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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

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

Resp. Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **(R.)**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **(R.)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 3:17 - 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily—Fr John Lovell

Key spiritual events and Divine revelations have often occurred on mountains. This Sunday's Gospel gives us an account of one of the greatest of these: the Transfiguration.

Here are just a few examples of some other important events that occurred on mountains:

- Noah's Ark coming to rest on Mt Ararat after the Flood
- Abraham taking Isaac on a three-day journey to Mt Moriah to offer him in sacrifice
- God appearing to Moses in the burning bush on Mt Horeb and later giving him the Ten Commandments on that same mountain
- The Prophet Elijah fleeing for his life to Mt Horeb to be strengthened by God
- The holy city of Jerusalem being built on Mt Zion
- Jesus being taken by the Devil to a very high mountain and being shown all the kingdoms of the world
- Jesus preaching the Beatitudes from a mountain overlooking the Sea of Galilee
- Jesus on the Mount of Olives meeting and praying with His disciples, His weeping over the future demise of Jerusalem, His agony (there in the Garden of Gethsemane) and later His ascending from this mountain into Heaven

In many other cultures and faith traditions, mountains also carry great spiritual significance. Muslims believe the Prophet Muhammad ascended into Heaven from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Many Buddhist temples are built on mountain tops (perhaps you have visited the Big Buddha on Lantau Island in Hong Kong or one of the monasteries in Tibet). Then, we have the great Christian monasteries, like: Monte Casino in central Italy, Montserrat near Barcelona or Mont Saint-Michel off the coast of Normandy, to name just a few. Three years ago, I had a wonderful pre-ordination retreat at the Benedictine Monastery on Jamberoo Mountain, just south of Wollongong. So, if you have the opportunity this Lent, you might consider finding a place for peaceful prayer and reflection with the Word of God on a beautiful mountain somewhere, away from the bustle of city life. And remember to pray the words of Samuel: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening".

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: Like St Peter, we believe that "It is good for us to be here" in the Divine presence of our God. It is with confidence we bring our prayers to our heavenly Father.

For Pope Francis, all Bishops and leaders of our Church, that they may always lead us to the glory of our heavenly homeland.

Let us pray to the Lord. . . **Lord hear us.**

We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire the choice of a Bishop for our Diocese, to lead us in our faith, with wisdom and strength and continue to build the church that Your Son so painfully died for.

Let us pray to the Lord. . . **Lord hear us.**

We pray for our world, especially for those countries where there is much unrest particularly in Ukraine. May the Holy Spirit look upon them with compassion and give the leaders solutions for peace and humanity.

Let us pray to the Lord. . . **Lord hear us.**

May our people respond with lasting justice, generously, to the opportunities presented by Project compassion this Lent to build for all future generations to have the necessities of life.
Let us pray to the Lord. . . .**Lord hear us.**

We pray for those preparing for first Holy Communion among us: that they come to the Sacred Banquet with hearts ready to know the presence of their Lord and Saviour.
Let us pray to the Lord. . . .**Lord hear us.**

We ask special blessings on those who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of our Faith through the RCIA programme. May they be given the graces of true faith in their hearts that Jesus taught through the words of the Gospels.
Let us pray to the Lord. . . .**Lord hear us.**

Holy Father send Your blessings through our prayers upon those, who are not well and unable to celebrate Eucharist with us in person.
Let us pray to the Lord. . . .**Lord hear us.**

We pray for those who have died especially John Farragher, may Christ transform their bodies into copies of His glorious body as they rest in peace.
Let us pray to the Lord. . . .**Lord hear us.**

Celebrant: Most merciful Father, this season of Lent is a time of grace; favour us with Your kindness and mercy as we come before You in Prayer. 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 This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

We pray those who have died this week

John Farragher

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Delia Acosta, Milagros Agbada, Socorro Agustin, Kerrie Callaghan, Jonathan Cerveny, Asajar Gatlula, Belinda Hamilton, Anita Hernandez, Marcelina Manalo, Roy Rampling, Wilfredo Regudo, Les Sullivan, Frank Tynan, Napoleon Velasquez

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

Huntley Ariti, Zaylen Ariti, Archer Greig, Jimi Johns, Levi Johns, Stella Johns, Bexley Lobos, Harvey Sainty, Eleanor Smith, William Spence, Cooper Spruce

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

WELCOME to the children and their families who are preparing for Reconciliation. This week they will be receiving their copy of the Nicene Creed.

ADVENT 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be at
6pm at Rutherford—Wednesday 30th March
Beresfield—Thursday 31st March
Campbell's Hill—Wednesday 6th April
East Maitland—Thursday 7th April



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!

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.



2022 Project Compassion
Donate through Project
Compassion boxes,
envelopes, this QR Code or
lent.caritas.org.au



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

EAST MAITLAND Community—please return your National Church Life Survey this week

EAST MAITLAND PIETY STALL

The store will be closed until Sunday 20th March 5pm and after mass. Any enquiries Marion 0412811759.

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.

MASS OF THE LAND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Indigenous Mass

Celebrated by Fr John Purnell will be held at
Holy Family, Largs Wednesday 30th March at 7pm.

During Mass the various rituals will be explained. This is a unique opportunity for us to gain a better understanding of our fellow indigenous Australians and how the spirituality of two cultures can be shared.

VINNIES FLOOD APPEAL.

Parishioners can support victims devastated by floods by contributing to parish collections OR online at donate.vinnies.org.au or phoning 131812.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 14th March

Tues 15th March

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 16th March

12 Midday Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 17th March (St Patrick, bishop)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.30pm Mass, St Patrick's, Lochinvar

Fri 18th March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 19th March (St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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

Sun 20th March

9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 14th March

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

Tues 15th March

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

Wed 16th March

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

Thurs 17th March

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

Fri 18th March

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

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