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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 Priest: Fr Graham Fullick
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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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the
earth; by the word of the Lord the
heavens were made, alleluia.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of good will. We praise
you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us; you take away
the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga
till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here
they went to synagogue on the sabbath
and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews
and devout converts joined Paul and
Barnabas, and in their talks with them
Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain
faithful to the grace God had given them.
The next sabbath almost the whole town
assembled to hear the word of God.
When they saw the crowds, the Jews,
prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies
and contradicted everything Paul said.
Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out
boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of
God to you first, but since you have
rejected it, since you do not think
yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must
turn to the pagans. For this is what the
Lord commanded us to do when he said:
I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends
of the earth.' It made the pagans very
happy to hear this and they thanked the
Lord for his message; all who were
destined for eternal life became believers.
Thus the word of the Lord spread through
the whole countryside. But the Jews
worked upon some of the devout women
of the upper classes and the leading men
of the city and persuaded them to turn
against Paul and Barnabas and expel
them from their territory. So they shook
the dust from their feet in defiance and
went off to Iconium; but the disciples
were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm

**We are his people, the sheep of his
flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the
earth. Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He
made us, we belong to him, we are his
people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal
his merciful love. He is faithful from
age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their
shepherd and will lead them to springs of living
water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible
to count, of people from every nation,
race, tribe and language; they were
standing in front of the throne and in front
of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and
holding palms in their hands. One of the
elders said to me, 'These are the people
who have been through the great
persecution, and because they have
washed their robes white again in the
blood of the Lamb, they now stand in
front of God's throne and serve him day
and night in his sanctuary; and the One
who sits on the throne will spread his tent
over them. They will never hunger or
thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching
wind will ever plague them, because the
Lamb who is at the throne will be their
shepherd and will lead them to springs of
living water; and God will wipe away all
tears from their eyes.'

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

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I
know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my
voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost and no one will
ever steal them from me. The Father who
gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily Fr Graham

One of the beautiful things to see in Rome off the Via Appia, at the entrance to the Catacombs of St. Callistus is a marble statue of **Jesus the Good Shepherd** holding a sheep, carrying it around His shoulders. If you look up the web for images, you will see images of Pope Francis likewise carrying a sheep around his shoulders. He says moreover that a good shepherd is to know the smell of the sheep i.e. to live a life close to his sheep (us) and be a shepherd who incarnates faith, governing and teaching as lived witness. Fr. Jim Reilly (RIP) of Lismore in one of his homilies gives this account. In the Holy Land, a visitor noticed three shepherds, each with his flock of sheep bring them to the same spot at a creek to drink—and the sheep intermingled. How could they be identified and separated afterwards? A short while later each of the three shepherds stood apart and made their own particular call. Immediately his own flock, knowing its master's call ran out to him and none was lost.

We will only know the Lord's call if we are teachable and have an ear for Him. There is no worse student than one with pre-emptive invincible ignorance, the one who does not want to be there in the first place and thinks they know already by the guile and cunning of this world all there is to know about life! Jesus says that He has come that we may have life and have it to the full. What He offers is Eternal Life, life in Himself for our salvation **if** we will use properly the conscience He has given us and hearken to his voice with a commitment of the heart, soul, head and hands—starting with the ears. This Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday** in the Catholic Church. God never stops calling. We have to listen above the static and clamour of this world. There is a false call to relativise or conflate Jesus' call to vocation to the priesthood and Religious lives of nuns, sisters, monks and brothers into the universal call to holiness. We are called, many of us; we must accept too to be chosen among the few. That's not me, that's God speaking: "Many are called, few are chosen". Notwithstanding that, out of faithful families and priestly and religious witness, or despite unfaithfulness, a faithful vocation follows. Parents at baptisms look perplexed today when I ask "We don't have a St. Cooper or a St. Skylah—yet—Will you make your home a domestic Church where you will nurture another St. John-Paul II or St. Teresa of Calcutta?"

This Sunday is **Mother's Day** in parts of the world. We pray our mothers the joy and consolation of Mary the Mother of God and thank them, living or dead, alive in Christ. God bless you.

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: Dear friends, Jesus walked through life's dark valleys, He emerged into the dawn of Easter. Let us place our prayers to Him in confidence.

