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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, Gamillerol, 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

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us
 from the nations, to give thanks to your
 holy name, and make it our glory to
 praise you.

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 Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
 In the days of Josiah, the word of the
 Lord was addressed to me, saying,
 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew
 you; before you came to birth I
 consecrated you; I have appointed you
 as prophet to the nations. So now brace
 yourself for action. Stand up and tell
 them all I command you. Do not be
 dismayed at their presence, or in their
 presence I will make you dismayed.
 I, for my part, today will make you into a
 fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of
 bronze to confront all this land: the kings
 of Judah, its princes, its priests and the
 country people. They will fight against
 you but shall not overcome you, for I am
 with you to deliver you – it is the Lord
 who speaks.'

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

Resp. Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me
 never be put to shame. In your justice
 rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and
 save me. (R.)

Be a rock where I can take refuge, a
 mighty stronghold to save me; for you
 are my rock, my stronghold. Free me
 from the hand of the wicked. (R.)

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my
 trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I
 have leaned from my birth, from my

mother's womb you have been my help.
 (R.)

My lips will tell of your justice and day by
 day of your help. O God, you have taught
 me from my youth and I proclaim your
 wonders still. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

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

*There are three things that last: faith, hope and
 love; and the greatest of these is love.*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I
 am going to show you a way that is
 better than any of them. If I have all the
 eloquence of men or of angels, but
 speak without love, I am simply a gong
 booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have
 the gift of prophecy, understanding all
 the mysteries there are, and knowing
 everything, and if I have faith in all its
 fullness, to move mountains, but
 without love, then I am nothing at all. If
 I give away all that I possess, piece by
 piece, and if I even let them take my
 body to burn it, but am without love, it
 will do me no good whatever. Love is
 always patient and kind; it is never
 jealous; love is never boastful or
 conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it
 does not take offence, and is not
 resentful. Love takes no pleasure in
 other people's sins but delights in the
 truth; it is always ready to excuse, to
 trust, to hope, and to endure whatever
 comes. Love does not come to an end.
 But if there are gifts of prophecy, the
 time will come when they must fail; or
 the gift of languages, it will not continue
 for ever; and knowledge – for this, too,
 the time will come when it must fail. For
 our knowledge is imperfect and our
 prophesying is imperfect; but once
 perfection comes, all imperfect things
 will disappear. When I was a child, I
 used to talk like a child, and think like a
 child, and argue like a child, but now I
 am a man, all childish ways are put
 behind me. Now we are seeing a dim
 reflection in a mirror; but then we shall
 be seeing face to face. The knowledge
 that I have now is imperfect; but then I
 shall know as fully as I am known. In
 short, there are three things that last:
 faith, hope and love; and the greatest
 of these is love.

**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 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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

Homily - Fr Maurice Cahill

Calling all prophets.

The prophet Jeremiah tells us of how God called him so insistently. "*Jeremiah, I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations. Brace yourself for action. Stand up. Tell them all I command you.*" And Jeremiah begs to be let off: 'Lord, I am not the person for all that. I live a quiet life; I am a poor speaker'. But the Lord would have none of it. *Jeremiah, you have my strength*, says the Lord. *Fear not; I am with you.* Jeremiah was a sensitive, poetic soul who reluctantly set about calling God's wayward people back to him. He preached what he knew came from the heart of God; and he proclaimed it so persistently, so widely and for so long that he came by many to be considered a laughing stock: "Here he goes again; same old message!" But Jeremiah never ceased telling them the need to hear God to avoid disaster ahead. He could see it coming. And he lived to see it ultimately happen as the Babylonian armies swept in and destroyed the city and the nation.

Prophets are forever telling us of the great mistake of not hearing the word of God and taking it to heart.

And prophets are not all in the Bible. They are all around us – ordinary people whose life and words speak the message of the Lord. For instance, if a Christian parent is giving advice and guidance to his(her) child, I can imagine the prophet Jeremiah standing behind and nodding his head approvingly. They might well be saying the very words that Jesus would be saying right there – without them thinking for a moment that they were being prophetic.

People often speak of *a prophet* as if he tells us something of the future. But the prophet is one who speaks of what God is saying to us right now. It is not to *foretell*, but to *tell forth*. Some people have a great gift for that as they speak and work for truth, peace and justice. Very famous ones come to mind, such as Mother Teresa, Robert Mugabe. But the Spirit speaks in many hearts, and not just Christian ones.

Pope Francis must surely be a truly great prophet of our time. When he so insistently speaks for the poor, the marginalised, the refugees, the homeless, he is proclaiming what he knows is flowing from the heart and mind of God. And Francis is ever attacking the indifference of a world who cannot hear God speaking. And as prophets do, Francis arouses much opposition. He knows that is the way it is. It is true even among many Church leaders; Francis knows that God is calling them to change their attitudes.

Blessed are all the 'minor prophets' out there who are alert to the Spirit of God moving among his people.

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: St Paul tells us there are three great things that will last forever, Faith Hope and Love. Let us pray to our father with these in our hearts.

