



**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**  
**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

**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

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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**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

All the earth shall bow down before  
 you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall  
 sing to your name, O Most High!

### **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 62:1-5*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will  
 your God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent,  
 about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
 until her integrity shines out like the  
 dawn and her salvation flames like a  
 torch. The nations then will see your  
 integrity, all the kings your glory, and  
 you will be called by a new name, one  
 which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
 You are to be a crown of splendour in  
 the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem  
 in the hand of your God; no longer are  
 you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your  
 land 'Abandoned', but you shall be  
 called 'My Delight' and your land 'The  
 Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in  
 you and your land will have its  
 wedding. Like a young man marrying a  
 virgin, so will the one who built you  
 wed you, and as the bridegroom  
 rejoices in his bride, so will your God  
 rejoice in you.

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

#### **Resp. Psalm** *Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. R. v.3*

**Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all  
 the nations.**

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to  
 the Lord all the earth. O sing to the  
 Lord, bless his name. (R.)

Proclaim his help day by day, tell  
 among the nations his glory and his  
 wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
 give the Lord glory and power, give the  
 Lord the glory of his name. (R.)

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim  
 to the nations: 'God is king.' He will  
 judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

### **Second Reading** *1 Cor 12:4-11*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
 to the Corinthians

*One and the same spirit distributes different  
 gifts as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always  
 the same Spirit; there are all sorts of  
 service to be done, but always to the  
 same Lord; working in all sorts of  
 different ways in different people, it is  
 the same God who is working in all of  
 them. The particular way in which the  
 Spirit is given to each person is for a  
 good purpose. One may have the gift  
 of preaching with wisdom given him by  
 the Spirit; another may have the gift of  
 preaching instruction given him by the  
 same Spirit; and another the gift of faith  
 given by the same Spirit; another again  
 the gift of healing, through this one  
 Spirit; one, the power of miracles;  
 another, prophecy; another the gift of  
 recognising spirits; another the gift of  
 tongues and another the ability to  
 interpret them. All these are the work of  
 one and the same Spirit, who  
 distributes different gifts to different  
 people just as he chooses.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel  
 to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ.  
 Alleluia!

### **Gospel** *Jn 2:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel  
 according to John

*The first of the signs given by Jesus was at  
 Cana in Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in  
 Galilee. The mother of Jesus was  
 there, and Jesus and his disciples had  
 also been invited. When they ran out of  
 wine, since the wine provided for the  
 wedding was all finished, the mother of  
 Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'  
 Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me?  
 My hour has not come yet.' His mother  
 said to the servants, 'Do whatever he  
 tells you.' There were six stone water  
 jars standing there, meant for the  
 ablutions that are customary among

the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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

Homily - Fr John Lovell

What are the implications for us of the first public miracle and sign of Jesus given at the Wedding at Cana? Well, think of those **six** huge stone jars that Jesus told the servants to fill with water. What did they represent?

In the first account of creation given in the first chapter of the Bible, we are told God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. These six days represent all of human history, since God's creative work continues (including through us) till the end of time, when the eternal Sabbath rest (the 7<sup>th</sup> day) begins.

There have also been six covenants between God and humanity, which are as follows:

1. With Adam and Eve – to eat from any tree except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
2. With Noah and every creature – never to flood the Earth again
3. With Abraham and his descendants – to be with them for ever
4. With Moses and the Israelites – the tablets of the Law (keeping the Commandments)
5. With David – to preserve the line of his Kingship forever
6. In Christ's Blood (the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant)

We don't know who that particular couple were whose wedding Jesus along with His mother and disciples attended at Cana that day. But their names don't really matter to us. What is most important is Jesus' presence at that event and what it signifies more broadly. His attendance, along with His mother and the disciples, and His miracle involving the six great jars of water, can be seen as a sign of all human history and God's covenants being blessed and brought to fruition through the transforming presence of Jesus in our midst. Although our relationship with God has been a troubled one at times, it has been a partnership, a courtship, a preparation for that time when *we* (His Bride) will be united with *Him* (our Groom) forever in the Heavenly Kingdom, which is described in the last book of the Bible as the 'wedding feast of the Lamb'.

