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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

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Rebecca Piefke 0422 500 429

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0428 220 997

**Family Ministry Co-ordinator, Hunter**

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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**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever

**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 Wis 2:12, 17-20**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us

and opposes our way of life,

reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

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

**Resp. Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6**  
**The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. (R.)

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you

with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

**Second Reading Jas 3:16 – 4:3**

A reading from the letter of St James

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Mk 9:30-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the

Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

#### **Homily - Fr Maurice Cahill**

**Time was running out for Jesus.** With the Paschal feast looming, he was heading for Jerusalem and to all the tragic events which awaited him there. And he wanted urgently to spend more time training his disciples. But for the apostles, the future was looking very promising: they had been on their mission of preaching, working miracles, and even driving out demons. They were on a high. And with Jesus heading for Jerusalem, surely, they thought, this would be the time when he would triumphantly setup his wonderful Kingdom. Then they would show the world "who was who!" And they had been arguing which of them would be the *supremo*? With power, prestige on their mind, Jesus had a big lesson for them.

Who will be the greatest in my wonderful kingdom of mine? I'll tell you who! Not one strutting around feeling important; but the one who knows how to serve, not dominate; who has faith and love in heart. Such a person will have top honours. *If only our Church had always remembered that!*

Jesus turns human values upside down. Who are the important ones before God? The little child who got the hug was a great example. Now how did he earn such favour? It wasn't earned, except that Jesus loved the simplicity and innocence of the child. Nothing that the Lord bestows on us is ever earned.

Nor for Jesus is it enough to look good. He is definitely unimpressed with the wealth, possessions, prestige, or fame a person may have collected. Discipleship, says Jesus today, is the very opposite.

We are the disciples of a humble, homeless man (with no place to lay his head), no money or possessions.

Even the things that a person does for the Lord are not the most important issue, but what the Lord does for us. The Lord had no time for power or prestige. The only place he ever wanted to work was in the human heart. And at the final great round-up, when all will be revealed, who will be the truly great ones?

Some kings have been declared saints; some popes in our history have decidedly been villains.

And there are the Mary Mackillops of this world - the ones who have heard his call in their heart and answered it.

There are many unsung heroes who spend life caring for the poor and under-privileged - those that Jesus calls his little ones. They will be in front row in the great final gathering

Surely it will be so for many parents, great because of their love and sacrifice, who will stand among the great ones. Their God-given life work has been so loving and demanding of their own interests and pleasures.

Some little old lady in nursing home who spends her time going round the rosary beads. Surely, she is reckoned as among the greatest.

Greatness to God is what is in the heart: people whose heart has been uncluttered and open to the Lord.

#### **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 pray to our God who is the shining light and inspiration of our life, for our own needs and those of the world.

**Prayer leader:**

We pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of the Church that they may be an example of humble and loving service to their brothers and sisters in the church.. We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

May the Holy Spirit shine on the Priests in our region as they continue with love to support the Chisholm Region Communities as we await a Parish Priest to be appointed. We pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the courage to live our faith a little different at this time and be aware of those who are struggling from the isolation of lockdown rules especially those who are feeling very alone and unloved. May they feel Your presence through our prayers. We pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For our preparation for the Plenary Council: that our faith communities be encouraged and strengthened when dialogue gets messy and we cannot see where the Spirit is leading us: We pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray to the Holy Spirit for Bishop Bill, that he feels the strength and courage in the Real presence of Jesus as he faces the next part of his journey on the road of his illness. . . We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our family and friends who are not well and those who are suffering from the Covid virus. Through our prayers may they feel the presence of the Lord who says 'I am with you always'. . . . We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

May those who have left this world, have the blessings that we all long for in the presence of our loving God, especially Kerry Maidment and Gail Robinson. We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord God, it is your Holy Spirit who forms wise and generous hearts, keep us humble, that we may serve you with all our strength. In that Spirit, we seek your favour as we make our prayers through Jesus, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

**Communion Antiphon** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

#### 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/63766582095> Password: 671618

Fr John— Sunday at 11.30 am <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/63158426458> Password: 484188

#### ***We pray for the recently Deceased***

Kerry Maidment, Gail Robinson

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

Margaret Allen, Henry Bialek, Judith Bailey, Gwen Cerveney, Marie Funnell, Ellen Funnell, Grace Hill, Bernice McDonnell, Matthew Saunders, Alan Turnbull, Deborah Wholert

