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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C**

**10 April 2022**

**Gospel Lk 19:28-40**

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany  
 at the place called the mount that is called Olivet,  
 he sent two of the disciples,  
 saying, 'Go into the village opposite,  
 whereon entering you will find a colt tied,  
 on which no one has ever yet sat;  
 untie it and bring it here.  
 If anyone asks you,  
 "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this,  
 "The Lord has need of it".  
 So those who were sent went away  
 and found it as he had told them.  
 And as they were untying the colt,  
 its owners said to them,  
 'Why are you untying the colt?'  
 And they said,  
 'The Lord has need of it'.  
 And they brought it to Jesus,  
 and throwing their garments on the colt  
 they set Jesus upon it.  
 And as he rode along,  
 they spread their garments on the road.  
 As he was now drawing near,  
 at the descent of the Mount of Olives,  
 the whole multitude of the disciples  
 began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice  
 for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying,  
 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'  
 And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him,  
 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.  
 He answered,  
 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

**First Reading Is 50:4-7**

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me  
 a disciple's tongue.  
 So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
 he provides me with speech.  
 Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
 to listen like a disciple.  
 The Lord has opened my ear.  
 For my part, I made no resistance,  
 neither did I turn away.  
 I offered my back to those who struck me,  
 my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
 I did not cover my face  
 against insult and spittle.  
 The Lord comes to my help,  
 so that I am untouched by the insults.  
 So, too, I set my face like flint;  
 I know I shall not be shamed.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you  
 abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
 They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
 let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
 a band of the wicked beset me.  
 They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
 I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
 They cast lots for my robe.  
 O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
 my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
 and praise you where they are assembled.  
 'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
 all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
 Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

**Second Reading Phil 2:6-11**

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,  
 yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
 to his equality with God  
 but emptied himself  
 to assume the condition of a slave,  
 and became as men are,  
 and being as all men are,  
 he was humbler yet,  
 even to accepting death,  
 death on a cross.  
 But God raised him high  
 and gave him the name  
 which is above all other names  
 so that all beings  
 in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
 should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
 and that every tongue should acclaim  
 Jesus Christ as Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
 endless glory!**

**Christ became obedient for us even to death  
 dying on the cross.**

**Therefore God raised him on high  
 and gave him a name above all other names.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
 endless glory!**

## Gospel Lk 22:14 - 23:56

**N** When the hour came Jesus took his place at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them,

**J** I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

**N** Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said,

**J** Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the kingdom of God comes.

**N** Then he took some bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying,

**J** This is my body which will be given for you; do this as a memorial of me.

**N** He did the same with the cup after supper, and said,

**J** This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you.

And yet, here with me on the table is the hand of the man who betrays me. The Son of Man does indeed go to his fate even as it has been decreed, but alas for that man by whom he is betrayed!

**N** And they began to ask one another which of them it could be who was to do this thing.

**A** dispute arose also between them about which should be reckoned the greatest, but he said to them,

**J** Among pagans it is the kings who lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are given the title Benefactor. This must not happen with you. No; the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest, the leader as if he were the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at the table, surely? Yet here I am among you as one who serves!

You are the men who have stood by me faithfully in my trials; and now I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father conferred one on me: you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on the thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon! Satan, you must know, has got his wish to sift you all like wheat; but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers.

**N** He answered,

**O** Lord, I would be ready to go to prison with you, and to death.

**N** Jesus replied,

**J** I tell you, Peter, by the time the cock crows today you will have denied three times that you know me.

**N** He said to them,

**J** When I sent you out without purse or haversack or sandals, were you short of anything?

**N** They answered,

**C** No.

**N** He said to them,

**J** But now if you have a purse, take it: if you have a haversack, do the same; if you have no sword, sell

your cloak and buy one, because I tell you these words of scripture have to be fulfilled in me: He let himself be taken for a criminal. Yes, what scripture says about me is even now reaching its fulfilment.

