, Diocesan Agencies and associated groups, individuals, house mates, families and communities.

To draw a line of continuity with *National Child Protection Week*, we invite you to begin our *Perpetual Day of Remembrance* with a Shine the Light of Christ Vigil.

All communities and individuals listed above are invited to turn/leave on a light on Saturday night September 11, the last day of *National Child Protection Week* and the Vigil Mass for *Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday*.

This is a simple and public way to show we stand with survivors, their families and friends, and that we are committed to ***Shine the Light of Christ*** on this issue and in our world. Please see immediately below the *Prayer for Turning on the Light of Christ*.

Prayer for turning on 'the light of Christ'

If there is more than one person, the introductory dialogue will work as indicated below.

If you are alone, you might also say the response and omit 'Let us pray.'

Person 1: The light of Christ shines in the darkness

Response: and the darkness shall never overcome it.

Let us pray

God with us,
you have made us in your image
and filled us with the breath of your divine life.
Through the life of Jesus
you show us the way to proclaim the greatness of your love in our lives.

As darkness falls may these lights remind us
of our mission to shine the light of your love
on the darkness of our Church and world.

Create a clean heart in us O God.

Where people are disempowered
May we shine the light of your paschal wisdom.
Where there is privilege and prestige
May we shine the light of your humility.
Where there is dishonesty and denial
May we shine the light of your truth.
Where transparency is lacking and agendas are hidden
May we shine the light of your integrity.
Where there is fear
May we shine the light of your courage.
Where there is judgement
May we shine the light of your compassion.
Where there is disrespect
May we shine the light of your love.
Where people feel silenced
May we shine the light of your word.
Where people feel excluded
May we shine the light of your acceptance.
Where there is sin
May we shine the light of your forgiveness.

Create a clean heart in us O God.

For turning off the lights

Day has dawned.
As we turn off our lights
we commit to shining the light of Christ in all we do
throughout our day.