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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

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

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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**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**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 Jer 31:7-9**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

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

**Resp. Psalm : Ps 125. R. v.3**

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are

sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

**Second Reading Heb 5:1-6**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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

**Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Mk 10:46-52**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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

## Homily - Fr John Purnell

On this 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, we hear the story of Bartimaeus, the blind man. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus was sitting on the roadside begging for alms. When Bartimaeus realised that Jesus was passing by, he cried out to him: *“Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!”*

The people around Bartimaeus tried to silence him. However, Bartimaeus was determined to get Jesus’ attention. He continued to cry out: *“Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!”*

When Jesus heard Bartimaeus’ plea, he stopped and said to his disciples: *“Call him.”* The disciples called to Bartimaeus: *“Take courage and get up! Jesus is calling you!”* Immediately, Bartimaeus jumped up, threw his cloak aside and went to Jesus. Jesus quietly asked him: *“What do you want me to do for you?”* Bartimaeus replied: *“Master, I want to see.”* Jesus then said to him: *“Go on your way; your faith has saved you.”* And in that instant, Bartimaeus received his sight and he followed Jesus on the way.

Ask yourself: What is the “sight” that you wish to ask Jesus for today? What is it that you need to see? Then be attentive throughout the day. Jesus may give you your “sight” in an unexpected or unusual way. Be attentive to each person you encounter. Truly look at each person. They may appreciate a few minutes of your time and attention. Or perhaps they simply need some recognition that you have “seen” them.

Today give thanks for the people who notice and “see” you. They have given you a great gift. In return, share this small but loving gift with others!

### 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:** Brothers and Sisters let us place our prayers before our loving God knowing it is with love and trust they are heard.

### Prayer Leader

We pray for the Leaders of our Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Bill, Priests and Deacons, may they feel Your loving presence as they nurture us in faith and love and continue to guide us in our journey of faith. . . We pray . . . **Lord hear us**

It is with gratitude to You O Lord, we welcome Father George Anthicadu to the Chisholm Region and ask that he be given special Blessings as he begins his new Pastoral role. May he find much love and companionship in our communities and feel the presence of Jesus in all those he meets. . . We Pray. . . **Lord hear us**

We Pray to You our loving Father, the Living word, who knows what is in our hearts, keep our thoughts and actions in harmony with your commandments and make us true missionaries in our daily lives. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us**

We pray for our brothers and sisters who have given their lives to continue the mission that Jesus began, so that others in countries around the world may have dignity and freedom in life. May they be blessed with the Holy Spirit in their work. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us**

You made the blind to see. Give us the sight to become a Missionary Church and lead us in a new era of faith so we might be more vibrant and evangelising. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us**

Holy Father, for those who are not well, may they feel Your loving grace in their hearts and know that Jesus is their companion on the road. In faith we pray for, Bishop Bill, our relatives and friends and those suffering from the Corona virus. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us**

We renew our faith in the Resurrection as we pray for those who have returned to you recently including Anne Allen, Grahame Harding, Gary Heiligman, Brett Lavis and Trisha Anne Mason. May they rejoice in the company of the saints with You O Lord. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us** .

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father we bring our prayers to you with faith and trust in our hearts that you will hear us as we pray for those around us. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our 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***

Anne Allen, Grahame Harding, Gary Heiligman, Brett Lavis, Trisha Anne Mason

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

Catherine Avard, Louise Considine, Frank Heagney, Jeanne Macpherson, Michael O'Brian, Mary Dorothy Redgrove, Margaret Robin, Ian Searston, Joey Sestito

***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, Kerry Copus, 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, 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, Kathleen Tuckerman, 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

Dear Friends,

Due to our NSW vaccination target reaching 80% earlier than expected, our Vicar-General has announced we can re-open our churches as soon as practicable for Mass, prayer and other liturgies. I have accordingly asked our Office Staff and Parish Teams to prepare for Masses to recommence from this weekend 23/24 October. By that time a mandatory current COVID safety plan will be available for each of our Mass centres.

It will not be mandatory for anyone to be fully vaccinated to enter our church buildings and we will not be checking anyone's vaccination status. However, the Church encourages everyone who can to get vaccinated for their own protection. Anyone with cold or flu like symptoms is urged to get tested and isolate until a negative result is received, and anyone who is in any other way unwell or feeling very vulnerable is urged not to attend church at this time.

Until further notice, we must comply with the following covid-safe precautions in our church buildings: 4 sqm rule, mask wearing, use of sanitizer and QR codes, optimal ventilation of indoor spaces, and no congregational singing.