### **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:** Almighty God, Mary, Your Holy Mother, showed us by her faith what can happen when we believe in Your love and mercy. It is with this same faith we place our prayers before You as we pray.

**Prayer leader**

We pray for our Church leaders, Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that they be true disciples of Your Holy Word, teaching us, the true meaning of Your Love and Mercy. We pray in faith. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all married couples, may they have the blessings of God's Love, being true to one another and showing examples of Christ's love to those around them. We pray in faith. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For ourselves who gather to pay homage to our God: that we may follow Mary's instruction, being instruments of peace, and do whatever her Son, the Lord Jesus, asks of us in life. We pray in Faith. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the health-care workers who are looking after our people. May they be kept safe and be given courage and strength as they continue their good work. We pray in Faith. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people who are affected by the recent outbreaks of the Covid Virus and others who are not well. Through the protection of Mary, the Holy Mother of Jesus, may they find solace in His love and mercy. We pray in Faith. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have departed this life, especially Sister Margaret Sullivan OLSH a lifelong missionary Sister in Kiribati (Sister Denise's sister). Also Thelma Atkinson, Robert Carroll, George McMahon, John Simpson and Stephen Leslie Watson. May they enjoy the wedding feast of Eternal life with Jesus. We pray in Faith. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Loving Lord your Son Jesus became one of us, sharing our life in joy and in suffering. Help us to share our life through Him and show others that Christ is forever with his people. We make these prayers through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

#### 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 those who have recently died***

Thelma Atkinson, Robert Carroll, George McMahon, John Simpson (Brisbane), Sr Margaret Sullivan OLSH, Stephen Leslie Watson

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

Allan Bowen, Ted and Maxine Cahill, Jessie Carroll, James Cashmore, Pastora Digal, Evelyn Gallagher, John Gallagher, James Jupp, Ron Morris, Maureen Reynolds, Malcolm Seamer, Harry Stace, Desmond John Trappel, Michael Willoughby

#### ***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 Kulzcznski, Fr Anthony Lemon ( Murwillumbah), Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Kevin Moloney, Lisa Peattie, Terry Prouse, Ella Rusak, Olga Rusak, Jane Winsor O'Keefe, Amelia Verderra 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

#### ***We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend***

Ava Rose Golledge, Alexander Garnet Gavan, Ayla Betty Hawken, Cooper Edward Moore, Joseph John Nicholas, Leighton William Taylor, Mostyn Mark Taylor, Ruby Grace Taylor

**Thank you** Thank you to those who generously supported the youth group raffle. We had 3 lucky winners from the Beresfield, Campbell's Hill and East Maitland communities. We raised \$331.60. Over the past 2 years we have not been able to run any major fundraising events so the support of our youth through this raffle is truly appreciated.

**Thank you** to those who supported the bucket collection last weekend. \$2209.30 was raised for those affected by the typhoon in the Philippines just before Christmas.

**A big thank you** to the volunteers who helped at the Christmas Vigil and the Midnight Mass. Your time and effort is much appreciated.

A reminder that the Liturgy Team meeting will take place at the Parish Office on Thursday 20th January at 4pm.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390 or E [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit their website for further information [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)

"Amoris Laetitia Family Year " 19 March 2021- 26 June 2022

The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.

Over the course of ten monthly episodes, hear the Holy Father talk about each of the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, along with the testimonies of different families who will share some aspects of their daily lives.

This initiative is a joint collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, and aims to facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection.

To access this resource:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html.html>

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Mon 17th January** (St Anthony, abbot)

**Tues 18th January**  
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

**Wed 19th January**  
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 20th January** (St Fabian, pope, martyr, St Sebastian, martyr)  
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Fri 21st January** (St Agnes, virgin, martyr)  
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sat 22nd January** (St Vincent, deacon, martyr)  
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sun 23rd January**  
9.00am Polish Mass, OLOL, Beresfield

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 17th January**  
9.30am—12 Midday Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
12 Midday - 1pm Eucharistic Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Tues 18th January**  
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wed 19th January**  
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Thurs 20th January**  
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Fri 21st January**  
7.30—9am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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