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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

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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

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

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 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the
Lord seated on a high throne; his train
filled the sanctuary; above him stood
seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this
way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook
with the voice of the one who cried out,
and the Temple was filled with smoke. I
said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am
lost, for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the
Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me,
holding in his hand a live coal which he
had taken from the altar with a pair of
tongs. With this he touched my mouth and
said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:
'Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**Resp. Psalm In the sight of the angels I will
sing your praises, Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,

you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. I will
adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11

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

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you
believe.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the
gospel I preached to you, the gospel that
you received and in which you are firmly
established; because the gospel will save
you only if you keep believing exactly what I
preached to you – believing anything else
will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you
what I had been taught myself, namely that
Christ died for our sins, in accordance with
the scriptures; that he was buried; and that
he was raised to life on the third day, in
accordance with the scriptures; that he
appeared first to Cephas and secondly to
the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than
five hundred of the brothers at the same
time, most of whom are still alive, though
some have died; then he appeared to
James, and then to all the apostles; and
last of all he appeared to me too; it was as
though I was born when no one expected
it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact,
since I persecuted the Church of God, I
hardly deserve the name apostle; but by
God's grace that is what I am, and the
grace that he gave me has not been
fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the
grace of God that is with me, have worked
harder than any of the others; but what
matters is that I preach what they preach,
and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily Fr George Anthicad

In today's gospel we see the fullness and the emptiness. The shore is filled with the people because of the presence of Jesus and there is emptiness in the boats and hearts of Simon and his companions. As soon as Jesus stepped into one of the boats of Simon, Jesus fills his heart with word of God and his boats with fish. There is no more emptiness when Jesus is present. He is the one who fills all kinds of vacuums in our life. He is the one who takes our life into the next level. He has got a plan for all of us.

To realize God's plan in our life we must trust in the words of our Lord and be ready to take risk like Simon did when Jesus asked him to put out the net into the deep water. Risk taking requires that we move out of our comfort zone with no guarantee of success. By taking calculated risks, we eventually overcome our fear of failure and replace them with the thrill of accomplishment.

There are reasons for everything that happens in our life, for success or for failure. In our failures we must turn to the Lord to gain strength. Always we have to remind us that God allows us to experience failures for a higher purpose.

No matter what we do, our ultimate goal is to achieve happiness in our life. Like every fisherman Simon also was dreaming of a great catch. And it happened one day when he met Jesus. But in reality, that great catch didn't give him the lasting happiness. Even at that moment of great success Simon was not happy. He was missing something in his life and Jesus is helping him to find that missing piece.

In our success we have to follow our Lord to reach the next level in our life. Don't be caught up by the temporary success and lose the lasting happiness in our life. Let us be always open to the Lord and for his guidance both in our success and failures. Jesus is inviting us to the endless possibilities. We have to see beyond our routine and learn to walk with Jesus with faith.

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: My dear Friends, the words of the Gospel today ask us to be Fishers of Men on this Word of God Sunday, through our Baptism we rely on God's grace and we accept the Words of the Gospels as we place our prayers before Him.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for the leaders of our Church, that they may draw strength from the courage of the apostles and continue to inspire all our communities through their preaching of the Holy Word. We prayMay Your Word be fulfilled in us, O Father!

We pray for the leaders of our country that they fulfill their duties worthily and well with Justice for all during this troubled time. . . . We prayMay Your Word be fulfilled in us, O Father!

We pray for the members of our communities that they find the love of Jesus in the Word of God and strive to be the Fishers of men, spreading the Word and love of God to those who are in most need. . . We prayMay Your Word be fulfilled in us, O Father! .

For the orphans, refugees and the homeless of this world: may they never lose hope in God but place their trust in Him and know that as your Risen Son gathered them to be his people, He will not leave them without help and support. . . We pray May Your Word be fulfilled in us, O Father!

We pray for those who are unable to be present with us at the Eucharistic Table. May they open their hearts to the Divine presence in our community, that enlightens us through His Word, and guides us to the springs of Eternal life. . . . We pray May Your Word be fulfilled in us, O Father!

May Our Lady of Lourdes shine down on those of our community and friends, who bear the cross of poor health, on her feast day with special Blessings giving them strength to bear their crosses. . . We pray May Your Word be fulfilled in us, O Father!