**Also, we recommend you ring your Mass contact to pre-book to attend Sunday Masses to avoid disappointment. Booking details are on the front page of this bulletin.**

It will be wonderful for us to be able to gather once more as faith communities to celebrate the Eucharist after such a prolonged period away. And on another bright note, we have just received news from the Bishop's Office this week that Fr George Anhicadu will be taking over the helm in our region as our new Parish Priest from early November.

So, we look forward to welcoming Fr George in the coming weeks and at the same time farewelling Fr John Purnell who unfortunately will be leaving us to serve the Morisset Parish community. Fr 'Johnno' with his relaxed manner and sense of humour will be greatly missed by all of us. Fr Graham and I have been asked to stay on here in the Maitland Region to support Fr George. I would like to thank everyone in our communities, especially our parish teams along with my fellow priests, for your incredible support to me in my role as Administrator here since December last year. Its been both a challenging and rewarding time for me.

A number of our parishioners have joined Fr Graham and myself over recent Sundays for zoom link-ups. These will now have to cease to due to us returning to our regular busy Mass schedules. We thank you for your gracious support with these and in so many other ways: your prayers, phone calls, emails, financial support and so forth. Finally, just to let you know our Parish Office will not re-open for a few more weeks, though our friendly office staff will be available to answer phone calls and respond to emails. And please don't forget to check our website for updates.

Love Fr John

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month—from after Mass at 7am Friday till 8am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's, East Maitland. Next Date: Friday 5 November 2021. All are welcome. All Covid-19 requirements will be complied with throughout the Adoration period.

We all want to join as a community, but we need to follow the Covid safe guidelines.

Fr John would prefer that we not have hospitality until further notice.

Thank you to all those who have caught up with their planned giving donations and general donations to our Church and Clergy.

**Holy Family** have now published an Activities Calendar for the remainder of 2021 and all 2022. Details have been emailed out as well as being available on the Holy Family Facebook page. Anyone who has not received a copy please contact Mick Daffy 0413047203

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you (or someone you know) interested in finding out what is involved in becoming Catholic? OR... Would you like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation?

- ◆ Are you feeling called into a relationship with God?
- ◆ Perhaps you are married to a Catholic, or have Catholic children, and would just like to know more about their faith?

- ◆ Maybe the realities of life are awakening deeper questions within you? Becoming a Catholic is a spiritual journey that is firstly about developing a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

This journey, referred to as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is highlighted by ceremonies or "rites" which help you to experience the love and support of a caring faith community. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process, please note there will be an Enquiry Evening on Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, in the Therry Centre, East Maitland. Could you please register your interest by contacting the Chisholm Parish Office at [chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)

Mass recommences at **St John's Chapel** this Wednesday, 27th October at 12pm.

**SVdP Winter Sleepout Fundraiser** Hopefully you have continued to stockpile your Refundable/ Recyclable, clean non-crushed cans and bottles (no wine bottles) during lockdown!! The collection weekend for these will be the 30/31 Oct. Please bring them in to your Mass centre and they will be collected. Thankyou, Mary Adamson 0437604501

**Lochinvar Presbytery:** The Diocese has approached Fr John with a proposal for the purchase of Lochinvar presbytery and for the building to be used by the St Patrick's Primary School. If you would like to obtain information regarding this proposal please contact the Parish Team Leader, Tony Towers by email: [towers1@bigpond.com](mailto:towers1@bigpond.com) or call the parish office.

## Thank you to Human Angels

Thank you to YOU, you know who you are. Thank you to those invisible yet visible "Angels of Corporal Works of Mercy" in and around our parish churches, grounds and halls who have cleaned, polished, dusted, washed linen and vessels, trimmed candles, pruned, weeded, scrubbed and mowed and those who have dropped off collection money even while our status has been closed. You have been open to loving acts. May our Heavenly Father who sees all that is done in secret reward all that is done by you quietly and devotedly. God bless you. Thank you.

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

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

### Mon 25th October

### Tues 26th October

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Wed 27th October

12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

### Thurs 28th October (Sts Simon & Jude apostles)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Fri 29th October

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Sat 30th October

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

### Sun 31st October

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

### Mon 25th October

9.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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

### Tues 26th October

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

### Wed 27th October

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

### Thurs 28th October

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

### Fri 29th October

9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

7.30am - 9.00am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

St John's Chapel Maitland open for private prayer daily

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