



**PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland**  
**Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm**  
**Lunch 1pm to 1.30pm**  
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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 0431 056 632

**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)

#### 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

#### Dying, Bereaved & Funeral Ministry:

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**

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

#### **PRESIDER**

In our focusing on John the Baptist and his role in preparing for the ministry of Jesus, we come to light our second which we name the John the Baptist Candle. We bless it with water and we bless ourselves to remind us that we are all called to prepare the way for the Lord.

#### **PRESIDER**

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah when he confronted the people of Jerusalem to prepare the way of the Lord.

#### **R/ COME LORD JESUS**

Lord Jesus, you come among us now as we take up John the Baptist's words that you have baptised us with water and the Holy Spirit.

#### **R/ COME LORD JESUS**

Lord, Jesus, you will come again in glory because you want no body to be lost and everybody to be brought to change their ways.

#### **R/ COME LORD JESUS**

#### **Let us pray**

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading Bar 5:1-9**

A reading from the prophet Baruch

*Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

#### **Resp. Psalm**

***The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. (R.)

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

#### **Second Reading** Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

## **Gospel** Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low,

winding ways will be straightened

and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

#### **Homily—Fr Maurie Cahill**

##### **Pressing the GO button.**

Our main teacher for 2022 Gospel readings will be St. Luke. He will very soon be telling us the beautiful stories of Christmas; of Jesus, Son of God, our Messiah, slipping quietly into our world in the stillness of the Silent Night. The Holy Spirit's quiet preparations have been going on down the ages, calling chosen people, opening their hearts to God. But today begins with the story that the Lord Jesus' public mission is about to begin. It has been so long coming but with all being ready, the time has come. It is like God decides to press the GO button for the great work of the Son of Man is finally to begin. St. Luke wants his readers to know the date of this tremendous event of Teacher and Saviour. He places it accurately in history by citing the reign of certain important people of that time – like the emperor Tiberius and other important folk holding office. Hence, we know that it was in the year 27AD.

The great action begins as *"the word came to John"*. This cousin of Jesus had been answering God's call, and been living, praying, and listening to what God was teaching him, alone in the wilderness. That seems to have been the lonely place where all the prophets before him had learned to open their hearts to God. And John came out of his desert retreat on fire with his powerful message. Get ready, he was proclaiming, for God's holy messenger. They must turn from sinful ways and open their hearts to him. He was telling them that the long-promised Messiah was already among them to found God's wondrous Kingdom – ready to judge and separate good from evil. John was a sensation.

John quotes the great prophet Isaiah: telling them to prepare the way of the Lord; make an easy path for him to come to them. He speaks of levelling the rough ways of the path so as to ease the strenuous climbing and scrambling. We are used to moving swiftly and smoothly along expressways. But for poor people, journeying in the ancient world, it was a big deal. With Isaiah, John is saying: no matter what the work or how difficult, open the way for the Lord to come. Many hearing John would have expected great & spectacular things in the coming of God's Kingdom. John's message was a forerunner of Jesus' own message: that the only place worth working was in the human heart. Until hearts are right, even God can't bring in his kingdom of truth and justice. No matter what the work, or how difficult - prepare for the Lord.

What a chaotic place our world can become without that word of the Lord.

The Church's greatest task is to prepare people's hearts for the Lord. Putting up churches, hospitals, schools; running programmes & organizations; feeding the poor, lifting up the impoverished: all of these matter. But the greatest work of all is preparing hearts to receive the Lord.

And the greatest contribution we make? It is to have our own hearts open to the Lord; so that this great wonderful Jesus, the Messiah that John went ahead of, would be Lord of our life.

Come Lord Jesus!

#### **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:** Brothers and Sisters, John the Baptist proclaimed that all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Let us pray with confidence for the needs of our world.

