



**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)

#### 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**

Give me justice, O God,  
 and plead my cause against a nation that  
 is faithless.  
 From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
 for you, O God, are my strength.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading Ez 37:12-14**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open  
 your graves; I mean to raise you from your  
 graves, my people, and lead you back to  
 the soil of Israel. And you will know that I  
 am the Lord, when I open your graves and  
 raise you from your graves, my people. And  
 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live,  
 and I shall resettle you on your own soil;  
 and you will know that I, the Lord, have  
 said and done this – it is the Lord who  
 speaks.

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**With the Lord there is mercy and fullness  
 of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
 Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
 to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
 Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:  
 for this we revere you. (R.)

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
 I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
 more than watchman for daybreak.  
 (Let the watchman count on daybreak  
 and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
 and fullness of redemption,  
 Israel indeed he will redeem  
 from all its iniquity. (R.)

#### **Second Reading Rom 8:8-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
 Romans

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is  
 living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal  
 bodies.*

People who are interested only in  
 unspiritual things can never be pleasing to  
 God. Your interests, however, are not in the  
 unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the  
 Spirit of God has made his home in you. In  
 fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of  
 Christ you would not belong to him. Though  
 your body may be dead it is because of sin,  
 but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life

itself because you have been justified; and  
 if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from  
 the dead is living in you, then he who  
 raised Jesus from the dead will give life to  
 your own mortal bodies through his Spirit  
 living in you.

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

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
 I am the resurrection and the life, says the  
 Lord; whoever believes in me will not die  
 for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord  
 Jesus Christ!

#### **Gospel Jn 11:1-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
 to John

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

There was a man named Lazarus who lived  
 in the village of Bethany with the two  
 sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. –  
 It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick  
 man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with  
 ointment and wiped his feet with her hair.  
 The sisters sent this message to Jesus,  
 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving  
 the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will  
 end not in death but in God's glory, and  
 through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and  
 Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus  
 was ill he stayed where he was for two  
 more days before saying to the disciples,  
 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said,  
 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted  
 to stone you; are you going back again?'  
 Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?  
 A man can walk in the daytime without  
 stumbling because he has the light of this  
 world to see by; but if he walks at night he  
 stumbles, because there is no light to  
 guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend  
 Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.'  
 The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is  
 able to rest he is sure to get better.' The  
 phrase Jesus used referred to the death of  
 Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he  
 meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly,  
 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am  
 glad I was not there because now you will  
 believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas  
 – known as the Twin – said to the other  
 disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had  
 been in the tomb for four days already.  
 Bethany is only about two miles from  
 Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to  
 Martha and Mary to sympathise with them

over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

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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:** Friends in Christ we have just professed our belief in our true Resurrection, that will last forever, when we pass from this life, knowing that death doesn't have the last word.

### Prayer Leader

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons that they, with wisdom and courage, may proclaim to all, the good news of Eternal life, won for us by Jesus Christ. . . We pray in faith. . . **Lord, hear us in Your love.**

Lord and Father, we pray that our diocese may soon be blessed by the presence of a new Bishop, who will guide and lead us on our journey with Jesus Your Son, who is for us the Resurrection and the life. . . We pray in faith. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

We pray for Father John as he moves forward in his Ministry, that he be given the Graces needed to spread God's word and find companionship among the new community that he joins. . . . We pray in faith. . . **Lord, hear us in Your love.**

We pray for Candidates, the Elect and the young people who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of the church. May they always make the Eucharist the source and summit of their faith in Christ. . . . We pray in faith. . . **Lord, hear us in Your love.**

Loving Father send Your blessings on the Families who are suffering from the flood waters and all those affected by the war in the Ekraine. Give them the strength and courage to believe in Your love for them. . . We pray in faith. . . **Lord, hear us in Your love.**

For all who suffer from ill health or are in pain or sorrow, that they may know the consolation of the Lord: and experience the Lord's healing touch. . . . We pray in faith. . . **Lord, hear us in Your love.**

We pray in this Eucharist for all those who have died especially from our parish and families, especially Kathy Bellamy and Kathleen Tuckerman that they may have the eternal life promised by Jesus. . . . We pray in faith... **Lord, hear us in Your love.**

**Celebrant:** Through the resurrection of Your Son, You have kindled in our hearts the hope of Eternal life. Give us the grace to share Your love with all those we meet. 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** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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

Kathy Bellamy, Kathleen Tuckerman

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

Mary & William Doheny, Dianne Jordan, Daphne Smith, John Sheridan, Angela Sturmer, Jimmy Tobin (Tuncurry)

### ***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, Greg Fullick, 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, Bill Temperley, Veronica Tuck, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

### ***We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend***

Harvey Bueno, Ameliah Estimada, Helen Ferris, Spencer Flannery, Ralph Glendenning, Matilda Nosworthy, Cody Paterson

### ***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

### ***We pray for those who will be Married this Week***

David William Kriukelis & Kathleen Mary McGloin



# 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.

## REGIONAL RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held this coming week commencing from 6pm at  
Campbell's Hill—Wednesday 6th April  
East Maitland—Thursday 7th April

**MUSIC PRACTICE for Easter Triduum** at St Joseph's. Wednesday 13th April 5.00pm in the church. Anyone interested in joining in with the music is very welcome.

Information from the Diocese:

Photos of the **Rite of Election** which was held on March 6 are available on <https://adobe.ly/3KA7m7V>  
**Chrism Mass** at Sacred Heart Cathedral Mayfield Tue April 12 from 7pm - all are welcome

**ACTiv8 Youth** outdoor Stations of the Cross will be held in the grounds of St Joseph's Primary School & Church East Maitland 15/4/22.

Craft Group - All are welcome to join the weekly craft group every Monday in the Therry Centre from 9.30am - 12noon.



### 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or

PH 1800 024 413 toll free.

[www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news)

**FAREWELL TO FR JOHN LOVELL:** We are blessed to have Fr John minister within our Region for these past 4 years. We all have felt his gentle and comforting ministry. Please join us to thank him and wish him well in his new role of Administrator of the Newcastle City Region at:

The Therry Centre on Palm Sunday (10th April)  
commencing at 3.30pm.

Afternoon tea will be provided with COVID rules so if you would like to help with hospitality please give the parish office a call. We hope to see you there



## PALM SUNDAY

Please bring along your own greenery to supplement the small number of palms which each community have for blessing.

**The Triduum will be celebrated at Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill** this Easter by Fr John Lovell.

We invite the communities of Lochinvar, Rutherford, Paterson and Largs to attend and welcome volunteers for the special ministries as they have in the past years. Please talk to your Parish representative and leave your name with them.

With grateful thanks for your generosity.

## 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

**PIETY STALL** Will be open after all Masses in East Maitland. Enquires Marion 0412811759

## ACTiv8 Youth Raffle

We have a huge range of prizes from Easter Eggs, Skincare products, Sports Memorabilia and much more.

Tickets are \$2 each and available at your Church or the office. Thank you for the ongoing support of our youth in the Chisholm Region.

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Monday 4th April** (St Isidore, bishop, doctor)

**Tues 5th April** (St Vincent Ferrer, priest)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

**Wed 6th April**

12 Midday Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 7th April** (St John Baptist de la Salle, priest)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Fri 8th April**

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sat 9th April**

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

**Sun 10th April**

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

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 4th April**

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

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

**Tues 5th April**

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

**Wed 6th April**

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

**Thurs 7th April**

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

**Fri 8th April**

7.30am - 9.00am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.30am - Prayer of the Church, LOL, Beresfield

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