



PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland
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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)

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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

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me.

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 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my
hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the
wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three
thousand men chosen from Israel
to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.
So in the dark David and Abishai made
their way towards the force, where they
found Saul asleep inside the camp, his
spear stuck in the ground beside his head,
with Abner and the troops lying round him.
Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has
put your enemy in your power; so now let
me pin him to the ground with his own
spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to
strike him twice. David answered Abishai,
Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand
against the Lord's anointed and be without
guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher
of water from beside Saul's head, and they
made off. No one saw, no one knew, no
one woke up; they were all asleep, for a
deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on
them.
David crossed to the other side and halted
on the top of the mountain a long way off;
there was a wide space between them.
David then called out, 'Here is the king's
spear. Let one of the soldiers come across
and take it. The Lord repays everyone for
his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord
put you in my power, but I would not raise
my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

**Resp. Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8
(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, a l l my
being, bless his holy name. My soul, give
thanks to the Lord and never forget all his
blessings. (R.)

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who
heals every one of your ills, who redeems
your life from the grave, who crowns you
with love and compassion. (R.)

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

As far as the east is from the west so far
does he remove our sins. As a father has
compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity
on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

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

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry
the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says,
became a living soul; but the last Adam
has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first
the one with the soul, not the spirit, and
after that, the one with the spirit. The first
man, being from the earth, is earthly by
nature; the second man is from heaven. As
this earthly man was, so are we on earth;
and as the heavenly man is, so are we in
heaven. And we, who have been modelled
on the earthly man, will be modelled on the
heavenly man.

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

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one
another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you
who are listening: Love your enemies, do
good to those who hate you, bless those
who curse you, pray for those who treat you
badly. To the man who slaps you on one
cheek, present the other cheek too; to the
man who takes your cloak from you, do not
refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who
asks you, and do not ask for your property
back from the man who robs you. Treat
others as you would like them to treat you.
If you love those who love you, what thanks
can you expect? Even sinners love those
who love them. And if you do good to those

who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Not a Celestial Joke!

Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

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: Brothers and Sisters, let us gather our prayers before the Lord who calls us to walk the path of holiness with forgiveness and love in our hearts.

Prayer Leader

We pray for the Priests in our Region, may the Holy Spirit continue to inspire them as they bring the Word alive to our Community, and ask for special blessings for Father John and Father Graham who will celebrate the anniversary of their Ordination to the Priesthood at this time. . .

We Pray . . . Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the leaders of all Nations, that they find a way to work together to bring love, peace and justice to all countries especially in Ukraine, and live in the harmony of God's Holy Word. . .

We Pray . . . Lord hear our prayer

For all who pray these prayers this day, especially those who are unable share Eucharist with us. May they be faithful and characterised by mutual forgiveness and love of Jesus for all those we meet . .
We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer

We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in our daily life. May we learn to forgive those who do harm to us, open our hearts to love, as you have done to all sinners. . .
We Pray.. . Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who have shown their commitment through their journey in the RCIA programme. That through the Holy Spirit, they may be guided by word and example to walk in the light of Christ Jesus
We Pray.. . Lord hear our prayer

For those of our community who bear the cross of poor health. That they be strengthened in body and soul, and encouraged by the love of our people. . . .
We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer

Loving father, we pray for those who have died especially Cheryl Harding and Sr Presentia. May they enter into Your Kingdom of peace and love and rejoice with Your Saints for ever.. . .
We pray... Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant: All praise to you, Holy Lord and Father for entrusting us to the care of our Good Shepherd. He is your Son, and we ask all these things in his name, through Christ our Lord.

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 Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

We pray those who have died this week

Cheryl Harding & Sr Presentia

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Fr James Corcoran, Kathleen Hope, Don Johnson, Kathleen Jordan, Joy & Pat McNamara, James Saunders

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

Bellamy Dempster, Ripley Dempster, Harriett Donnelly, Gabrielle Donnelly, Charlotte Howell, Adeline Inman, Bridie Perry, Trinity Perry, Lottie Richardson, Grace Rostron, Amiya Woolaston

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

We pray for those who will be Married this Week

Charlene Estephan & Chris Saab

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

Friday 4th March

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 commencing 10am. Morning tea will following the Service.
- The combined church's of **Morpeth** will celebrate World Day of Prayer 2022 at St James Anglican Church commencing 10am followed by morning tea.
- You are invited to the Baptist Church at Weblands St, **Rutherford**, at 7.30pm for the celebration of World Day of Prayer, 2022.
- You are invited to attend the St Paul's Anglican Church, Cnr Beresford & Lawson Ave **Beresfield** for their celebration commencing at 10.30am. Please contact Irena on 0407 662 901 for more information.

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

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**.

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

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 21st February (St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor)

Tues 22nd February (The Chair of St Peter, apostle)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 23rd February (St Polycarp, bishop, martyr)

12 Midday Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 24th February

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 25th February

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 26th February

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

Sun 27th February

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

Invitation to Celebrate Women in our Diocese And International Women's Day on 6th March

to celebrate Mass at 9.30am at
Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton
to celebrate the Launch of the Council for Women in the
Maitland-Newcastle Diocese followed by morning tea



St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW
good works

**Volunteer Members
Needed**

St Paul's Rutherford Conference are currently seeking Members to join them in providing support to local community Members. The Conference has been operation for close to 60 years and as a Member you could be involved with home visitation, pastoral support, providing emergency welfare relief, mentoring Mini Vinnies, social advocacy, basic administration and fund raising just to name a few. If you are able to spare some time on a regular basis and would like to learn more, speak to your friendly Rutherford Member or contact Sarah Kemp on

M: 0490 255 100 E: sarah.kemp@vinnies.org.au



We wish to congratulate & thank Sr Joseph for her 45 years of Religious Profession

VOLUNTEERS FOR EAST MAITLAND MASSES

We are working to refresh the rosters of people who assist in the Sunday Masses. Volunteers are needed as readers, commentators, musicians, singers, altar servers, counters, welcomers, Communion ministers, Altar Society and the liturgy group. Please consider putting your name forward, knowing that you are helping the community. Contact Judy 0412689517 (5pm), Cathy 0414834600 (8.30am) OR Bec (6pm) 0431056632 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 21st February

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

Tues 22nd February

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

Wed 23rd February

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

Thurs 24th February

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

Fri 25th February

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

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