



**PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland**  
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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

**6.00pm Registrations**  
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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,  
Sandra Buck, Rebecca Piefke

#### ACTiv8 Youth Co-ordinator

Rebecca Piefke 0422 500 429

**Spiritual care of sick & aged in care or at home:** Phone office 49338918

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#### 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**

*Jer 29:11,12,14*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### **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** *Dn 12:1-3*

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*When that time comes your own people will be spared.*

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

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

#### **Resp. Psalm** *Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1*

**Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

#### **Second Reading** *Heb 10:11-14, 18*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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

#### **Gospel Acclamation** *Lk 21:36*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

#### **Gospel** *Mk 13:24-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He shall gather his elect from the four winds.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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

## Homily - Fr Maurice Cahill

Jesus spoke of two tremendous events to come: the destruction of Jerusalem and final great last judgment in the second coming of Jesus. Each of the Gospels tell us about Jerusalem first: how so many would not listen to the teaching of Jesus on love of God and love of fellow man. Jerusalem seethed with anger and hatred & murderous fanaticism against their Roman conquerors. Jesus knew that ultimately it would all bring disaster. And so, it all came to pass about 30 years after Jesus' death. The fanatical Jews rebelled against the Romans. After terrible suffering, the city fell, with great slaughter of men, women & children. Those not killed were taken off as slaves, with the whole city destroyed. That wonderful Temple, only finished for some 7 years before, was completely destroyed. All of which Jesus foresaw and wept.

We ponder the wonder of the Kingdom of God's beginning! There were no earthquakes or stars falling from the heavens; but it began with the preaching and signs of the Lord among us. And the building of the Kingdom of God - the people gathered about Lord Jesus - continued on and still does today. It is a big, big story, and is moving to its mysterious and climatic triumph in the future. The great story of the union of Jesus and his people is ever unfolding, Today's liturgy invites us to ponder the journey that ultimately leads to great end-time events, in which we are already playing our part. The final reckoning time when the Lord Jesus will openly triumph over sin and death is on the way. The apocalyptic writings that tell the story are charged with poetry, metaphor, and wild symbolism. Jesus speaks of the end-times (sometimes described as 'the end of the world'). What exactly is to take place then we do not know. But Jesus gives the atmosphere, the grandeur and awe of these events in words of the ancient prophets: *clouds, angels, floods, wars, persecutions*. These are the events that typify our world down the ages. Perhaps he is telling us that such scourges of humanity will intensify as the earthly triumph of Jesus draws nearer.

Whatever happens, however disastrous, God is with us, as the Lord moves to his triumph of good over evil. We call it 'the general judgment' which all humanity must face. With the appearance of Jesus, everything will be made clear; even the deepest, most secret depths of the heart. That in itself will be the judgment. Some Christian folk eagerly interpret Jesus' words, hoping to set the date of this greatest of all events. They are looking forward to experiencing the wicked being punished, and the good sharing the great victory of Christ. But he refuses to give us any indication of time - much as his disciples wanted to know; and much as people down the ages seek to know. When Jesus says to us to *be prepared*, he is telling us to use the precious *now* that we have; our hearts ever open to him.

We profess in our faith that we will rise again. What God did for Jesus he will do for all. As He raised Jesus from weakness to glory, so he will do for all his people. We will share in our resurrection, with a 'spiritualised' body as had Jesus. In his resurrection, Jesus was still the same person and yet he was different. In our resurrection we will be the same person as ever we were, but will also be different. And from her many apparitions to chosen souls, we see that Jesus has already shared this divine privilege with his Blessed Mother Mary.

Blessed Mother, pray for us on our resurrection journey.

### 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:** At the end of time, God will send the Angels to gather those who believe in Him. As we pray for the needs of the world, may we be ready and worthy for that day.

