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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
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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

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

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 Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

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

Resp. Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.) The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.) The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30

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

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.' What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are

all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily - Fr Graham Fullick

St. Luke the Evangelist says that he is one of many eyewitnesses to the Gospel and wants now to reduce to writing in an orderly account ("truth") Jesus' message to his hearer, a "Lover of God", and to us, "Lovers of God". We, like them have been catechised already ("instructed"), but St. Luke says the purpose of his Gospel is to draw out the truth, the **Saving Truth**, the **meaning** it conveys for our salvation. Salvation is from the Man with the Mission, Jesus. This is about the inner meaning God knows about our world and ourselves and chooses to reveal in Jesus, the Image and Revelation of the Father and who we are truly meant to be in our humanity. Jesus **practises** His religion and goes to the Synagogue every Sabbath. He is the Anointed One, the Messiah, the one who is to save His people, us. The fundamental meaning here is Jesus has come to free us from our poverty of sin and pride and proclaim an eternal jubilee of mercy. Jesus means "God saves". In Jesus, salvation in Scripture is being fulfilled; **now**. Our true freedom is the **forgiveness** of our sins which He came to bring about. There is an **ontic** freedom He brings to our souls. He is freeing us, our souls from the bondage of sin, re-opening the gates of heaven and in Himself wedding us, our very being and existence back to God as a new, redeemed creation. New engine, new electrics by the Grace of the Holy Spirit and His life, death and Resurrection.

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.

Celebrant: Dear friends, we come together to celebrate the mystery of our redemption. May the Holy Word enrich our lives that we are good examples to those we meet. We place our prayers before our God.

Prayer leader

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons as they guide our Church. May we be united in its mission of justice and peace, by God's love. . . We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayers.

For the leaders of our country, that the Holy Spirit will enlighten them to rule with Justice and compassion and respect human life. . . We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayers.

As we celebrate 'Australia Day', we give thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy in our country. We pray also that this great south land of the Holy Spirit will be truly united together in the quest for peace and justice for all. . . We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayers.

We pray for ourselves gathered in this Eucharist, and for our families, and friends, that the Spirit who empowered Jesus, also inspire and empower us to be the light of the Holy Spirit making our Nation strong and faithful to the Holy Word. . . We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayers.

May the Holy Spirit shine down on those who are caring for the sick and elderly, especially those who are suffering from the effects of the Virus. May their hands be blessed with gentle strength and courage as they do their work. . . . We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayers.

We pray for the people of Tonga, especially those who have been suffering through the hardships of recent times, also for their families and friends who now live in our country. May our prayers bring them comfort and help them to know that Jesus walks with them in this journey of life giving to them hope and strength. . . . We pray. . . . Lord hear our prayers.

We pray for our family and friends who have helped build our Nation and have handed on the Faith to new generations. May they now share the fullness of life with Jesus. We also pray for the recently deceased: including Sr Laureta, Margaret Anne Lye, Monica McGinty, Colin Moran, Tania Marie Pillar, Denis Paul Redgrove, John (Janek) Szczudluk, Veronica Tuck, Audrey Rosario Watters. . . We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayers.

Celebrant: Holy Father You have called us to be your Church. Give us the courage and wisdom to bring Your word alive in our world again and make your Kingdom come. We ask this through Jesus Christ who is Lord forever. Amen

Communion Antiphon Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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 those who have died this week

Sr Laureta, Margaret Anne Lye, Monica McGinty, Colin Moran, Tania Marie Pillar, Denis Paul Redgrove,
John (Janek) Szczudluk, Veronica Tuck, Audrey Rosario Watters

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Noel Christensen (Sydney), Aiden Creigh, Patricia Day, Leo Dzus, Elizabeth Gurr

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 Verdera Satana, Margaret Sipple, Zane Slomka, Steven Small, Anne Standing,
Carol Su'a, Vivian Tee, Bill Temperley, Gloria Trunk (Branxton), Kathleen Tuckerman, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Ralph Robert Glendenning, Evelyn Violet Sandra Manning, Hugo Lindsay Sanson,
Matilda George Sanson

We wish to acknowledge and thank all our parishioners who attended the Sacred Heart Church last Saturday.

As you may know our area experienced a storm during the afternoon/early evening of the 15th January. This was a large downfall causing the gutters to overflow and water to come into the church from many areas.

This was just before our 6:30 vigil Mass. All our parishioners worked together to bucket the water up and try to dry our carpets.



Eventually Fr George celebrated Mass under candlelight, as we felt it safer to turn off all electricity given that many power points and lights were affected.

This Mass was a perfect celebration of community and a small example of what can be achieved when we work towards a common goal. We are thankful to have so many hardworking parishioners.

PS: the gutters were cleaned out on Monday

The parish office will be closed Wednesday 26th January, Australia Day.

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.

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 or visit their website for further information 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->

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 24th January (St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor)

Tues 25th January (The Conversion of St Paul, apostle)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 26th January—Australia Day
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 27th January (St Angela Merici, virgin, St's Timothy and Tutus)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 28th January (St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 29th January
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 30th January
9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL , Beresfield

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 24th January
9.30am Prayer , St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 25th January
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 26th January
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 27th January
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 28th January
7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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