Prayer Leader

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop, Priests and Deacons that they may faithfully and lovingly watch over the flock of Christ. Look lovingly on the Priests in our Region and give them the courage and strength as they faithfully care for us. . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

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. . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Through Our Lady of Fatima we pray to the Holy Spirit to intervene in the conflicts within the Ukraine and wipe out the violence that is happening there, giving the people a place of refuge, in peace and love. . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who God has chosen; hear his voice as He calls them to vocation to the Priesthood and Religious life to care for His flock. . . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

On this Mother's day may all mothers feel the presence of God in their hearts, give them the blessings they need to nurture the faith of those whom they care for. . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

As we celebrate this Eucharist in 'Your real presence', we offer our prayers for those unwell and those who care for them, who cannot attend. May your love bring them peace in their hearts. . . .
In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our friends and family who have died especially Nell Noordbrius and Gwendoline Stevens, and those anniversaries occur around this time that they may find the Resurrection in Christ that has been promised to us all. . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty Father, hear the prayers of Your people gathered today in faith. Show us Your favour as we make our prayers 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 The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

We pray those who have died this week

D.Gopinath (Kerala India), Nell Noordbrius, Gwendoline Stevens, Lita Villester (Philippines)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Stephen Bartlett, Nicholas Black, Stephen Robert Buchanan, Rita Farrelly, Bill Hayter, Pat Hughes,
Darcy Martin, Bernadette McGrath, Wilfredo Armais Negron, Christopher Small,
Jenny Szymnec, Kathryn Wholert

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, Ken Jones, Ethan Joseph, Krystyna Kulzcinski, Fr Anthony Lemon (Murwillumbah),
Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Kevin Moloney, Jane Winsor O'Keefe, Lisa Peattie, Jen Phillips,
Peters Family (Maryborough), Ella Rusak, Olga Rusak, Amelia Verdera Satana, Margaret Sipple,
Zane Slomka, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Carol Su'a, Margareth Tajonera, Vivian Tee, Bill Temperley,
Veronica Tuck, Ros Thompson, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Bon Beveridge, Layla Beveridge, Liam Michael Davis, Lexi Fernie,
Rory Orlando Yep Gillies, Kenzie Grace Nelligan, Chase Patrick Tuttle



We honour our mothers and grandmothers, those women who, whether they're tied to us by blood or bonds of friendship and respect, have nurtured us. We pray today for all those who serve in a maternal role.

Parish Notices

Message from Fr George

I just want to give you an update about my annual holiday and the clergy arrangements for the masses.

I will be absent from the parish on annual leave from 10th May to June 15th. In my absence Fr Graham Fullick will be looking after the pastoral needs of our region with the help of supply priests and with the help of our office staff and team. I am very grateful to Fr Graham for his willingness to help us but please be mindful that Fr Graham has to look after his sick Dad. Therefore, please kindly keep his dad in your prayers and support Fr Graham in his ministry.

Fr John Vo also will be on holiday in the month of June, and he will be commencing his ministry in our region on 2nd July onwards. Let us keep Fr John Vo in our prayers.

I continue to ask your prayers and support as we move forward as a community of Faith in fulfilling the Mission of God.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 16-22 May 2022

To say thanks to our wonderful volunteers the Diocese is hosting a free event;
Thursday 19th May 6pm at
EVENT CINEMAS KOTARA
RSVP volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au by 9/5/22

St John's Chapel Maitland : is closed until further notice

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am
www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream

Praying the Gospels: Connect & pray across the Diocese from your home. Join us each Wednesday 5.00 to 5.45pm
Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>
Password: pray

Mackillop Place Pilgrimage St Bridget's Branxton will once again have a pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place on Friday 5th August 2022. Bus leaves Branxton at 6.15am and will pick up Greta, Lochinvar, Rutherford, East Maitland. Cost \$50 and includes bus, morning tea, museum tour. You can visit gift/ coffee shop and spend private prayer time in the Chapel. Mary MacKillop place is complying with COVID safe procedures as required by the government and church authorities. Lunch at your own expense. (Venue to be decided) Bus leaves Sydney at 3.00pm to return home. All welcome. Please call Mercia Thomas 0447819889 or Rose Arthur 49336284 confirm by 15th July.

RCIA update: Please continue to pray for our Neophytes (those who were Initiated at Easter) as they continue their RCIA Journey through the final stage leading up to Pentecost Sunday

RECOMMENCEMENT OF HOME COMMUNION – Anyone who has previously volunteered to the pastoral care of the housebound by providing home communion OR if you would like to volunteer please contact the PARISH OFFICE as soon as possible. We would like to put together rosters so this ministry can start up again.

Covid safe precautions will need to be adhered to.

With COVID restrictions easing we will be re-introducing **Collections and the Offertory** as soon as possible. Please arrange for the relevant rosters to be provided to the parish office within three weeks. It is the hope to include young families on the Offertory roster so if your family are interested please speak to the Mass contact person within your church otherwise call the parish office and we can put you in contact with the correct person.

PIETY STALL will be open this weekend at St Joseph's East Maitland. Enquires Marion 0412 811 759

LAST CALL FOR ALL PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS PLEASE DROP THEM INTO THE PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 9th May

Tues 10th May

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 11th May

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 12th May

(St's Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs, St Pancras martyr)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 13th May (Our Lady of Fatima)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 14th May

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

Sun 15th May

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 9th May

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

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

Tues 10th May

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

Wed 11th May

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

Thurs 12th May

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

Fri 13th May

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

9.30am - Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

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