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons that they be strengthened in the search for reconciliation and unity in our world. . . We pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for Father George Anthicadu as he begins a new part of his journey in our Region, may the Holy Spirit guide him in his new role as Parish Priest. . . We pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray that we all will remain watchful in prayer and hope, deepening our relationship with God, knowing that He is near. . . We pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

We ask the Holy Spirit to give wisdom and strength to our young people who have returned to school and are at present sitting for exams. . . We pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

For the poor, refugees, disadvantaged, and the homeless of this world: that as your Risen Son gathered them to be His people, so He will not leave them without help and support. . . We pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

Give special blessings on those who are not well and in need of our prayers, especially Bishop Bill. May Your light shine brightly on them with the special Graces they need at this time. Through the risen Christ. . . We pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

May those who have left this world, rise to everlasting life and find glory and peace in God, especially Lord Ian Alo, Aline Fernance, Peter (Dick) Jones, Barbara Spohr, Liberio Vestidello and those who we have loved. . . We pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, You know the day and the hour when this world will come to an end, fill us with hope and confidence and trust in Your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**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***

Lord Ian Alo, Aline Fernance, Peter (Dick) Jones, Liberio Vestidello, Barbara Spohr

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

Gerard Brennan, Peter Bogan, Keith Conners, Mary Clare Healey, Len Smith, Joseph Arnold Palmer, Lex Warby

***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, Fr Anthony Lemon ( Murwillumbah), Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Kevin Moloney, Lisa Peattie, Terry Prouse, 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***

Harry Ross Clacherty, Molly Therese Hogan, Annabelle Vera Hogan, Maisie Paige House, Scarlett Aria March, Thea Maree O'Connor, Flynn Stephen O'Neill, Isla May Paterson, Zac Smith, Theodore David William Wojko, Evie Hannah Teresa Wojko

**Message from Fr John Purnell**

I would like to say a few words of thanks for all the love each one of you has given me over the 18 brief months that I have been working in the Chisholm region. I am astounded by the generosity and the amount of support I have received from each one of you. I am so deeply thankful to God for this time of blessing and growth.

Words simply can't express enough gratitude to our beloved Father Paul who was an amazing and saintly example of a true Priest, as was Father Lex, my privilege to have known and worked alongside both men.

Much gratitude and love to the wonderful Fathers John, Graham (long live the Beda boys) and Maurie who have been a support beyond compare, the best Priests I have ever had the blessing and privilege to work alongside. To the fantastic staff in the office, Louise, Janine, Sandra and Bec you mob are the finest ladies (if it is politically incorrect to say "ladies" these days..... well I don't care) I have ever had the privilege and honour to work with and you helped make my role here so memorable and easy, I express my sincere gratitude to each one of you ladies.

To Maree a special thanks for you looking after me so well the times I stayed in the Parish house and of course to Margaret for you delicious home cooked Sunday lunches many thanks and love to you both. To the many schools I visited in the region, to the staff and many friendly students I had an absolute blast the times I was with you and truly many unforgettable moments I will always treasure. To all the wonderful nuns in the Chisholm region a very very big thanks to you and each one of you have been a great blessing to me on my journey and you will always remain in my heart. To the individual parish leadership teams and funeral ministries I am ever so grateful for your help and assistance over my time here. Many a times I was like a "fish out of water" but you always made me feel at ease and relaxed so I appreciate your support. Each one of you has made my job delightfully easy and a true blessing, many thanks to each one of you.

Finally a big thanks to every parishioner in Chisholm you have all been such a wonderful gift to me and made my ministry in this region a true delight, I simply felt welcomed and at home, I will certainly miss each one of you as I head south to Morisset and Toronto (not too far) but I assure you of my continued prayers for you and much love into the future.

Once again a very big "THANK YOU" to each and every one of you, you are each a blessing from God and for that I am so thankful!!! Now for a final stir....."Did you hear about the fire in the shoe factory?

.....10,000 soles were lost. The fire brigade said that some heels started it!!!!!!