**N** They said,

**C** Lord, there are two swords here now.

**N** He said to them,

**J** That is enough!

**N** He then left the upper room to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following. When they reached the place he said to them,

**J** Pray not to be put to the test.

**N** Then he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw away, and knelt down and prayed, saying,

**J** Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine.

**N** Then an angel appeared to him coming from heaven to give him strength. In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

When he rose from prayer he went to the disciples and found them sleeping for sheer grief. He said to them,

**J** Why are you asleep? Get up and pray not to be put to the test.

**N** He was still speaking when a number of men appeared, and at the head of them the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, who went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said,

**J** Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

**N** His followers, seeing what was happening, said,

**C** Lord, shall we use our swords?

**N** And one of them struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. But at this Jesus spoke,

**J** Leave off! That will do!

**N** And touching the man's ear he healed him.

Then Jesus spoke to the chief priests and captains of the Temple guard and elders who had come for him. He said,

**J** Am I a brigand that you had to set out with swords and clubs? When I was among you in the Temple day after day you never moved to lay hands on me. But this is your hour; this is the reign of darkness.

**N** They seized him then and led him away, and they took him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. They had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and Peter sat down among them, and as he was sitting there by the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him, and said,

**O** This person was with him too.

**N** But he denied it, saying,

**O** Woman, I do not know him.

**N** Shortly afterwards someone else saw him and said,

**O** You are another of them.

**N** But Peter replied,

**O** I am not, my friend.



**N** About an hour later another man insisted, saying,  
**O** This fellow was certainly with him. Why, he is a Galilean.

**N** Peter said,

**O** My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.

**N** At that instant, while he was still speaking, the cock crew, and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Meanwhile the men who guarded Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,

**C** Play the prophet. Who hit you then?

**N** And they continued heaping insults on him.

When day broke there was a meeting of the elders of the people, attended by the chief priests and scribes. He was brought before their council, and they said to him,

**C** If you are the Christ, tell us,

**N** He replied,

**J** If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the Power of God.

**N** Then they all said,

**C** So you are the Son of God then?

**N** He answered,

**J** It is you who say I am.

**N** They said,

**C** What need of witnesses have we now? We have heard it for ourselves from his own lips.

**N** The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying,

**C** We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.

**N** Pilate put to him this question,

**O** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N** He replied,

**J** It is you who say it.

**N** Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

**O** I find no case against this man.

**N** But they persisted,

**C** He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.

**N** When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply.

Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

**O** You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

**N** But as one man they howled,

**C** Away with him! Give us Barabbas!

**N** This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back.

**C** Crucify him! Crucify him!

**N** And for the third time he spoke to them,

**O** Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.

**N** But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

**J** Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

**N** Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

**J** Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

**N** Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

- C** He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.
- N** The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said,
- C** If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.
- N** Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'
- One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,
- O** Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.
- N** But the other spoke up and rebuked him,
- O** Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
- N** He replied
- J** Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.
- N** It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,
- J** Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.
- N** With these words he breathed his last.

*All kneel and pause a moment*

- N** When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,
- O** This was a great and good man.
- N** And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. He had not consented to what the others had planned and carried out. He came from Arimathaea, a Jewish town, and he lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day and the sabbath was imminent.

Meanwhile the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus were following behind. They took note of the tomb and of the position of the body.

Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. And on the sabbath day they rested, as the law required.

Christianity is a faith of paradox: leadership through service; greatness through humility; and life through death. The greatest paradox of all is the paradox of the cross. The death of Jesus through the most humiliating form of capital punishment in history would appear to be exactly what the Jewish authorities hoped it would be: the end of the Jesus movement. The ignoble death of a group's leader through public execution is usually enough to bring about the end of any movement. However, Christians know that the death of Jesus is not the end of the story.

His resurrection, that we celebrate at Easter next weekend, is the twist in the tale that means the death of Jesus, rather than being a point of despair, in fact becomes a moment of hope. This difference of expectation is captured in the Lukan account of the crucifixion by the two criminals with whom

Jesus is crucified. One joins in the mockery of Jesus, whilst the other recognises the innocence of Jesus and has faith that Jesus will enter into his kingdom. This second criminal acts as an example for all people of faith. He reminds us that those with faith still have to face death and still have to face up to the consequences of their actions, and yet the way we approach death should not be with despair, but rather with hope and confidence that we will share in Christ's resurrection.

The reading of the Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples at the time. They were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, but we know the end of the story! We know that out of this darkness will come light and hope!

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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.

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## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

**Celebrant:** The Gospel tells us the story of the sufferings and the death of Jesus the Son of God. Let us bring our prayers to the Father, through His Son given up for us, with love, beyond all comprehension.

