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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
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Fr Maurice Cahill

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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

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream;
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.
(R.)

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.
(R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.
'Happy are you when people hate you,
drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.
'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!

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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: We are here this day because we trust in God. We place our prayers before our Loving God the Father who hears all.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for the leaders of our Church, Pope Francis, the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, may the grace of God strengthen them as they proclaim the message of God's Kingdom. . . To our Lord who provides for us.....

Lord hear our prayer

We pray to the Holy Spirit to continue to inspire and guide those partaking in the Synod of the Bishops on how we are to journey together, in our mission as Christians on this earth. . . To our Lord who provides for us . .

Lord hear our prayer.

Holy God, we are Your witnesses. Help us to speak of Your Grace that is at work and alive in our hearts. That we may be recognised as Catholics sharing the light of God in our world.. . To our Lord who provides for us . . .

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for people who are suffering in the countries of unrest especially in Ukraine. May justice and peace prevail. . . To our Lord who provides for us . . .

Lord hear our prayer.

We ask the Holy Spirit to infuse with zenith grace those we welcome and accept this weekend into the Rite of Christian Initiation . . To our Lord who provides for us . . .

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died in faith, may they be raised to the realms of glory in Heaven, especially Tommy Kefecek, Abraham Maniyampra (India) Jo Nolan & Patricia Straker To our Lord who provides for us . . .

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Lord grant us Your help, in all our tasks and doubts, give us strength in our weaknesses, guidance and protection, in our dangers. We ask this through Your Son Jesus 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 They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

We pray those who have died this week

Tommy Kefecek, Abraham Maniyampra (India), Jo Nolan, Patricia Straker

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Sr Elsie Krelle (Sr Gus), Joy and Pat McNamara (Forster), Harry Meyn, Earline (Joe) Passfield,
Harold Ronan, Chris Smith, Robert Walker

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, Peters Family (Maryborough), 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

Sophia Grace de Rocquigny, Rose Alyce Elliott, Elvie Dawn Hill, Spencer James Lyle, Jack Christopher Perry, Mostyn Mark Taylor, Ruby Grace Taylor, Leighton William Taylor

Rite of Christian Initiation Adults (RCIA) Catechumens and Candidates

Amanda Collis, Jennifer Drew, Jordan Hardy Edward Howe, Joshua Latimore, Kirilee Johns, Ledy Mackie, Lyall Robertson, Simone Westcott, Kendall Whyte

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

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.

World Day of Prayer 2022

All are welcome to join in World Day of Prayer services

- This Year St Joseph's East Maitland is hosting the World Day of Prayer service on the 4th March, Friday at 10am. All parishioners are most welcome to attend and join in a covid safe morning tea following the Service.
- The combined church's of Morpeth will celebrate World Day of Prayer 2022 at St James Anglican Church on Friday 4th March at 10am. Everyone is warmly invited to attend the service followed by morning tea.
- You are invited to the Baptist Church at Weblands St, Rutherford, on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm for the celebration of World Day of Prayer, 2022.

The prayers for 2022 have been developed by the people of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Can you assist with (SRE) Special Religious Education ? Please 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/>

ACTiv8 Youth Ministry

ACTiv8 is seeking volunteers to assist with the running of youth groups. Can you offer 2 hours per week ? Or even once per month ? No experience necessary. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

EAST MAITLAND PIETY STALL

The store will be open on Sunday evening from 5pm and after mass. Any enquiries Marion 0412811759.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 14th February (*Sts Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop*)

Tues 15th February
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 16th February
12 Midday Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 17th February
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
(*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*)

Fri 18th February
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
10.00am Mass, OLOL, Beresfield

Sat 19th February
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 20th February
9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

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.

Catholic Womens League Australia, Maitland-Newcastle Diocese AGM

19th February 2022, at 1.00pm. Corcoran Centre, Morpeth
Afternoon tea to follow.

Members and friends are all welcome.

Enquiries to Margo – 04180657989 or bjnan4@bigpond.com

Catholic Women's League meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd March at 12 midday in the Therry Centre, East Maitland. All Welcome

BERESFIELD CATHOLIC LADIES GROUP: The next meeting will be **Tuesday, 22nd February**. You are warmly invited to come along and join us. We will meet in the Meeting Room **at 10.00am**. Everyone welcome.

Season for Growth: Adult Seminar

UNDERSTANDING CHANGE, LOSS AND GRIEF

This seminar is an educational experience, so the activities are designed to be objective rather than tap into Participants personal stories of loss and grief.

Date: Saturday March 12, Time: 9am-12pm

Venue: Diocesan Office, Toohey Room, Newcastle

RSVP: by March 1 to loretta.heffernan@mn.catholic.org.au
0408 895 951

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 14th February
9.30am - 12 Midday Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
12 Midday - 1pm Eucharistic Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 15th February
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 16th February
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 17th February
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 18th February
7.30-9am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am - Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

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