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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 Anthicad

Asst Priests: Fr John Lovell

& Fr Graham Fullick

(Presbytery 4934 5783)

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Fr Maurice Cahill

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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.

Advent Candle Prayer Response

R: Come Lord Jesus

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v. 1

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily - Fr Graham Fullick

It was World War II, 10 November 1942, the second battle of El Alamein when Generals Alexander and Montgomery (as he then was) and their men (many Australians included) had turned back the German Rommel's Afrika Korps forces in Egypt and North Africa. The United Kingdom Prime Minister Winston Churchill (as he then was) made a speech: "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning. Henceforth Hitler's Nazis will meet equally well armed, and perhaps better armed troops." {churchill-society-london.org.uk} It stands out that today the first Sunday, the beginning of Advent that we should have Jesus saying to us his disciples that we should be awake, praying at all times, watching ourselves, that we should not be coarsened by debauchery and drunkenness and that there will be signs of the end times. It should not however surprise us. In the course of salvation history, the Old Testament of the Law and the prophets is superseded by the New Testament who is a Person, Jesus the Christ for whose birthday we now prepare in Advent.

God is not distant because our heartbeat and soul are not distant! The Lord who is pure Spirit, the Holy Spirit of love, Love itself, had no reason to create time, the space in which we exist, yet He did. God the Father is being and existence itself, yet not physical. He had no reason to create physical us, except for Love, and so He did. He gave us free will and a conscience, the intellect of the soul to know love and worship Him wanting nothing but our eternal blessedness. Our soul is a unique gift of God of participation in the Divine Life of God, purely Spiritual, yet given to each one of us. But we were fallen and in need of salvation. Our free will was compromised as it was not given freely back to God. That was the big lapse in Adam and Eve—and us in our human inheritance: Original Sin. That was the beginning of the end, our downfall. We thought we could be gods ourselves without relationship with God, cut off and hiding. But this Jesus Christ who comes at Christ-Mass, and came as The Good News of Salvation in his Person (the 2nd Person of the Tri-Unity) came to put an end to the fallen beginning. He is the beginning of the end of the reign of Satan's darkness, the power of evil seen in death. Jesus comes that we may have life and have it to the full. He is the Christ of God, the anointed Messiah. He will re-open the gates of Heaven where the just may enter, because He and he alone being the God-Man can do so. Advent is the start of God's battle of Grace, of Pure Love in re-creating us from the soul out as His undivided flock. "Behold I stand at the door and knock". Prepare the way of the Lord. The straightening starts with a disciple's listening heart. Will you be sucked up by "silly season" noise? Or have a "silent night" with the ear of your soul listening, changing, repenting to the Saviour. Allow yourself to receive the Christ Mass gift of being re-created.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: The Gospels remind us that Christ will come again and calls us to trust in God at all times and stay awake. With confidence we pray.

Prayer Leader

Heavenly Father we pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons who are the Preachers of God's Word. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit in their ministry. . . With confidence we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer

As we begin our Advent journey we ask for guidance, to become a true Missionary Church, with a desire to understand the deeply held beliefs of other faiths and bring unity to all people in your loving embrace. . . With confidence we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for families who have drifted apart and are not connected to each other with love. May this Advent time be a renewal for all. . . With confidence we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray to the Holy Spirit for our Church in Australia, that discernments from the Plenary Council will enlighten our nation as we precede to the Synod in the new year. . .With confidence we pray. . .Lord hear our pray.