We pray for those who have died recently including Marie Comerford, John (Max) Callaghan, Joe Dolan, Sr Consolata and our family and friends gone before us. May they now be at peace in the loving arms of our saviour. . . .We prayMay Your Word be fulfilled in us, O Father! .

Celebrant: We thank You, O Father, for Your Son whom You sent among us. Grant that with the grace of the Holy Spirit we may welcome Him into our hearts, You who live and reign forever and ever 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 them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things

We pray those who have died this week

Marie Comerford, John (Max) Callaghan, Joe Dolan, Sr Consolata

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Cliff Allen, Nora Allen, John Callaghan, Jack Farrelly, Sr Norah Grehan RSM, Sr Therese Lawler RSM, Sr Klara, Greg Prince,

Ken Piper, Katie Saunders, Keith Roberts, Arthur Turnbull, Denise Wade

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, Gloria Trunk (Branxton) Kathleen Tuckerman, Bill Temperley, Veronica Tuck, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Cameron Keen, Abigail Louise Keen, Ivy Joan Klemenczuk, Filex Bobby Mainey, Fenn Mary Jayne Mainey,

Jordan Thomas Young

Rite of Christian Initiation Adults (RCIA) Catechumens and Candidates

Amanda Collis, Jennifer Drew, Jordan Hardy Edward Howe, Joshua Latimore, Kirrilee Johns, Ledy Mackie, Lyall Robertson

Simone Westcott, Kendall Whyte

Parish Notices

WEEKLY BULLETIN - If you wish an anniversary or notice to be placed, OR you wish to be added to our distribution list, please advise before 10am WEDNESDAY.

VOLUNTEERS FOR EAST MAITLAND MASSES

As we begin the new year and learn to deal with ongoing COVID issues, we need to refresh the rosters of people who assist in the Sunday Masses. We urgently need more volunteers as readers, commentators, musicians, singers, altar servers, counters, welcomers and Communion ministers as well as new people to join the Altar Society, and the liturgy group who together work to keep our church beautiful and liturgies enriching.

Be assured that you will be helped in any new roles you choose. Please consider putting your name forward, knowing that you are helping the community to celebrate well. Contact Judy on 0412689517 (5pm), Cathy on 0414834600 (8.30am) OR (6.00pm) Bec on 0431056632 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Can you assist with (SRE) Special Religious Education ? Please contact the Parish Office for more information

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**

EAST MAITLAND PIETY STALL: Due to covid 'Piety Stall' will be closed until further notice. I am sure someone will help you from the Sacristy if necessary.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL. Very many thanks to the local parishes and schools in our region for their wonderful generosity in supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. More than \$31,000 was raised in the region, funds which enable the Society to provide much needed assistance to those less fortunate in our local community.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 7th February (*St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs*)

Tues 8th February (*St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita, virgin*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 9th February

12 Midday Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 10th February (*Saint Scholastica, virgin*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 11th February (*Our Lady of Lourdes*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

10.00am Mass, OLOL, Beresfield

Sat 12th February

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

Sun 13th February

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

Synod of Bishops - Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Submissions close on February 27. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Art Exhibition: SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT – CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

In the 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us that encounter, dialogue, and listening with an open heart enable God's transforming love to move more powerfully in the world.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional no larger than 1 x 1 metres.

Name, title of work, school, parish and phone number clearly labelled on the back. This information, plus a 150 word (maximum) artist statement, must accompany the work and be emailed before 29 April through to

rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Delivered to Catholic Schools Office reception, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West 2302

Exhibition date: Saturday May 14 Location: TBA

Time: 2pm– 5pm Categories Stage 3, Stage 4, Stage 5, Stage 6, Adult. \$150 prize for the winning entry in each Category

BERESFIELD PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING: -
February meeting cancelled

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Mass will be held Friday 11th February 10am, OLOL Church, Beresfield.

ACTiv8 Youth Ministry

All youth groups will return from Monday 7th February

Contact the parish office for more information

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 7th February

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

Tues 8th February

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

Wed 9th February

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

Thurs 10th February

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

Fri 11th February

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

9.30am - Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

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