We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons. May they embrace the cross of Jesus with courage and joy as they lead the people of the world to Eternal life with our loving Lord. . . .We pray. .Lord hear our prayer

Send special blessings to Father John. May the Holy Spirit inspire him with the strength and knowledge that he needs to continue his journey to spread the words of the Holy Gospel to all those he ministers to in his new position. . . We pray. .Lord hear our prayer

Send forth Your Love and protection to the people of our Region as we await the presence of a new Bishop. May the one you have called, hear Your loving voice through the Holy Spirit to take up the position in our Diocese. . . We pray. .Lord hear our prayer

For peace in Ukraine: We pray for a rapid end to the hostilities that have been inflicting terror, suffering and death on so many innocent victims. . . We pray. .Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all who have lost their homes and possessions in the recent floods. May they find strength, courage and hope in the love of God as they recover and begin their lives afresh. . We pray. .Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the Candidates and Elect across our Diocese, that their thirst for the grace of God be satisfied this Easter season, giving them peace and joy, in the love that God has for us all... We pray. . .Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those near and dear to us who are not well. May the light of the Holy Spirit shine on them giving them strength in their pain and suffering. . . . We pray. .Lord hear our prayer

For our friends and family members who have died recently especially Anne Lowe, Sarah Magee, Sr Mary Markham, Claire Purnell, Neil Stacktool and those whose anniversaries occur around this time may share in the Resurrection that Christ has promised his peace. . . . We pray. .Lord hear our prayer

**Celebrant:** Lord God, your Son showed His love in suffering and dying for us. Help us to return His love by loving one another. We ask this through the same 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.

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

Anne Lowe, Sarah Magee, Sr Mary Markham (Hunters Hill), Claire Purnell, Neil Stacktool

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

Rita Bridge, Bernie Enright, Greg Grant, Terry McGovern,  
Bruce Trappel, Eileen Wheatley, John Wickham

### ***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 Kulcznski, 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***

Arie Howard, Zander Morrison, Eliza Slaney, Leah Slaney, Ayla Wynter

### ***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

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# Message from Fr John Lovell

Dear friends,

A lot of water has passed under the bridge, both literally and figuratively, since I began my ministry in the Maitland Parish Region back in June 2018.

I was still a Deacon then, fresh back from 4 years of seminary studies in Rome, and Frs Paul, Joyce and Camillus welcomed me with open arms. The day I arrived Fr Paul gave me the keys to his room in the Presbytery at East Maitland as he was setting off to begin 6 months of long service and sabbatical leave in Milton, Galong and Scotland. I also met our wonderful housekeeper, Maree, who has and continues to cheerfully cook delicious lunches for our clergy in our presbytery.

Fr Paul left me in good hands with Frs Joyce and Camillus taking me around as their Deacon to assist at Sunday Masses, school and nursing home Masses, and allowing me to serve, preach, baptise, preside at funerals, do house blessings and so on. I also got to meet our amazing admin team in the Parish Office: Louise, Janine, Sandra, Rita and Bec. Both then and ever since, I have been in awe of their dedication and the amount of work they get through. Always cheerful and never complaining, my sincere thanks to 'the Chisholm Chicks' along with Sam Hill who was so often there to lend a hand before moving up to Brisbane. It was also a privilege for me to meet and assist our wonderful, retired priests Fr Lex and Fr Maurie at Sunday Masses.

Later that year, Fr Camillus was unexpectedly transferred to Shortland and then in early 2019 Fr Joyce was transferred to Raymond Terrace. In February 2019, our late Bishop Bill ordained Fr Anthony Coloma and myself to the priesthood at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, where I'll soon be ministering in my new role. On that special day so many parishioners from our Maitland Parish Region were there to support me and I will always be grateful to you for that and for your joyful love, prayers and service ever since. I've always been amazed at the great generosity of all our parish teams and the way you work together to keep our parishes strong. This also includes our Bereavement Team who organise hundreds of funerals every year, our RCIA Team, Sacraments of Initiation Team and Youth Ministry who prepare so many for the sacraments each year, along with our sacristans, musicians and many other volunteers. Then we have our 9 Catholic schools of the Maitland region with Principals, RECs and staff who are always so welcoming of all our clergy and organise beautiful liturgies for our children, whether we are able to be with them or not.

