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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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Lucy Sneesby-Tooth 0417 773 444

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

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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 Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

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

Resp. Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

(R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

(R.)

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

(R.)

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James
Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily - Fr John Purnell

This week through the Gospel of Mark, Jesus teaches us about that strange little thing known as “*tolerance*”. Tolerance sometimes can be incorrectly associated with being somehow permissive or passive in life situations. Being tolerant is rather suspect I believe; it has to be checked as it could lead to abuse of freedom or to violent consequences.

One little example of this is a mother, who is not able to correct her children’s bad behavior early on in life, is being tolerant in a wrong and damaging way and as we know this always ends in tears.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to be tolerant (not permissive or passive). If tolerance were not good, why would Jesus require such from his disciples?

As Mark tells it, it all started after the disciples “saw someone driving out demons” in the name of Jesus, they prevented him from performing exorcism because he did not belong to the followers of Jesus. He was not a member of this select group, that man simply did not belong.

We could only surmise what was going on in the minds of those “intolerant” disciples that day.

Could they have been jealous because this stranger could also cast out demons, just like them, even though he was not one of them? Were they angry because they have assumed that the power to exorcise demons was a select privilege given only to the followers of Jesus and not to any other person?

The disciples, as per usual, were clearly confused. Suddenly, what they have thought to be their “exclusive right” was no longer limited to them and them alone.

Jesus had his reasons: “Do not prevent him,” he said, “there is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

With these words, Jesus has taught his disciples about “tolerance” more as an exercise of Christian humility, charity, love and acceptance! This teaching is so relevant for us today.

We should not think that salvation is reserved only for us who were baptised and who believe in Christ.

Membership to his Church, faith, and the sacraments are still considered the ordinary ways to receive salvation, but this does not exclude the possibility that God could offer other ways of bringing people to encounter the “paschal mystery of Christ” in their lives. Like the outsider who performed exorcism in the name of Jesus, we have to understand that it is really Jesus who is the true source of salvation; the rest is just his medium.

Jesus calls us to religious tolerance, as long as it is not against God and Gods teachings. Jesus challenges us towards religious tolerance so that individually we also learn to discern about the faith we have received: what is it to truly follow Christ, what does it really mean to be a Catholic? How do I treat my neighbour who does not belong to my select club? In the answers our salvation is surely found.

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, make us aware of Your presence and the gifts and blessings you give us, in confidence we place our prayers before You.

Prayer leader

Heavenly Father look kindly on Your servants, Pope Francis, all Bishops and Priests who bring the words of the Gospels to life as they continue to lead the Church in faith. We pray. . . Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will rest upon our Bishop Bill in his journey at this time giving him the loving strength and comfort that he needs. We pray. . . Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our Nation: For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Plenary Council gatherings of council members may they listen to what the Spirit is saying and be attentive to the heartfelt hopes of the voices in initial consultations. We pray. . . Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all displaced people who have no place to call home and the Migrants and Refugees of the world, that world leaders and all peoples act with Justice and give them the help that they desperately need. We pray. . . Lord, graciously hear us.

Help those who are suffering from the covid virus and others who are not well especially the religious and our own families and friends. May they know that God is walking with them. We pray. . . Lord, graciously hear us.

May those who have left this earth recentlynow rest in the love and peace of Eternal life with our Heavenly Father. We pray. . . Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant: God of all goodness, guard and guide our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle as we work together to build the Kingdom of God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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.

Sunday Spiritual link-ups via Zoom with Fr John Lovell or Fr Graham Fullick

Each Sunday (commencing this weekend) during lockdown, Fr John and Fr Graham will each have a spiritual link-up with any parishioners wishing to join them online via Zoom. If you would like to join either of them for prayer and a reflection, please do so using the links below:

Fr Graham - Sunday at 10.30 am <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/64976203107> Password: 500483

Fr John— Sunday at 11.30 am <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/68726033227> Password: 157023

We pray for the recently Deceased

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Iris Briggs, Tegan Christiansen, Gerard Collins, Mary Davies, Marge O'Neill, Therese Thomas

We pray for those who are sick at this time

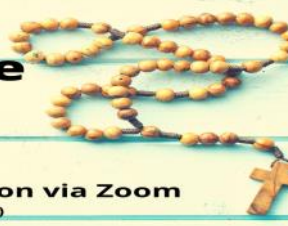
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Would you like to remain on the sick list ? If so, please email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au, place a letter in the second collection or send a letter to PO BOX 215 Maitland, 2320 Please continue to pray for those who are unwell in our communities

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

**Join us in
praying the
Rosary**



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

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

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

My Family & I would like to thank everyone in the Chisholm Region for their prayers and support for Col over the last ten painful years. He is now at peace.

I will always hold you in my heart
Joanna Green



Beating the COVID Blues' Program delivered by Feros Care

Aimed at supporting people over 65 years of age who are experiencing loneliness which is a particular issue during the COVID-19 pandemic. The service is fully funded so there is no cost to participants and it in no way competes with services offered by our CatholicCare. This may be of benefit to some of our parishioners. A summary of the Program can be found at this link:

<https://www.feroscare.com.au/beating-the-covid-blues>

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>

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

No PRAYER GROUP on Monday 4th October due to the public holiday.

Catholic Mission

One of the latest appeal letters distributed by Catholic Mission focuses on the story of Kusa, a 5-year-old boy whose mother Samorn* is being supported by a kindergarten centre in Bangkok, in Thailand. The kindergarten is an initiative of the Good Shepherd Sisters who, like Jesus reminds his followers, affirm the importance of "receiving one child" in His name. As October, the time when the Church celebrates World Mission Month, approaches, let us turn our hearts and minds – and perhaps our financial assistance – to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world, including Thailand. Jesus puts one child in "their midst" – there are many like Kusa, in the midst of our consciousness, who need us to provide them with hope for their long-term future, through education, food, uniforms and health care.

For more information about the vital, life-giving work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand, click [here](#)
For a short video clip, focusing on Kusa and his mother Samorn* (not her real name), click [here](#)

To follow up Catholic Mission, about any aspect of its work or your support and contact details, please call the Diocesan Director in Maitland/Newcastle, David McGovern on 0488 115 401 or email him at dmcgovern@catholicmission.org.au

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 27th September (St Vincent de Paul, priest)
Tues 28th September (St Wenceslaus, martyr, St Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Wed 29nd September (Sts Michael Gabriel, Raphael, Changiles)
12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
Thurs 30th September (St Jerome, priest, doctor)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Fri 1st October (St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Sat 2nd October (The Holy Guardian Angels)
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Sun 3rd October
9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 27th September
9.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
12 – 1pm Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Tues 28th September
9.30 – 10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Wed 29th September
9.30 – 10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Thurs 30th September
9.30 – 10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Fri 1st October
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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