



**PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland**  
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm  
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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 Anthonicad  
**Asst Priests:** Fr John Lovell  
& Fr Graham Fullick  
(Presbytery 4934 5783)

#### Support Clergy

Fr Maurice Cahill

#### Regional Office

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,  
Sandra Buck, Rebecca Piefke

#### ACTiv8 Youth Co-ordinator

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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**

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in  
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 Sir 27:4-7**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus  
*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*  
In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left  
behind, so too the defects of a man  
appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is  
judged on the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he  
feels.

Do not praise a man before he has  
spoken, since this is the test of men.

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

#### **Resp. Psalm**

**(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to  
make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the  
night. (R.)

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

Planted in the house of the Lord they will  
flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,

to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

#### **Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58**

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

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on  
imperishability, and when this mortal  
nature has put on immortality, then the  
words of scripture will come true: Death  
is swallowed up in victory. Death, where  
is your victory? Death, where is your  
sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and  
sin gets its power from the Law. So let us  
thank God for giving us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers,  
never admit defeat; keep on working at  
the Lord's work always, knowing that, in  
the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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

#### **Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

#### **Gospel Lk 6:39-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can  
one blind man guide another? Surely  
both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not  
superior to his teacher; the fully trained  
disciple will always be like his teacher.  
Why do you observe the splinter in your  
brother's eye and never notice the plank  
in your own? How can you say to your  
brother, "Brother, let me take out the  
splinter that is in your eye," when you  
cannot see the plank in your own?  
Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own  
eye first, and then you will see clearly  
enough to take out the splinter that is in  
your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces  
rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that  
produces sound fruit. For every tree can  
be told by its own fruit: people do not  
pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes  
from brambles. A good man draws what  
is good from the store of goodness in his  
heart; a bad man draws what is bad from  
the store of badness. For a man's words  
flow out of what fills his heart.'

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

## ***Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter***

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

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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** : Brothers and sisters in Christ we have heard the words of God teaching us to be sincere and full of goodness. In Jesus name we place our prayers before Him with confidence.

### **Prayer Leader:**

We pray for the leaders of the Church, Pope Francis, the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all who bring forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit through the Word of Jesus, by their words and actions, to the people of our world.

We pray . . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for those discerning who will be called to be Bishop for our Church of Maitland-Newcastle: May the Holy Spirit be their guide.

We pray..... **Lord hear our prayer**

As we pray during this week on the World Day of Prayer, loving Father, we ask that you send forth Your love and protection to peoples in countries where there is conflict, especially the Ukraine. May their leaders work towards peace and security.

We pray . . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

As we approach our Lenten season, we pray for the success of Project Compassion. Help us to be generous with our gifts and treasures, in giving to others for their needs.

We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all who are praising Your name this day, that they may have the courage and compassion to correct their own faults before correcting others.

We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray that the Holy Spirit will send forth graces to those in the Sacraments of Initiation programme and those in the RCIA programme. May they truly experience the presence of God in their lives

We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer. .**

We pray for those who are not well and for other reasons, who cannot attend Eucharist, may they be strengthened in their faith by the prayers that we offer for them.

We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have returned to our heavenly home, especially Shane Neilsen, Lorna O'Hara, Margaret Kathleen O'Loughlin, Terry Prouse & Gloria Trunk. May they now have a special place with Christ our Lord.

We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

**Celebrant:** Father You are our source of all life, be our guide when we stray, our strength when we fall, and our comforter when we grow discouraged. We ask this 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** I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

#### ***We pray those who have died this week***

Shane Neilsen, Lorna O'Hara, Margaret Kathleen O'Loughlin (Kath),  
Terry Prouse, Gloria Trunk ( Branxton),

#### ***We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including***

Dan Brodie, Michael Carter, Neville Chaloner, Mark Callinan, Barry Callinan, Zillah Callinan, Colin Farley,  
Ramon Eugenio, Richardo Eugenio, Gwen Richards, Nicholas Sawyer, Noel Smith,  
Ivy Styles, Michael Tobin, Peter Turnbull,

#### ***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),  
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***

Beau Jeffrey Dunlop, Flynn Robert Dunlop, Leo Parker Flannery, Archer Edward Hilkmann,  
Finn James Meldrum-Walker, Leonardo John Pugh, Eddie Patrick Stanford, Nora Louise Stanford,  
Tilly May Stanford

#### ***Rite of Christian Initiation Adults (RCIA) Catechumens and Candidates***

Amanda Collis, Jennifer Drew, Jordan Hardy, Edward Howe, Joshua Latimore, Kirrilee Johns, Ledy Mackie,  
Lyllal 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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit their website for further information [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)

# Parish Notices

## Thank you and congratulations

Fr John on his Anniversary of Ordination on 17/2 and  
Fr Graham on his Anniversary of Ordination on 22/2.  
We are fortunate to be blessed with  
devoted and loving clergy.

COVID UPDATE: From 25 February masks will only be required for certain high-risk settings eg hospitals. Masks are still encouraged for indoor settings where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.

## Project Compassion Sunday



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes which are available at the church OR by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) or calling 1800 024 412 OR by using this QR Code. Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

This Friday 4th March 2021—ALL ARE WELCOME  
First Friday of each month from after the Mass at 7am until  
9am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's East Maitland.

**KINDERGARTEN WELCOME MASS** will be celebrated on Sunday 6th March at the 6pm Youth Mass at St Joseph's East Maitland. All Kindergarten children in our region are welcome to come with their families to celebrate and be welcomed

## COMMITMENT CEREMONY

Please welcome the children and their families, who are making their commitment to our Sacraments of Initiation programme this year.

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



## World Day of Prayer 2022 Friday 4th March

- **St Joseph's East Maitland** commencing 10am. Morning tea will follow the Service.
- The combined church's of **Morpeth** at St James Anglican Church commencing 10am followed by morning tea.
- Baptist Church at Weblands St, **Rutherford**, at 7.30pm
- St Paul's Anglican Church, Cnr Beresford & Lawson Ave **Beresfield** commencing at 10.30am. Please contact Irena on 0407 662 901 for more information.

## The Rite of Election on Sunday 6 March 2022

2.30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West, followed by afternoon tea. RSVP for catering to [E.sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:E.sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au) P 4979 1134.

## Celebrate Women in our Diocese And International Women's Day on 6<sup>th</sup> March

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



**St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass**  
St. Patrick's Church Lochinvar invite all to celebrate our Patron Saint Feast day on Thursday 17th March at 6.30pm. Wear something Green!

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

### Mon 28th February

### Tues 1st March

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

### Lent

### Wed 2nd March Ash Wednesday

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

12 Midday Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

### Thurs 3rd March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Fri 4th March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Sat 5th March

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

### Sun 6th March

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

### Mon 28th February

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

### Tues 1st March

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

### Wed 2nd March

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

### Thurs 3rd March

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

### Fri 4th March

7.00am to 8am Sat 5th March First Friday & First Saturday Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
9.30am - Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

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