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**ST JOSEPH'S** (Est 1835), Cnr King St & New England Hwy, East Maitland  
**Vigil 5.00pm; Sunday 8.30am**  
Judy 0412 689 517

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**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 George Anthicadu  
**Asst Priests:** Fr John Lovell, Fr John Purnell & Fr Graham Fullick  
(Presbytery 4934 5783)

#### Support Clergy

Fr Maurice Cahill

#### Regional Office

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,  
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#### ACTiv8 Youth Co-ordinator

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#### Deanery

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

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### **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 1 Kgs 17:10-16**

A reading from the first book of the Kings  
*The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her.

'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

#### **Resp. Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2**

#### **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry,

the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

#### **Second Reading Heb 9:24-28**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel Mk 12:38-44**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly,

this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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

### **Homily - Fr Graham Fullick**

The greatest deceit in trying to deceive others is our self-deceit. We deceive ourselves of the value of our actions in the sight of God who sees all and knows the motivations of our heart. We deceive ourselves about the power of God in this world until we realise that what worked as deceit and self-interest in this world does not ever please God eternally who sees all that is done in secret and rewards all that is done in secret, or punishes what is done looking good, but is done in comfort or selfishness. Today's world is a fake world of virtue signalling and weasel words. In today's world "reaching out" to someone sounds gallant like holding out a plank in a storm for them to hold onto to prevent them sinking, but it is actually just making a comfortable telephone call and not having a personal encounter or moving out of the comfort zone. It is all a matter of creating "good optics", setting an agenda of "care" of others while all the time caring only about looking good, not being good and doing good.

If we are truly good and want to be good and do good, then it starts with total commitment to God, denying our whole self, the whole pride-filled ego and letting God in to fill the void. The widow was the lowliest and most destitute yet made no show of giving all she had to God. In absolute terms it looked worthless compared to the ostentatious virtue-signalling of the man who put in what was comfortable. He did what was comfortable. She did what was difficult and required total commitment. She abandoned all to the providence of God in being providential to others. The rich man abandoned nothing to God, least of all his worldly reputation and worldly assets. He did not trust God and was not moved to unselfish love. The poor widow trusted God and emptied herself in the act. Her reward is eternal. His reward is spent, spent in this life.

To those parents who give and sacrifice invisibly for their children especially in virtue of religious worship and right conduct, and not mere "success", God sees it. To the teacher who quietly sets up a funding scheme for a poor child, God sees it. To the person who volunteers humbly from polishing Church brass to answering a St. Vincent de Paul call at 2:30am, God sees it. All these are little and accumulating white martyrdoms. To the person who gives their life or wellbeing for another in the cause of right for ANZAC day or in Saintliness for the salvation and sanctification of their neighbour after the Sacred Heart of Jesus, God knows it. God sees the pure motive and the impure motive. And that is all that matters, eternally.

#### **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:** The lesson that Jesus offers us this day helps us to recover what is essential in our life, and fosters a practical and daily relationship with God. With this in mind let us place our prayers before Him

#### **Prayer Leader:**

We pray for Pope Francis who is our Good Shepherd on this earth, that he be given the strength to lead your Church forward in the midst of any anguish or distress we suffer in this changing world. . . . With faith we pray.  
.. **Lord hear us.**

Lord we pray you will renew the strength and courage of Bishop Bill in his sufferings and in Your infinite goodness give him Your love to carry the cross he bears. . . With faith we pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

We praise Your Holy name and give thanks for Father George, who is taking-up the position of Parish Priest in our region and for our other priests who have worked so hard to keep the flock together. . . With faith we pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

Lord grant that we may always allow You to guide us as we come together again to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in our Churches, to live more lovingly, actively, deeply, joyfully and fruitfully and deepen our relationship with You. . . With faith we pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

As we journey together and look forward to the Assembly of the Plenary Council during 2022, we pray the Holy Spirit will continue to enlighten the people in Australia as we venture forward with renewed faith. . . . With faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

We ask the Holy Spirit to flow over all those who are not well, giving them the blessings they need in their suffering, especially those who are near and dear to us in this region. With faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

Lord Jesus you are the way, the Lamb of God. Look kindly on those who have gone before us especially Des Bellamy, Margaret Anne Everett, Gwen Frances, Den Engelse, John Hakes, Jakob Hock (Austria) and Tony Wills may they now join the Holy Saints in your company and enjoy everlasting life. . . With faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Lord give us the wisdom to search for You every day in prayer, and to above all to do Your will. Through Christ Jesus your Son. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

