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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 Bec 0431056632 ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Est 1841)

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 terrvob1956@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) **Support Clergy** Fr Maurice Cahill

Regional Office

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti, Sandra Buck, Rebecca Piefke

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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.



Sunday 21st November 2021 Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1 The Lord is king; he is robed in

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R.)

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia. alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it answered Jesus. Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily - Fr John Lovell

The King of the Universe on trial before a mere mortal like Pontius Pilate. How could this happen and why would God allow it to happen? I expect the complete answer to this and many other mysteries is awaiting us on the 'other side'. But here are a few thoughts to consider as we wait for that time when all things will be revealed.

Firstly, Jesus is a *supernatural* King; He said, 'My Kingdom is not of this world'. Unlike earthly monarchs, He is transcendent and doesn't have to make regular public appearances or show off His power. Nor does He depend upon human adulation or require material tributes to sustain Him in His power. It is we who need Him; He doesn't need us. The tribute we pay Him is our striving to live by His Gospel, along with the prayers and thanksgiving we render, especially each time we come to Mass.

Secondly, we have received the gift of Free Will, which means our willingness to respond to His goodness is never forced. Love must come from the heart, otherwise it is not love at all.

And thirdly, His Church is a theocracy, not a democracy, meaning its statutes come from above, not from below. Hence, certain Christian teachings will not always be popular; yet they are timeless & true, because they come from the source of all goodness itself.

As to His Kingdom, what it consists of and what it will be like. These are still pretty much of a mystery to us, though from what has been revealed to us through the scriptures and the lives of the saints, we know it will be wondrous beyond all imagining. Perhaps ironically, it is scientific progress that has given us the most expanded sense of the glorious grandeur of God. 2000 years ago, most people believed the Earth to be just a round flat disk with a large transparent dome hung with stars like baubles on a Christmas tree. Even 500 years ago up until Copernicus advanced his heliocentric model of the cosmos, most people thought the Universe was just our world with the sun & other heavenly bodies spinning around it. But now we know there is a whole lot more. In truth, the magnitude of God and His Kingdom is beyond contemplation.

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: Jesus is the King of the Universe. He gave us the gift, of a vision of hope, beyond present fears and struggles, we are His royal people. Let us put our needs before Him in prayer.

Prayer leader.

We pray for Pope Francis, all Bishops, our Diocesan Administrator, Priests and Deacons, that the Holy Spirit will enlighten them with the words of the Gospels as they lead the people of God in the troubled times of our world. . . Eternal King we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We give 'Thanks and Praise' to You Almighty One, for the life and presence of Father George Anthicad as he joins us today as Parish priest in our Region. May the light of the Spirit guide him in his work in our communities. . . Eternal King we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for special Blessings on our Priests, and Office staff in the Chisholm region, and all those who went the extra mile, during the Pandemic time to make sure the Word was still kept alive in lockdown times. . . Eternal King we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our Church to continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit and a source of justice and love as a renewal place, where all can call it home as we reflect on the future of the Church in Australia. . . Eternal King we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the families and their children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments in the coming weeks. May the Lord bless them with renewed faith as they show God's love to those in their care. . . Eternal King we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for special blessings on those who are not well, and cannot attend Eucharist with us. May they feel God's loving arms around them as he guides them through tough times. . . Eternal King we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our loved ones and friends who have left this earth before us, especially those most recent including our Bishop Bill, Marcela D. Acuzar & Aline Fernance may the now rest in the presence of our gracious God an all the Saints. . . Eternal King we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we bring you these and prayers all that is in our hearts to You. Teach us, as we place our trust in You, to live lives worthy of Your royal household, through Christ our Lord and King.

Communion Antiphon The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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

Most Rev. William Wright, Marcela D. Acuzar, Alice (Aline) Fernance

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Neville Carmody, Rolando Tagle Cepe, Marie Curtis, Leonora Kokoszka, Catherine & Rita Martin, Harry McNamara, Roberta & Patricia McLeod, Peter & Stefania Nowik, Olga Osadczuk, Dorothy Turnbull.

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, 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

Ava Louise Adams, Erin Chepkemoi Belcher, Caleb Jax Cook, Seth Joshua Cook, Maeve Ann Millie Emmett,
Pippa Monique Lantry, Lyla Grace Morris, Oliver Lucas Simmons, Erik Wayne Douglas Thompson, Addie Anna White,
Arthur Alan Williams

For those who will be Married

Anthony Saywell & Elizabeth Young

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

My dear Parishioners

Today, I officially begin my ministry with you as your new pastor. It is with great humility that I assume the office and responsibility of the Parish Priest of the parishes of Beresfield, East Maitland, Lochinvar, Maitland, Morpeth and Rutherford. I thank Bishop Bill Wright for this appointment. I really miss him. He was an inspiration and support in my priestly ministry. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and with the diocesan community. May his soul rest in peace.

When I start my ministry in Chisholm region, I gratefully remember Fr Paul O'Neill and Fr Lex Levey for their dedicated services to this region. They have done a lot of good works during their time in this region, and I will be continuing their good works with the help of the Parish Team and Parishioners. I look forward to serving you along with Fr John Lovell, Fr Graham Fullick, and the dedicated staff of the Parish. As your Parish Priest, I promise you my love, prayers, and the constant invitation to be holy. I ask for your prayers and support.

May God bless you all. Fr George Anthicad

Parish Notices



Death of Bishop William (Bill) Wright

Bishop William (Bill) Wright Passed away peacefully, Saturday 13 November, in Maitland Hospital having succumbed to lung cancer at the age of 69.

Bishop Bill announced his ill health and confirmed he had submitted his resignation to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in September this year. Whilst he had confirmed his ill health, the speed of Bishop Bill's death was unexpected. The Diocese offers its prayers and sympathies to Bishop Bill's family. Bishop Bill was ordained eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on 15 June 2011 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton.

Bishop Bill's Funeral will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton on Wednesday 24 November from 10.30am. Due to COVID restrictions the funeral will be by invitation only.

The Funeral will be lived streamed at St Joseph's Church East Maitland. Our clergy extend an invitation to those who wish to join them in prayer at East Maitland.

If you choose to stay at home the link will be sent out to our Bulletin distribution list as soon as it is available.

Please email our office if you wish to be added to the bulletin distribution at chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au.

Due to Bishop Bill's funeral there will be no Mass at St Joseph's East Maitland this Tuesday evening as the clergy will be attending the Vigil at Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton (invite only).

There will also be no Mass at John's Chapel on Wednesday

St Patrick's Catholic community in Lochinvar will be holding a liturgy service for the Holy Souls. On Wednesday 24th November at 6.30pm. All welcome.

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 22nd November (St Cecilia, virgin, martyr)

Tues 23rd November (St Clement I, pope, martyr, St Columban,

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 24th November (Sts Andrew Dung- Lac, priest and companions, martyrs)

12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 25th November (St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 26th November

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 27th November

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

Sun 28th November

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

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 9.00am 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 12md 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.

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

EAST MAITLAND – The next parish team meeting will be held on Thursday 25th November at 7pm in the Therry Centre. We <u>urgently</u> need more parishioners to become Team members. All parishioners are invited to come to the meeting to learn more about 'what we do'. This will be the last Team meeting for 2021. For more information contact Judy 0412689517

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 22nd November

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

<u>Tues 23rd November</u> **9.30-10.30am** Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 24th November

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

<u>Thurs 25th November</u> **9.30-10.30am** Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 26th November

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

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