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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
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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 Antichad
Asst Priests: Fr John Lovell
& Fr Graham Fullick
(Presbytery 4934 5783)

Support Clergy

Fr Maurice Cahill

Regional Office

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,
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We are in the country of the Worimi, Gamilleroi, Wonnarua, Gweagui, Darkinjung, Biripi and Awabakal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their Elders, celebrate their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors.

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRESIDER

On this the Third Sunday of Advent we remember that we are called to rejoice in the Lord. We are reminded that because of the coming of Christ and his message of hope we indeed have occasion to rejoice. Today we light our third candle and name it the "SAINTS" candle remembering all those who share the life of Christ and who await his return in glory.

PRESIDER

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet as the one to whom the Spirit of the Lord had been given, the one the Lord had anointed, sent to bring good news to all, and so we pray:-

R/ COME LORD JESUS

Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world, and you sent the apostles to proclaim the gospel to the whole world, and so we pray:-

R/ COME LORD JESUS

Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory and will keep us safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body for God has called us to be saint, and so we pray:-

R/ COME LORD JESUS

Let us pray

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Zep 3:14-18*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,

a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you

as on a day of festival.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm *Is 12:2-6 R. v.6*

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (R.)

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading *Phil 4:4-7*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 3:10-18*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning

to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

Homily - Fr George Anthacid

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday". "Gaudete" is the Latin word for rejoice, and this Sunday is the time for us to rejoice for two reasons. The first reason for rejoicing is the celebration of Christmas, the incarnation through which Christ has redeemed us from the eternal damnation. Second reason for rejoicing is the anticipated second coming of our Lord at the end of the world.

In today's gospel, people are asking John the Baptist, "what shall we do"? When people ask that question, they are really asking what evidence of repentance is required at the coming of Messiah. Because after listening to John the Baptist, people realized that repentance is a prerequisite to meet the Messiah when he comes. John the Baptist is giving them concrete actions as evidence of their repentance; people should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly.

When John the Baptist mentions these concrete actions of repentance, he is referring the seven corporal acts of Mercy: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to shelter to traveler's, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned, and to bury the dead. Moreover, when we do these corporal acts of mercy, we are doing it for Christ; "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me!" (Matthew 25:40). Through his words and actions John the Baptist is reminding us that Christmas celebration is not all about the material things. It is about giving and sharing especially to those who cannot repay our generosity.

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: Dear friends, in this time of Advent we prepare in faith and hope, for the coming of the Son of God who overcame death and brings light and love to the world. Let us place our prayers before our Father.

Prayer Leader

We Pray for Pope Francis, Bishops and all our Priests that they be given the courage and guidance they need to continue the work of the Disciples in teaching the love of Christ to the people. . . . Trusting in God's promise, we pray... **Lord hear us**

We pray for the homeless and for the Refugees who are seeking a place of peace and rest, that your presence will be felt among them giving them courage to continue in their journey in this life. . . . Trusting in God's promise, we pray... **Lord hear us**

We pray to the Holy Spirit to watch over those who are receiving the 'Real Presence' of Jesus for the first time. May their hearts be sealed with His love and their faith continue to grow in their lives. . . . Trusting in God's promise, we pray... **Lord hear us**

We pray for all children who have been abandoned or are victims of human trafficking, may the light of Christ shine for them. . . . Trusting in God's promise, we pray... **Lord hear us.**

May all who live in truth and goodness with love for their neighbour come together to worship Your presence and rejoice in Your love forever. . . . Trusting in God's promise, we pray... **Lord hear us.**

For those in our community who are aged or unwell and those close to death, and cannot attend Eucharist. May they gain the strength they need through the Holy Spirit and our prayers, to feel the light and love of our God. . . . Trusting in God's promise, we pray... **Lord hear us**

For those who have died recently Including Joyce Curry, John Drinkall, Anne Harris and Sr Geraldine Maher OP. May they now rest in the eternal light of heaven with all the saints. . . . Trusting in God's promise, we pray... **Lord hear us**

Celebrant: Most loving Father hear the prayers of your people as we wait in faith and hope. Help us to reveal Your love to the world and care for each other. We ask this through Christ your Son.

Communion Antiphon Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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

Joyce Curry, John Drinkall, Anne Harris, Sr Geraldine Maher OP

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Jack Fogarty, Brian Moran, Terese Maria New, Dorothy Sawyer

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, 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, Veronica Tuck, Bill Temperley, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

For those who will be Baptised

Adam George, Georgie Maree Kenney, Lewis James Kenney, Sophia Amy McPhee, Gary Grant Perkins, Remi J Robinson, Axel James Shaw

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

Parish Notices




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

Fr George and the priests thank all those parishioners across the region and especially at Morpeth who attended Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. A total of 95 people attended.

Regional Advent
2nd Rite Reconciliation



- ◆ Tuesday 14th December, 6.15pm, St Joseph's East Maitland
- ◆ Thursday 16th December, 6.15pm, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

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

Fr Graham Fullick now also Assistant Priest at Cessnock/Kurri Kurri
Until further notice Fr Greg Barker Diocesan Administrator has confirmed that Fr Graham has a co-appointment as assistant priest in Cessnock/Kurri Kurri. This does not affect his continuing appointment with us as assistant priest in our region.

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

- The Parish office will be closed from end of day Friday 24th December and will re-open Tuesday 11th January 2022
- 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.

ACTiv8 Christmas Hamper Raffle
Activ8 Youth will be conducting a raffle to raise funds for the youth group.
Keep a look out for tickets

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

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

Thank you
Pat Hakes and family would like to thank the clergy, members of SVDP Society and St Joseph's parishioners for their kindness and expressions of sympathy conveyed to them in many ways at the recent passing of their husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, John Hakes. Please accept this as our personal thanks as many addresses are unknown.



Join the Newcastle Tudor Singers
Directed by Dr Anne Millard
At Sacred Heart Cathedral
On Sunday 12th December at 2.30pm

Programme includes Carols for choir and congregation, a Festive Mass setting by John Leavitt, and much more!

Admission \$15 Concession \$10

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / RECONCILIATION

- Mon 13th December** (St Lucy, virgin, martyr)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland
- Tues 14th December** (St John of the Cross, priest, doctor)
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland
- Wed 15th December**
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland
- Thurs 16th December**
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Fri 17th December**
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Sat 18th December**
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Sun 19th December**
9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

- Mon 13th December**
9.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Tues 14th December**
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.15pm 2nd Rite, Reconciliation, St Joseph's East Maitland
- Wed 15th December**
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Thurs 16th December**
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.15pm 2nd Rite, Reconciliation, Sacred Heart, Campbells Hill
- Fri 17th 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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