Other clergy who have kindly ministered in our region since my ordination include Deacons Gerard McCarthy and John Mahony (John has since been ordained to the priesthood in Ireland), Fr Velerian (now Parish Priest of Scone), and of course Fr John Purnell (now ministering in Toronto and Morisset) with his very down-to-earth style and amazing collection of jokes. We've all come through a very difficult period over the last couple of years with the covid crisis and especially with the illness and loss of Fr Paul and Bishop Bill, along with Fr Lex and a number of our very valued and long-serving parishioners. Fr Paul in particular was my greatest mentor with the way he supported me so much with his friendship, guidance and encouragement, enabling me and our region to be where we are now. And let's not forget our wonderful communities of nuns: the Josephites, Dominicans, Mercy Sisters, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and Redemptoristines. Thank you all for your friendship, prayerful support and ongoing service to our communities, with special thanks to Sr Jenny RSJ for providing the priests with so many cakes and cookies over the years.

My sincere thanks and prayers right now are especially with to the two remaining permanent priests of this region, Fr George and Fr Graham, for their great support and friendship. Significant challenges lie ahead for this region, as with other parts of our Diocese, due to declining clergy numbers. In the Inner City Pastoral Region I will be facing considerable challenges as well and ask you to all to please keep me in your prayers. I will never forget the people of the Maitland Catholic Region, will be forever grateful for your kindness and support, and will certainly keep you all in my prayers. I'm sure I will continue to see lots of you from time to time at key Diocesan liturgies at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Wishing you every blessing,

Fr John



# Parish Notices

Due to the public holiday Easter Monday the Parish Office will be closed to the public on Tuesday 19th April.

## FAREWELL TO FR JOHN LOVELL:

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 today Palm Sunday (10th April) commencing at 3.30pm.**

Please bring a plate for our Afternoon tea which will be provided with COVID rules .

**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.

**ACTiv8 Youth outdoor Stations of the Cross** will be held in the grounds of St Joseph's Primary School & Church East Maitland at 10am 15/4/22.

## HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15TH 2022

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

## Prayer Vigil " Watch and Pray"

Thursday 14th April following the Holy Thursday Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland will be holding a prayer vigil concluding with Stations of the Cross 10am Good Friday.  
All Welcome



I would like to thank the priests, parishioners, relatives and friends for their support, prayers and cards during Terry's illness and passing in February this year. Coral Prouse.

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

**The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is delighted to announce the launch of our new mobile app** for smartphones and tablets. The new app is our latest innovation in staying connected with Catholics in the Diocese. Mass times, news and events, and parish giving, are now right at your fingertips You can download the app for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Just search for 'Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle' and click install on your mobile or tablet! If you already have the original app installed, this will automatically update to the new version.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Hour at St Joseph's, East Maitland **24th April.**  
Exposition and Prayers 2.30-3.30pm.  
All welcome. For further enquiries please call Elizabeth 49331347.

## ACTiv8 Youth Raffle

**ACTiv8 Youth Raffle will be drawn on Monday 11th April at the Parish Office. Please return all tickets to the parish office by Monday morning. Thank you for the ongoing support of our youth in the Chisholm Region.**

Due to the lack of Priests the Wednesday Mass at **St John's Chapel** will no longer be available after Easter Sunday. The Chapel will no longer be left open during the day after this date.



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## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

### Tues 12th April

**7.00pm** Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton

### Wed 13th April

**12 Midday** Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 14th April - Saturday 16th April**

*See Triduum flyer*

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## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

### Mon 11th April

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

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

### Tues 12th April

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

### Wed 13th April

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

### Thurs 14th April

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

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.



### **THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES, BERESFIELD**

**SACRED HEART, CAMPBELL'S HILL**

**ST JOSEPH'S, EAST MAITLAND**

**HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7.00pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY of The Passion of the Lord @ 3.00pm**

**THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT @ 6.30pm**

#### **HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper**

7.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

7.00pm Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

7.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### **ADORATION VIGIL FOR HOLY THURSDAY Night**

St Joseph's, East Maitland

commencing after Holy Thursday Mass and concluding 10am Good Friday

#### **GOOD FRIDAY - Stations of the Cross**

10.00am Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

10.00am Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

10.00am St Joseph's, East Maitland (outdoor Youth dramatisation)

10.00am St Patrick's, Lochinvar

10.00am St Columba's, Paterson

2.00pm Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

2.00pm Holy Family, Largs

#### **GOOD FRIDAY - The Passion of the Lord**

3.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

3.00pm Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

3.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### **HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (MORNING PRAYER) 9.00AM**

St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### **EASTER VIGIL 6.30PM**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### **EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD**

7.15am Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

8.00am St Paul's Rutherford

8.20am Holy Family, Largs

8.30am St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.30am St Patrick's Lochinvar

9.30am St Columba's, Paterson

6.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland



# **Holy Week**