#### 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***

Des Bellamy, Margaret Anne Everett, Gwen Frances, Den Engelse, John Hakes, Jakob Hock (Austria), Tony Wills

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

Kathleen Adams, Mary Jane Adams, Jack Bourke, Mary Clancy, Jack Clancy, Wal and Nell Dilley, Jane Mary Edmonds, Joseph Edmonds, John and Margaret Edmonds, Judith And Colin Garbutt, Sr Loretto Grenan rsm, Edward Grzegorzczuk, Jessie Hill, Brian Humphreys, Veronica Kearney, Allan Kedwell, Maria Laznik, Mollie Linich, Sr Carmel Markham rsj, Patricia Markham, Patrick Joseph O'Brien, Monica Bernadette Reinhard, Jean Rose, Paul and Maria Szczudluk, Sherwin Tully, Alonzo and Gladys Warren, Kathy June Zysek, Stainislaw and Anna Zysek

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

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Dominick Antija, Cynthia Appleton, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Robyn Chesworth, Kerry Copus, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nicholas Dilley, Jovie Eugenio, 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, Zane Slomka, Steven Small, Anne Standing, John Szczudluk, Vivian Tee, Kathleen Tuckerman, Bill Temperley, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

#### ***For those that will be Baptised***

Holly Claire Van Eyk, Thomas Joseph Van Eyk, Lucas Jonathon Murray, Levi George Odd, Frankie Isabella Odd,

***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)

## INVITATION TO WEDNESDAY WALKS FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

2021 has seen St Paul's Parish Rutherford finding many ways to acknowledge the Year of St Joseph. To mark the coming to an end of this special Year of St Joseph the some of parishioners of St Paul's Rutherford are coming together on the 9 Wednesdays before Christmas at Maitland Park to walk 1 lap of the park.(started last week) By doing this we will have walked 9 miles....yes miles in total. This is to acknowledge that Mary and Joseph walked approximately 90 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem. To keep it simple we have chosen 9. We would like to open the invitation to anyone from other parishes who would like join us. (you might have to do a couple of extra laps of the park to catch up )  
**Day: Each Wednesday until the 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Time: 9am**  
**Place: Meet at the cricket nets on the far side of the park**  
**Enquiries: Gabby 0422086991**

**Piety Stall**, St Joseph's East Maitland is open there are some new children's books and new stock especially statues.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process, there will be Introductory sessions over the next few weeks on Wednesday night at 7 pm, 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)

## CaritasNews

The latest CaritasNews, Spring 2021, is now available at [www.caritas.org.au/media/3pxmj2pc/caritasnews\\_spring-2021\\_digital\\_updated-rm.pdf](http://www.caritas.org.au/media/3pxmj2pc/caritasnews_spring-2021_digital_updated-rm.pdf)

## Number of people attending Funerals

Our Vicar-General, Fr Andrew Doohan, advised that from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November the number of persons permitted to attend funerals will be limited to 2 sqm rule for each church, provided all attendees are fully vaccinated. If not all fully vaccinated, we are limited to only 10 people plus workers. Extra people should not congregate outside churches in addition to attendees within the church. We have really come a long way from only allowing a very small number to attend funerals. Thank you again for supporting our clergy in keeping us all safe.

## Diocesan Advent Reflection: *Waiting with Purpose*

As we continue our Synodal journey an Advent resource, *Waiting with Purpose* has been created for our diocese. . *Waiting with Purpose* are available on the diocesan website: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/>  
 During November there are several opportunities for anyone who is interested to 'have a go' at mystagogical reflection. During Advent there are opportunities for those who cannot gather in their local communities to experience *Waiting with Purpose* via Zoom. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/diocese-of-maitland-newcastle-18080128129>

## Christian Formation Course (CFC) 2022

Are you wanting to know more about Christianity? Expressions of Interest are now open for the Christian Formation Course 2022  
 Expression of Interest close December 10. For more information go to: [www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/)

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

### Mon 8th November

**Tues 9th November** (*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*)  
**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Wed 10th November

(*St Leo the Great, pope, doctor*)  
**12.00pm** Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland  
**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

### Thurs 11th November

(*St Martin of Tours, bishop*)  
**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Fri 12th November

(*St Josaphat, bishop, martyr*)  
**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Sat 13th November

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

### Sun 14th November

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

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

### Mon 8th November

**9.30am** Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**12 - 1pm** Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Tues 9th November

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

### Wed 10th November

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

### Thurs 11th November

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

### Fri 12th November

**7.30am** Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**9.30am** Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield  
**St John's Chapel Maitland** open for private prayer daily

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