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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**

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**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**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**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 Gen 2:18-24**

A reading from the book of Genesis

*They were two in one flesh.*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

**he Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Resp. Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5**

**May the Lord bless us**  
**all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! (R.)

**Second Reading Heb 2:9-11**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

**Gospel Mk 10:2-16**

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from

the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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

### **Homily - Fr John Lovell**

The Catholic Church is regarded by some in our world as backward, rigid and heartless because it doesn't recognize divorce or same-sex marriage in the same way as our contemporary secular societies do. One of the main reasons for this is Jesus's response in today's Gospel to the Pharisees' question on marriage and divorce: "from the beginning God made them male and female' and "what God has united, man must not divide".

Is the Church being unmerciful or excessively pedantic in its literal adherence to these words? Some may say 'yes'. However, I think we also need to recognize the Church was established by Jesus Christ to bear witness to His teachings, both the difficult ones and the not so difficult ones. Belonging to the Church can at times put us at odds with our own opinions and those of the people around us on these and a range of other issues (eg artificial contraception, IVF, clerical celibacy, euthanasia, male only clergy, and so on).

How do we handle this tension, which is really part of that Cross we accepted in becoming followers of Jesus?

Firstly, by accepting our own human limitations, so we can accept those of the people around us. Secondly, by realizing we are not called to act as moral policemen any more than Jesus or His disciples acted as policemen among the people of Israel. It was the Scribes and Pharisees who acted out that role, and they did it to the point of crucifying the Messiah in their zeal for the Law. The Lord's message to people then and to us today is one of faith, hope and love.

This does not mean we don't do our best to live by the teachings of the Church and answer people honestly when they ask us what those teachings are. But we need to recognize that life is complex and sometimes messy, that every situation is unique, and it is our reliance on the mercy of God and the merits of Jesus that will ultimately save us.

#### **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 made the Church His body on earth, and united us with love to be a community, to care for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. We now place our prayers before Him.

#### **Prayer leader:**

We pray for our Church leaders: guide their efforts to radiate the splendours of Your truth and goodness in this troubled world. . . We Pray. . . .Lord hear us

We pray that those attending the Plenary Council as they face the challenges before them. Let them listen to the Holy Spirit with an open heart while discerning how we may best continue our journey together as a faith community. . . We Pray. . . .Lord hear us

We Pray to the Holy Spirit to bestow special blessings upon the Priests of the Chisholm Region as they continue to care for our communities while we await the appointment of a Parish Priest . . . We Pray. . . .Lord hear us

We pray for Bishop Bill during this particularly challenging phase in his life's journey. May he feel the support of our love and prayers and the real presence of Jesus walking the way with him. . . We Pray. . . .Lord hear us

For those who are not well especially our religious Sisters, friends and family, that they may feel the grace of God giving them peace in their sufferings. . . We Pray. . . .Lord hear us

We pray for those who have returned to our Heavenly Father recently. . . . . and all our family and friends who have gone before us in the hope of the resurrection. May they now rest in the peace of Christ . . . We Pray. . . . Lord hear us

**Celebrant:** Guide our efforts to radiate the splendours of Your truth and goodness in the way we think, speak, and treat others. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**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 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/62319103562> Password: 940014

Fr John— Sunday at 11.30 am <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/66128801862> Password: 972527

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

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

Lindsay Bignell, Barbie Bourke, Kathleen Grant, Megan Hamilton, Hugh Styles, Mary Tobin

***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)

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



Children, women, lepers, tax collectors – in the world in which Jesus lived, these members of society were regarded as lesser citizens. They had no power or legitimacy. In the world in which we live now, some children and women are still disadvantaged. It is the role of missionaries, like Sr Chalaad, who continue to do what Jesus did: serve and empower the children – and their mothers – and show them they are still loved and made in the image of God. As we enter World Mission Month (October), let us also look to bless the children of Thailand, and other countries where the Church serves, with our prayers and financial contributions. In doing so, we will make the Kingdom of God become a reality for them all. For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, click [here](#). For information about leaving a bequest to Catholic Mission, click [here](#).

## 1st Assembly of the Plenary Council

The 1st Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will open this Sunday 3rd October with Mass livestreamed from Perth at 2 pm AEDT. The 3 delegates representing our diocese at the assembly are: Fr Andrew Doohan, Bernadette Gibson and Helen Belcher. We thank them for their participation and support them with our prayers. The Assembly runs from October 2-10, 2021 and we can view daily Masses and some sessions online. For details please see: [Assembly 1 – Plenary Council \(catholic.org.au\)](#)

PS: Don't forget daylight saving begins this weekend. Before going to bed on Saturday night put your clocks forward 1 hour.

## aMeN caMiNo

aMeN caMiNo Expressions of Interest are now open for 2022. Dates for 2022 are May 28 - June 1, June 18-22, July 2-6, July 9-13 & August 6-10.

For more information and to register your interest, go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/amen-camino/> or contact [formed@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:formed@mn.catholic.org.au)

## Oppose Dangerous Euthanasia Bill

Urgent action is needed to fight back against MP Alex Greenwich's dangerous euthanasia and assisted suicide laws currently being pushed in our NSW Parliament. You can help by clicking on the following links to urge your local MP to oppose this Bill or donate to support Branka van der Linden and staff from HOPE, who are working to defend the right of our most vulnerable citizens to good palliative care services and not termination. Our prayers are also greatly appreciated. [Strengthen the fight in NSW to protect lives in crisis - Hope Australia \(noeuthanasia.org.au\)](#)  
[Send your message to the NSW Parliament today: Protect vulnerable people by rejecting this dangerous bill \(noeuthanasia.org.au\)](#)

## "Amoris Laetitia Family Year" 19 March 2021- 26 June 2022

The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals. This initiative is a joint collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, and aims to facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection.

To access this resource:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

## 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>

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

Daily Gospel Reflections Via this Parish Website <https://maitlandcatholicparishes.org.au/>

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Mon 4th October** ( *Saint Francis of Assisi* )

**Tues 5th October** ( *St Faustina Kowalska, virgin* )

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

**Wed 6th October** ( *St Bruno, priest* )

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

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

**Thurs 7th October** ( *Our Lady of the Rosary* )

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

**Fri 8th October**

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

**Sat 9th October** ( *St Denis, bishop, martyr, and companions* )

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

**Sun 10th October**

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

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 4th October**

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

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

**Tues 5th October**

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

**Wed 6th October**

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

**Thurs 7th October**

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

**Fri 8th 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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## 'EARTHY WOMEN' WEBINAR 2021

### *Engaging with Laudato Si'*

TUESDAY | 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER | 6pm – 8pm

*Diocesan Council for Women*

#### Speakers:

- Sue Martin – Catholic Earthcare
- Maryanne Murray- St Mary's High School Gateshead

***You are invited to join with other women of our Diocese to share our Approach and Action in caring for our Land***

*The webinar will explore with other women:*

- *How do you as a woman respond to God's call to Care for the Earth?*
- *What action will you take to Protect our Planet?*
- *Are our schools' places of living examples of what can be done to show that care of the earth matters?*

Summary of Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home - <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>

**Registration is now open**

Once registered Zoom link will be forwarded to you with Eventbrite ticket