Ha Ha Haaaaaa.....Oh sorry I couldn't help myself, love and blessings to you Father John Purnell.

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)

## COVID UPDATE

Our Mass centres are now back to the 2 sqm rule, meaning our church capacities are effectively doubled compared with recent weekends. However, face masks remain mandatory indoors, congregational singing is still not allowed and we must still keep 1.5 mt distance from each other unless we live under the same roof. And the mandatory use of QR codes continue to apply. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated people are welcome to attend our churches for prayer and worship. Funerals and weddings are considered special events by the NSW Government, so unless everyone in attendance is fully vaccinated, a 10-person limit at funerals and a 5-person limit at weddings (essentials workers are excluded from these limits) apply. If all attendees at these events can show proof of being fully vaccinated, the attendance limit is only subject to the 2 sqm capacity of the church. Once NSW achieves 95% full vaccination, we expect some of these restrictions to be further relaxed.

The Catholic Community of Morpeth will gather on Monday 15th November at 6pm in the Immaculate Conception Church, Morpeth, to celebrate the rosary to pray for all our deceased relatives, friends and those who have no one to pray for them. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St Patrick's community will be having a lay lead prayer service for the Holy Souls on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.

**Please note: ENVELOPES for NOVEMBER MASSES (for the Holy Souls) are available in church porches please place them on the plate so they can be distributed to our clergy and then returned to your community.**

**Vinnies Winter Sleepout Fundraiser** - Thankyou to everyone who assisted with my fundraising. I was able to collect a massive 11,818 cans/bottles and along with docketts and cash donations totalled \$1715.10 just for this fundraiser. This brought my overall total to \$4,460 .10. All to assist the needy, thanks for your support. Mary Adamson.

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

Day: Each Wednesday until the 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Time: 9am  
Place: Meet at the cricket nets on the far side of Maitland park. Enquiries: Gabby 0422086991

**BERESFIELD CATHOLIC LADIES GROUP:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd November. This will be the last meeting for this year. You are warmly invited to come along and join us for our yearly Christmas Lunch. We will meet at THE BANK HOTEL, 72 Melbourne Street, EAST MAITLAND for lunch at 11.30am for 12.00 start. Reservations are essential, so please be sure to RSVP to Irena Dickson on 49662902 or 0407 662 901 by Monday 15th November to book your seat. Everyone welcome.

**CWLA annual Mass of Thanksgiving and Luncheon**  
Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021,  
**St Joseph's Catholic Church, East Maitland**  
**Commencing at 12md** Followed by LUNCH  
**At Bank Hotel, Melbourne St. East Maitland**  
(Lunch from menu at own expense)  
RSVP: 24th November, 2021  
Names to:- Margo Nancarrow, (0418657989)  
bjmnan4@bigpond.com or Sandra Kijko, (0418272332)  
ALL WELCOME. Note. Covid-19 safety rules will be in place.

## Thank you

Caran Heiligman and Family of East Maitland would like to thank our clergy and the members of the Funeral Ministry team for their respect and compassion during the recent sudden, sad loss of our husband and father Gary Heiligman. Also a most sincere thank you to all the Parishioners for the love and support extended to us in many special ways, you have been our strength .  
*Caran Heiligman and Family*

**The family of Little Luke would like to sincerely thank everyone for your prayers. Luke is now making a good recovery**

**Piety Stall, St Joseph's East Maitland is open. There are new children's books and new stock especially Christmas stock, Advent calendars, etc.**

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Mon 15th November** (*St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor*)  
**Tues 16th November** (*St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude, virgin*)  
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**Wed 17th November** (*St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious*)  
12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland  
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs  
**Thurs 18th November** (*The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles*)  
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**Fri 19th November**  
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

## Sat 20th November

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

## Sun 21st November

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

### Mon 15th November

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

### Tues 16th November

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

### Wed 17th November

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

### Thurs 18th November

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

### Fri 19th 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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