Look kindly on those who are not well and are unable to Celebrate Eucharist in person. May they gain strength from the prayers that we offer for them and feel Your love as You journey with them. . .With confidence we pray. . .Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have been called to Your heavenly home especially Edward Hrychiewicz, Santos Japlit, Mary McCarthy and Andrew Pilkington. May they join with the Saints and rejoice in the company of Your Holy presence.. . .With confidence we pray. . .Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we wait in Joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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

Edward Hrychiewicz, Santos Japlit, Mary McCarthy, Andrew Pilkington

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

John Bounds, Greg Bourke, Tom Bourke, Kareryna Dzus, Mick Harvey, Marcelina Manalo, Constantino Marquez, Evelyn Marquez, Rita Marquez, Yvonne Mullett, Catherine (Kay) Mungoven, Mary Newson, Crisanta Regudo, Simeon Regudo, Therese Wilson

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Arabella Rae Arroyo, 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, Fr Anthony Lemon (Murwillumbah), Michael Lockyer, Michelle Carla Marquez, 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, Carol Su'a, John Szczudluk, Vivian Tee, Kathleen Tuckerman, Bill Temperley, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

For those who will be Baptised

Loretta Alana Charge, Zara Lee Clacherty, Harriet Anne Clifford, Darcy Ella Drain, Amelia Grace Hac, Olivia Daisy Harvey, Scarlett Josephine McCormack

For those who will be Baptised and Confirmed

Kaitlyn Rose Domalewski, Noah David Domalewski

Would you like to remain on the sick list ? If so, please email 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

On Sunday 28th November it will have been six months since Paul, our wonderful brother, uncle and great uncle was called much too early to his Heavenly Father. May we extend a very belated thank you to the Chisholm priests, the wonderful parish staff and parishioners whose constant care and support during Paul's months of treatment helped him face the daily challenges with inner peace and serenity.

Thank you for the many messages of condolences and the lovely stories of the special ties you all shared with him. We would also like to send our condolences to you all on the loss of Bishop Bill who, like Paul, was a gentle caring man.

Go gently, stay safe and may peace be with you all.

Yours, Sharyn, William, Simone, Doug, Brendan, Tegan, Caleb, Amelie, Isaac, Ezekiel and the twins Abigail and Imogen.

If you would like to view the very blessed funeral of Bishop Bill please click on the below link
<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/bishop-bill-live-stream/>

A big thank you is extended to the six ladies who came and worked hard in the rain on Monday to prepare the area across from St Johns Chapel. We gave our Bishop a lovely send off. Thanks again ladies x

Parents/carers of children who wish to receive the sacraments of initiation in 2022 are invited to attend the first information session which will be held **this week**. There are two sessions which will be mandatory to attend. For full details please collect the information letter at the church porch or email SOIchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au to have one emailed to you. For those families in the state schools please take a letter.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL. An invitation is extended to all parishioners throughout the Region to contribute towards the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, which will be conducted over the weekends of Nov 27/28 and December 4/5. Envelopes will be available in parish churches. People who wish to donate online can do so at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>. This is an opportunity to think of others who are struggling in our community and make their Christmas a little brighter.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month - from after Mass at 7am till 8.00am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's East Maitland.
 Next Date: Friday 3 December 2021. All are welcome.

CWLA annual Mass of Thanksgiving and Luncheon

Thursday, December 2nd, 2021, **St Joseph's Catholic Church, East Maitland. Commencing at 12 noon**
 Followed by LUNCH At **Bank Hotel, Melbourne St. East Maitland** (Lunch from menu at own expense)

RSVP: 24th November, 2021

TO:- Barbra 49343862 or Margo (0418657989),
 or email cwlamn214@bigpond.com or
 Sandra Kijko, (0418272332)

ALL WELCOME. Covid-19 safety rules will be in place.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic & the process in doing so, **weekly meetings are held on Wednesday nights 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

INVITATION TO WEDNESDAY WALKS FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Day: Each Wednesday until the 22nd December

Time: 9am. Place: Meet at the cricket nets on the far side of Maitland park. Enquiries: Gabby 0422086991

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 29th November

Tues 30th November (St Andrew, apostle)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 1st December

12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 2nd December

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 3rd December (St Francis Xavier, priest)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 4th December (St John Damascene, priest Doctor)

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

Sun 5th December

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 29th November

9.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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

Tues 30th November

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

Wed 1st December

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

Thurs 2nd December

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

Fri 3rd December

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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