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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

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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

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you have commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY - By Fr George Anthicad

The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is always the temptation of Jesus. It reminds us about the forty days preparation of Jesus for his mission on this earth just like Moses and Elijah who spent forty days fasting and praying and prepared themselves for their ministry. Every year the Lenten season reminds us about our commitment to follow Christ in his passion death and resurrection. It is also a time to think about our preparedness to follow Christ without falling into any temptations.

Temptations are part of our life journey, and we must be prepared not to fall into it. Primarily temptation comes in three basic forms as it is described in the first letter of John chapter 2 verse 16. It says there are three primary temptations. These are the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Adam and Eve were tempted in the similar way in the garden of Eden (Genesis 3:6). Eve saw the tree was good for food (the lust of the flesh), that it was pleasing to the eyes (lust of the eyes) and that it was desirable to make one wise (the pride of life).

Jesus also was tempted by the devil in similar ways. The devil tried to get Jesus to turn stone into bread (the lust of the flesh), to take a short cut in receiving the kingdoms of the world (the lust of the eyes), and to throw himself down from the pinnacle of the temple in order to easily declare himself as the Messiah and prove that God was working in him (the pride of life).

In the Bible it is the devil who brings the temptations. The devil is seen with Adam and Eve at the time of their temptation and fall. In the case of Jesus, even though the devil tried to tempt him eventually he had to leave Jesus because Jesus is the son of God, and he is filled with the Holy Spirit.

Often from the human perspective, the temptations are logical, attractive and make a lot of sense for that moment in our life. The devil has his craftiness and he wait for the perfect moment. The moment we fall into temptations in our life is the moment we move away from the word of God and start to entertain the lust of flesh, eyes and pride of life. By the time we realise that we have made a wrong choice, we are already entrapped by the evil one. So let us be watchful and be prepared not to fall into the temptations of the evil one.

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, we have heard in the Gospel how Jesus Christ was tempted by satan, and how the Holy Spirit sustained Him to continue the work of the Father. Let us place our trust in the Holy Spirit as we pray for our needs.

We pray for Pope Francis, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons may they continue to guide all of God's family throughout the world and be examples of God's compassionate Love and Mercy.

In faith we pray.....**Lord hear us**

Through our Mother of Perpetual Help who looks over us in this Diocese, we pray that we will soon be provided with a new Bishop to guide us, with strength and stability as we continue our journey.

In faith we pray **Lord hear us**

We pray to the Holy Spirit to bring peace to the hearts of those who are intruding on the territory of Ukraine and bringing terror into the lives of those who live there. Give Your love, hope and healing to those in need and distress.

In faith we pray. **Lord hear us**

That all people who gather in Christ's name may resist the temptation to seek their own glory, and seek instead to serve

brothers and sisters with love and generous hearts especially in this Lenten season.

In faith we pray **Lord hear us**

We Pray for the Catechumens in our RCIA program, Joshua Latimore, Kirrilee Johns, Ledy Mackie, Lyall Robertson & Kendall Whyte, who are taking the next step of their journey this weekend at the Rite of Election. We ask the Holy Spirit to shine on them with special blessings.

In faith we pray **Lord hear us**

We pray for the Communities in our country, who are affected by flood waters, and those who are unable to share Eucharist with us in person may they feel the power of our prayers in their needs.

In faith we pray **Lord hear us..**

We pray for those who have left us that they now dwell in the shelter of the 'Most High' especially Anthony Engelse and Ruby Lawrence

In faith we pray **Lord hear us..**

Celebrant: Holy Father Your Son in His Humanity, held fast to Your love, when He was tempted by evil. May we have that same courage and faith as we send our prayers to You through Jesus your Son.

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 One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

We pray those who have died this week

Anthony Dan Engelse, Ruby Lawrence

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Dick Adams, Don Adams Snr, Don Adams Jnr, Jane Bowen, Una Boland, Peter Boland, Bob Dickson, Florencia Landayan, Billy Lucas Evelyn Marquez, Zenaida Marquez, Joseph McDonnell John Orłowski, Jan Stefan Orłowski, Eva Randell, Tina Recto

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

Reyne Ivy Bolton, Harper May Dries, James Douglas Hanly, Luca James Walpole

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

Thi-Giang-Ngoc Jennifer Do & Aleksandar Mitrevski

Parish Notices

COVID UPDATE: You will find updated COVID information on the Diocesan website entitled **Continuing Life During COVID—the New Normal and Lent—Easter 2022: Celebrating in the New Normal**
<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update/>



Donate to 2022 Project Compassion to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth.

Donate through Project Compassion boxes, envelopes, this QR Code or lent.caritas.org.au



VINNIES FLOOD APPEAL. Those wishing to offer support to the victims of the devastating floods please make a donation online to the Vinnies Floods Appeal <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/>

The Rite of Election this Sunday 6th March 2022
2.30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West

**Celebrate Women in our Diocese
And International Women's Day
this Sunday 6th March**

Mass at 9.30am at Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton 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!

EAST MAITLAND Community has been chosen to complete the National Church Life Survey this week for free. If you are a parishioner at East Maitland you will be provided with a paper format or information on how to access the survey on line.

† **ACTiv8 Youth** will be putting together a massive fundraising raffle for Easter – if you wish to donate prizes please contact the parish office or just drop them into the office at Maitland.

† **ACTiv8 Youth** are working on an outdoor Stations of the Cross which will be held in the grounds of St Joseph's East Maitland – if your child would like to participate please contact the parish office

Stations of the Cross
will be held each Friday during Lent

Immaculate Conception, Morpeth - 10.00am
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield - 6.00pm
St Joseph's, East Maitland - 7.00pm

Fr Aleksander Zaremba & the Polish Community would like to **thank the parishioners of Beresfield and clergy** for allowing them to celebrate Mass at Beresfield during the renovations of St Mary's Chapel. The Polish Community have now returned to the Chapel.

SRE TEACHER NEEDED Helpers urgently required for Religious Education class at Rutherford Public School. Books are available for teacher guidance and children's use. For more information please phone Karen on 0478500666

PASTORAL NOTES ON THE READINGS DURING LENT

Year A gospels of the Third, Fourth & Fifth Sunday of Lent are of major importance in regard to Christian initiation. Since we have Catechumens we will be using the readings of Year A on these three Sundays across the Region.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 7th March (*Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs*)

Tues 8th March (*St John of God, religious*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 9th March (*St Frances of Rome, religious*)
12 Midday Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 10th March
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 11th March
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 12th March
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 13th March
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 7th March
9.30am - 12 Midday Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
12 Midday - 1pm Eucharistic Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 8th March
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 9th March
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 10th March
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 11th March
7.30am to 9am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am - Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

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