We pray especially for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons that their lives and work be a sign of God's love to the world. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

In this Advent time we pray for those who do not believe in You, may they discover Christ and be filled with grace and hope and see the great things that He has done for us in His love. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Parish Communities, as we hear the Scriptures heralding the coming of God's Son, may our minds and hearts be touched by His word and prepare the way for the Lord. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those children who are receiving 'the Real Presence' of Christ, for the first time in Holy Communion may they be truly blessed and learn to know the love that God has for them in their lives. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

As we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray that she inspires the leaders of our country to have a deeper respect, that all human life is given by God and is precious from conception to natural death . . . . We pray. . .

**Lord hear our prayer.**

That all who are sick and bereaved, may receive healing and acceptance through Christ and the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of our Heavenly mother Mary. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

May all our family and friends who have gone before us and those who have died recently including Patricia Clare Burg be raised to everlasting life and glory. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, we make these our prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Communion Antiphon** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

### 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***

Patricia Clare Burg

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


Hazel Brennan, Barry Collins, Kevin Collins, Margaret Dunn, Estella Eugenio, Ramon Eugenio, Ricardo Eugenio, Zeny Eugenio, Winifred Hill, Douglas Reid, Wiktorija Ruba, Geoffrey V. Thompson, Graham Wholert, Marie & Kathleen Wurth


### ***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 Kulczanski, Fr Anthony Lemon ( Murwillumbah), Michael Lockyer, Michelle Carla Marquez, Sharon Martin, Kevin Moloney, Lisa Peattie, Terry Prouse, 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***

Malachy Oaklen Dean, Zahlana Baloro Ferguson, Lara Jay Hughes, Hudson Jack Leary, Oliver Patrick Shepherd

 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/>

 Please Welcome SOI ( Sacraments of Initiation ) children and their Families who will be attending Mass this weekend for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

**All Saint's College Maitland Review:** The 2021 review was undertaken to: ensure the best possible learning progression and educational outcomes for all students of All Saints' College, understand and consolidate the strengths of the College and identify and recommend modifications in order to enhance the operation of All Saints' College. If you would like to read about this please following the link. <https://www.maitlandasc.catholic.edu.au/about-us/2021-review/>

## Vinnies 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 can also donate by calling 131812 or by visiting [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) This is an opportunity to think of others who are struggling in our community and make their Christmas a little brighter.

## Change to the weekday Mass Roster

Please note there will be no evening Mass on Wednesday 8th December at Largs.

Morning Mass will be held at 7.30am at Immaculate Conception, Morpeth for the Feast Day for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## IN PREPARATION OF OUR OFFICE CLOSURE DURING CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR TIME -

If you wish an anniversary/notice/article to be placed in the bulletin for the weekends of 26th December, 2nd January 2022 or 9th January 2022 please advise the office before 17th December.

Fr George would like to invite parents of children who would like to participate in a Christmas play at the Christmas outdoor Vigil to please contact the parish office 49338918

*Please collect 2021 Advent and Christmas flyer from the Church porches.*

Christmas **Midnight Mass** is confirmed for St Joseph's East Maitland.



*Congratulations Fr. Maurice Cahill  
65th Anniversary of Ordination 1/12/1956*

## 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

**Piety Stall**, Confirmation & Holy Communion gifts available. Children's bibles, Sunday missals now in stock. Christmas items available also.

## 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 6th December** (St Nicholas, bishop)

**Tues 7th December** (St Ambrose, bishop, doctor)  
 7.30am Mass, The Immaculate Conception Morpeth

**Wed 8th December** (The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)  
 7.30am Mass, The Immaculate Conception Morpeth  
 12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

**Thurs 9th December** (St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, Hermit)  
 7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Fri 10th December** (Our Lady of Loreto)  
 7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sat 11th December** (St Damasus I, pope)  
 8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sun 12th December**  
 9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 6th December**  
 9.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
 12 - 1pm Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Tues 7th December**  
 9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wed 8th December**  
 9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Thurs 9th December**  
 9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Fri 10th 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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