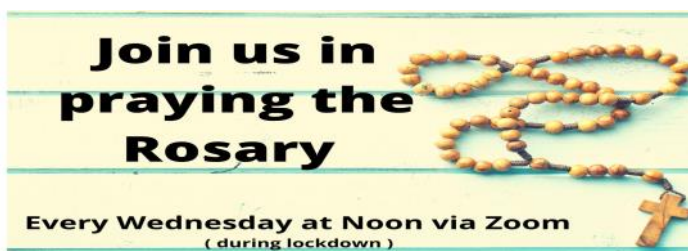
#### ***We pray for those who are sick at this time***

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

***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)



## 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

### 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](mailto:dmcgovern@catholicmission.org.au)

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

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIESTS

Frs. John Lovell, John Purnell, Graham Fullick and Maurice Cahill are now double vaccinated against Covid-19, and are already vaccinated against influenza. Therefore they are able to enter hospitals and aged care facilities to continue anointing, pastoral and emergency ministry to the bereaved, infirm, sick and critically ill in our parishes with maximum safety. Frs. Lovell and Fullick are also having special ergonomic mask fitment appointments at Maitland Hospital.

### Caritas Australia - Matched Giving Week (17-23 September)

#### DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD!

You can help raise a quarter of a MILLION dollars to support vulnerable women around the world! Thanks to a group of very generous Caritas Australia’s supporters, all donations until Thursday, 23 September will be matched, until we reach our target of \$250,000.

Your donation can help to provide education, develop livelihoods and improve healthcare and protection for some of the most vulnerable women and girls in marginalised communities. Donate before 23 September, or until we meet \$250,000, and your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar. **Double your donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/matched](http://www.caritas.org.au/matched) or call 1800 024 413.**

### 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>

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Mon 20th September** (Sts Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, priest, martyr Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs)

**Tues 21st September** ( St Matthew, apostle)

**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Wed 22nd September**

**12.00pm** Mass, St John’s Chapel, Maitland

**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 23rd September** (St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Fri 24th September**

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Sat 25th September**

**8.00am** Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Sun 26th September**

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

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 20th September**

**9.30am** Prayer, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**12 – 1pm** Adoration, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Tues 21st September**

**9.30 – 10.30am** Prayer, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Wed 22nd September**

**9.30 – 10.30am** Prayer, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Thurs 23rd September**

**9.30 – 10.30am** Prayer, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Fri 24th 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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Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Bill has asked that his Pastoral Message below is distributed to you the Catholics of Maitland Pastoral Region in thanks and gratitude. This means he is holding you close to his heart and thanking you for your prayers which have held him closer to the Lord with consolation even in his illness. His position is now clearer and he has the humility of truth to tell you plainly and publicly about his private health while trusting you with his good shepherd's care for us his flock. Let us support each other and continue to support Bishop Bill with our prayers inspired by the Lord during this challenging time.

Please keep Bishop Bill in your prayers as we will have you in ours  
Fr John Lovell, Fr Graham Fullick & Fr John Purnell



OFFICE OF  
**BISHOP WILLIAM WRIGHT**

***Lead Kindly Light:***  
A Message of Bishop Bill Wright on his health and ministry.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recent times have involved many difficulties for people in our region and across New South Wales and beyond. In such times, it is the duty of a bishop to be present with his people, to encourage and support wherever he can, to provide some point of stability in a shook-up world. I am acutely conscious that for some months I have been incapable of providing that episcopal service.

At the end of June, I was an emergency admission to hospital, struggling to breathe. Despite very good care and treatment, the condition of my lungs has not improved and, we now know, is an illness from which I will not recover. Meanwhile, I am physically incapable of performing public ceremonies or of getting about without considerable assistance. I can no longer fulfil a bishop's role or duties.

Accordingly, I have written to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, submitting my resignation as bishop. What happens next is, of course, entirely up to the Holy See. In the meantime, I will effectively remain on sick leave and my place will be filled by the Vicar General and the excellent staff of the bishop's office, as has been the case these last months.

I should like to thank all of you who have sent me 'get well' wishes during my illness, and most especially those who have held me in prayer. The sensation of a peace and tranquility of spirit that come from beyond oneself has been very palpable in some of the challenging moments. May we continue to support each other in faith and love through all life's challenges.



Bishop Bill Wright  
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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