Prayer Leader:

We Pray for Pope Francis, Bishops and Priests as they continue to lead the people of God in their journey of life. May they find strength from the Holy Spirit to follow the path of the Apostles in their mission. . . .We pray. . .
. Loving Lord hear our prayer.

We pray to the Holy Spirit, that people of Ukraine may live in a peaceful environment, and the growing tensions between Ukraine and Russia be resolved with a peaceful solution. . .We pray. . . Loving Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the local Communities in the Chisholm Region, that our faith and trust in Jesus be strengthened, and those who no longer join us at Eucharist be renewed in their Faith, Hope and Love. . .We pray. . . Loving Lord hear our prayer.

We Pray for our schools, their teachers and students as this Academic year begins: that God's Spirit may be in all their activities, in their teaching and learning. May they all show respect for each other in this Covid time .We pray. . . Loving Lord hear our prayer.

We Pray for those who have consecrated their life to bring the Holy Word to fruition. May they feel the Strength and Wisdom of the Holy Spirit and have the Courage to continue the work of The Lord. . .We pray. . . Loving Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who care for the sick, that they find strength in God's love as they go about their work. May those who are unwell be comforted by our prayers and the hands that care for them. . .We pray. . . Loving Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have returned to Eternal life especially Bertrim Foy (Dublin), Milton Miller and Stephen John Taylor. May they now rest in the peace of Christ Jesus. We pray. . . Loving Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God our Father you have made us one in Christ. Help us to care for one another and share one another's burdens. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Communion Antiphon Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

We pray those who have died this week

Bertrim Foy (Dublin), Milton Miller, Stephen John Taylor

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Carol Dow, Sr Norah Grehan rsm, Adelle Maree Grainger, Fran Grosser, Gerard Gurr, Mysie Hungerford, Greg Prince, Franciszek Ruba, Rodney Watts

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, Vivian Tee, Kathleen Tuckerman, Bill Temperley, Veronica Tuck, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Willow Eliza Asmanas, Alex Ben Baldacchino, Isabella Emma Baldacchino, Esme Robyn Brayley, Harvey James Fitzsimmons, Boston Anthony Marks, David Peter Marr, George Mewett, Auguste Rheinberger, Parker Ryan Thomson, Hazel Kate Weyer

We pray for those who will be Married this Week

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

Parish Notices

24 hrs ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday of each month at St Joseph's East Maitland - from after Friday Mass at 7am, all day and overnight Friday, and early hours Saturday morning till 8.00am Mass on Saturday (with Benediction 7:45am).

Next Date: First Friday 4 February 2022 7am+ to First Saturday 5 February 2022 8am.

All adorers are welcome, just turn up and pray to Jesus in His Real Presence--Catch the Radiance of Grace! 22 years running so far. Make it a New Year's resolution. Intention of Vocations. Jesus to St. Peter: "What; could you not watch with me for one hour?" Mt26:40. All Covid-19 requirements will be complied with throughout the Adoration period

COVID-19 Restrictions When attending a Place of Worship, you will still need to check in using the Service NSW QR code or place your name on the sheet. Face masks **ARE MANDATORY**. The density limits have been removed meaning that there is no limit to the number of people who can be in the church, but with threat of the virus currently active in our community, it is advisable to maintain social distancing from those you don't live with. Please continue to monitor for any symptoms and stay home if you are unwell or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

ACTiv8 Youth Ministry aims to provide a space for young people between the ages of 7 to 18 where they can develop lasting friendships and learn more about their Catholic faith in a fun and engaging environment.

All youth groups will return from Monday 7th February

All Covid - 19 requirements will be complied with during youth group. For more information contact Parish Office.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

A place for your child to be with God Sessions on Wednesday during school term next to Beresfield Church:

10am for 3-6 year olds

4:15pm for 6-9 year olds

Can you help?

Volunteers needed to sit and observe during the sessions. No experience needed. It is one of the most peaceful experiences you can have and makes a real difference for the children.

Please contact Siubhan for more information: 0432477181, Chisholm.Atrium@gmail.com

Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific

Loving God,

We hold before you in our hearts

The people of Tonga in this time of need.

We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience fragility.

Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami And degradation of land and water through ash, We ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than ever.

They are communities of great faith.

May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.

May they turn to each other for comfort and community.

And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.

We all share this mysterious world

Which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.

May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage

And fill us with the gift of Hope.

Amen.

St Johns Chapel will commence Mass from Wednesday 2nd February 2022. The Chapel will be opened for daily private prayer from Tuesday 1st February.

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.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 31st January (St John Bosco, priest)

Tues 1st February

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 2nd February (The Presentation of the Lord)

12 Midday Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 3rd February (St Blaise, bishop, martyr, St Ansgar, bishop)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 4th February

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 5th February (St Agatha, virgin, martyr)

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

Sun 6th February

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL , Beresfield

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 31st January

9.30am—12 Midday Prayer , St Joseph's, East Maitland

12 Midday—1pm Eucharistic Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 1st February

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

Wed 2nd February

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

Thurs 3rd February

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

Fri 4th February

7.30—9am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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