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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
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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

My eyes are always on the Lord,
 for he rescues my feet from the snare.
 Turn to me and have mercy on me,
 for I am alone and poor.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured

into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a

prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.'

'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together.

For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily by Fr Graham

The Christian admits of a soul and admits that we are thirsty for God, restless for God just as God is thirsty for our faith. Jesus is thirsty for this woman's **faith**. Jesus came into the world as True God and True Man. Jesus was waiting for this fallen woman at midday. He knew all about her 5 husbands before she even spoke. Jesus was waiting to give her wellsprings of hope. She is the "type" of a hungry, needy humanity—and a "type" of us as Church drawn out of humanity in baptism to Eternal life. There we meet Jesus as Church at the well of the Mass—which is the blood and water flowing from Christ's pierced side on the Cross. Christ is the eternally living water. He is not a well, which can dry up. He is the inexhaustible wellspring of Grace and Life itself—offered to us as a hand: give me a drink. **What Christ is actually asking is "Do you dare to take a drink from me?" Will you be faithful to me and learn from me? Better still "Will you change your life because of me for I offer true life: 'a spring inside you, welling up to eternal life'?"** Christ's hand is the hand of friendship and adoption. He offers his hand to us as a stranger, because **we** are estranged from Him by Original sin, our selfish fallen-ness, and our actual sin. Let us lower the bucket of our pride, confess, repent and let Jesus' love and mercy in.

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: God gives us the Living water, our true salvation. Let us pray for all those who thirst for His divine love.

Prayer leader:

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons. May they continue to spread the true 'Living Water' of God through the words of the Gospels to all the world... We pray to the Lord **Lord hear our prayer.**

Jesus says that the kind of worshippers the Father wants are those who worship in spirit and in truth. Father, may we always have priests to lead us in such true worship, and especially may we soon have the blessing of a Bishop to lead and guide us...We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We ask Mary the Holy mother, who said 'Yes' to God at the Anunciation, to walk with the Elect and Candidates throughout the Dioceses in their journey to Easter when they also will say 'Yes' to God as they receive the Holy Sacraments of the Church. . . .We pray to the Lord **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of Ukraine who have had to leave their homes, that the leaders of the nations look kindly on them and give them a safe place to call home and be instruments of God's peace We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our country, who have lost all, from the flood waters. Show Your wisdom loving Lord, help them to know that Your love shines for all people, give them the strength and Grace to rebuild their lives again. . . We pray to the Lord **Lord hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father send Your blessings down upon those who are not well and cannot attend Eucharist with us. May they feel Your Spiritual Presence in them at this time We pray to the Lord **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray through St Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, whose feast we celebrate at this time will gather those who have died recently Maurice Laurensz, George Yule & Leonie Witt and lead them into the Kingdom of peace and love. . We pray to the Lord **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we offer to You. We live in a world that gets twisted by the evil that is done.Help us to become more like You and make our world a place of peace in the image of Christ 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 For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

We pray those who have died this week

Maurice Laurensz, George Yule, Leonie Witt

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Rey Acosta, Darren Bailey, Kevin Bourke, Romeo Catungal, Paul Denver, Janet Gamble, Jack Healey, Jovencio Marquez, George Walter Robin, Crisanta Regudo, Ruel Regudo, Simeon Regudo, Stan Shaw, Aloizy (Alec) Wonklewski

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, Margareth Tajonera, Vivian Tee, Kathleen Tuckerman, Bill Temperley, Veronica Tuck, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Sienna Madelene Sefina Gavin, Mack Sidney Hanson, Eden Robert Hooson, Oscar Morrow, Angus Morrow, Sophie Isla Rourke, Vinnie John Smith

Rite of Christian Initiation Adults (RCIA) The Elect and Candidates

Amanda Collis, Jennifer Drew, Jordan Hardy, Edward Howe, Joshua Latimore, Kirrilee 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

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. We will be using the readings of Year A on these three Sundays across the Region.

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

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



Ukraine Appeal

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support.

Donate now to help the people of Ukraine.
Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

Keep up to date on how Caritas agencies are responding to this crisis - www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news

Please collect your Prayer Card for the appointment for our new Bishop at your church foyer.



Help reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection by staying 1.5 metres away from people at Mass where possible, with whom you don't live.

CONGRATULATIONS to our RCIA Catechumens who now have moved on to their next stage of their journey. They are now known as The Elect and over the next three weeks at the East Maitland 8.30am Mass we will have The Scrutinies which is praying over The Elect.

Craft Group - All are welcome to join the weekly craft group every Monday in the Therry Centre from 9.30am - 12noon. For more information contact 49335840 or 49334586 or just come along.

EAST MAITLAND PIETY STALL

Will be open Sunday from 5pm and after 6pm Mass enquires Marion 0412811759

The Legion of Mary is holding a yearly Consecration to Our Lady on the 27th March 2022 at St Joseph's Church East Maitland from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Afternoon tea will follow at the Therry Centre. All welcome

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.



ACTiv8 Youth Raffle

Thank you to all those who made donations to the ACTiv8 Easter Raffle. We have a huge range of prizes from Easter Eggs, Skincare products, Sports memorabilia, Stand mixer and much more. Tickets are available from this weekend, \$2 each. Thank you for the ongoing support of our youth in the Chisholm Region.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 21st March

Tues 22nd March

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 23rd March (St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop)

12 Midday Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 24th March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 25th March (The Annunciation of the Lord)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 26th March

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

Sun 27th March

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 21st March

9.30am - 12 Midday Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

12 Midday- pm Eucharistic Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 22nd March

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

Wed 23rd March

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

Thurs 24th March

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

Fri 25th March

7.30am to 9am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.30am - Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

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