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ST JOSEPH'S (Est 1835), Cnr King St & New England Hwy, East Maitland
Vigil 5.00pm, Sunday 8.30am, Sunday Youth Mass 6.00pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Est 1841) Maitland
SACRED HEART, New England Hwy, Campbell's Hill - Vigil 6.30pm.
HOLY FAMILY, 11 John St, Largs Sunday 8.20am.
ST COLUMBA'S, Cnr Prince & Church Sts, Paterson - Sunday 9.30am.
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Est 1871) Cnr George & James Sts, Morpeth Sunday 7.15am.

ST PATRICK'S (Est 1905), 55 New England Hwy, Lochinvar-Sunday 9.30am.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Est 1947), Cnr Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave, Beresfield Vigil 6.00pm.

ST PAUL'S (Est 1961), 10 Young St, Rutherford - Sunday 8.00am.

Ministers

All baptised members of the community Ministry Team

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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.

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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 Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, (R.)
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule

from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means

least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily - Fr Maurie Cahill

EPIPHANY. Matthew reflects on his own story.

I believe that the 'wise men' were star-gazers from the orient. They had seen a strange new star. For them, it meant one thing - the birth of a king. So, they set out to follow their star. And after many nights travelling, they came to the capital, Jerusalem, and the evil King Herod. A bad mistake! But they followed on, and eventually were led right to Bethlehem. What a beautiful story of the wise men and their camels persistently following on, and discovering the Christ child. I, Matthew, only had a scroll to work on to record my story. There wasn't any technology of painting & printing in my day or I would have put that dramatic picture on the front of my pamphlet. But artists have been painting the scene ever since.

My 'painting in words' captures just what my gospel is all about. All the music and poetry of that baby's life is in my story. See how it wasn't any of the child's own people who found him at Bethlehem. It was these pagan foreigners. And those wise Magi knelt in homage: That was a sign of things to come.

I am telling you that this child would be a light to all the nations, while so many of our own people would reject him and not accept Jesus as our Messiah.

After they fall down to give him HOMAGE, came the gifts they had carried from afar.

Do you notice those gifts? They tell so much:

- * GOLD – gold was for a king. The child is royalty – of great king David's family, destined truly to reign.
- * FRANKINCENSE: it used to waft through the temple during worship of God; this small child is so much more than just a human babe. There was a divineness about him.
- * MYRRH used to be for burial rites. That tells us that ultimately his death would be tremendously important.

'Do a Magi' What of your HOMAGE? Have a think what special offering you can bring along, that can go in the chalice at Mass on this special feast day, and be offered up with the very life of Jesus, our Lord and King. What we bring might seem small, but that way, it can become pure gold. I hope you can ponder and enjoy my story. It will bless you.

Love, Matthew.

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 **All Bow**
,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: Christ was appointed as the 'Light' to the Nations. The same light that the wise men from the east saw that first night. May all people see that same light as an inspiration to the mission of our Church.

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons that they will continue to follow that same light and share it with the people in the world where they live. . . *We Pray . . . Lord hear our prayer*

As we enter into this new Year in Australia we as the Holy Spirit send special blessings to our Dioceses as we look forward to the next session of the Plenary Council to discern 'what next' for our Church in Australia. . . *We Pray . . . Lord hear our prayer*

For the people of the Chisholm Region that they be the light of Christ to their neighbours and to the refugees and homeless in our midst. . . . *We Pray . . . Lord hear our prayer*

We ask that the Light of Christ will strengthen our faith as we recognise the True presence of God in the Eucharist and welcome Jesus into our hearts. . . . *We Pray . . . Lord hear our prayer*

We pray for those who cannot attend Eucharist at present. May they feel the love of God through our prayers. . . . *We Pray . . . Lord hear our prayer*

May those who have returned to our Heavenly home, rest in the peace of our loving Lord. . . *We Pray . . . Lord hear our prayer*

Celebrant: Heavenly Father we place our prayers before you in faith and love through Jesus Christ Your Son who lives with You and the Holy Spirit as our God forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Antiphon We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore 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

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Mary and Jim Bonser, Catherine and Stan Clark, Merv Clayden, Aidan Creigh, Oswald (Ossie) Davies,
Tony Laznik, Br. Elgar Murphy, William Joseph (Bill) Saunders

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Arabella Rae Arroyo, Joseph Austin, 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 Kulzczynski, Fr Anthony Lemon (Murwillumbah),
Michael Lockyer, 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, Veronica Tuck, Robert Wild,
Jo Winkler

Office Closure: Our office is currently closed and will reopen to the public on Tuesday 11th January. All bulletins for the closure period have been delivered to your church. Any anniversaries or recently deceased names missed can be placed in the bulletin of the 16th January.

ACTiv8 Raffle

Thank you to all those who supported the Youth Ministry Christmas Raffle through the purchasing of tickets and donation of prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the 6pm Youth Mass on Sunday 2nd January.



St John's Chapel will be closed during the month of January. There will be no Masses during this time.



Your safety is important

In each church you will find a life-saving defibrillator. They are located in obvious spots within your Church. At Paterson it is installed in the Nara Room and at East Maitland you will find in the Church and the Therry Center foyer. It's important that you take less than 15 minutes out of your day to watch the training video in the link below as it may mean the difference between someone's life being saved, or not.

Here is the link to the training.

<http://rcl.ink/1iS>

The training is something which will help everyone so please take the time to complete or refresh yourself with the training as it's important that everyone knows this information – we pray the machines will never need to be used but if the situation arises this training gives us the confidence to save a life!

The latest Caritas News, Spring 2021, is now available.

www.caritas.org.au/media/3pxmj2pc/caritasnews_spring-2021_digital_updated-rm.pdf

Contributing to the life of your Parish Community in 2022

We have many opportunities to volunteer in several areas of parish life. If you are interested in serving, please contact the parish office. We encourage you to volunteer in a way that brings you life as well. Perhaps your favorite hobby, joining the young ones at youth group, gardening, counting money or ministries during Mass. Anyway, that could be helpful to our parish. We're open. Please let us know.

Faith Matters | Share your story

Each fortnight Faith Matters aims to explore individuals and communities rich experience of their faith.

We invite you to share your faith story.

Everyone has a story.

No matter how ordinary yours may seem, we all have a story to tell and you never know what it can mean to someone until you share it.

You could use the following questions as a guide.

- Who are the people who guided your faith journey? How did they do that?
- Describe some defining moments of your faith journey? What made them significant?
- How has your faith been reflected in your work, your hobbies, your values, your choices, and your priorities at various times in your life?
- In what ways has your faith guided and supported you over your lifetime? How has your church/faith community guided and supported you?

We hope to use the stories as part of a Faith Matters.

For more information or if you would like to be interviewed, please contact rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au or send your story to shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 3rd January *(The Most Holy Name of Jesus)*

Tues 4th January

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 5th January

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 6th January

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 7th January *(St Raymond of Penyafort, priest)*

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 8th January

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

Sun 9th January

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 3rd January

9.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 4th January

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

Wed 5th January

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

Thurs 6th January

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

Fri 7th January

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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