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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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Fr Maurice Cahill

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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

Receive the joy of your glory, giving
thanks to God, who has called you into
the heavenly kingdom, 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 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*The numbers of men and women who came to
believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common
consent in the Portico of Solomon. No
one else ever dared to join them, but the
people were loud in their praise and the
numbers of men and women who came
to believe in the Lord increased steadily.
So many signs and wonders were worked
among the people at the hands of the
apostles that the sick were even taken
out into the streets and laid on beds and
sleeping-mats in the hope that at least
the shadow of Peter might fall across
some of them as he went past. People
even came crowding in from the towns
round about Jerusalem, bringing with
them their sick and those tormented by
unclean spirits, and all of them were
cured. **The Word of the Lord**
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has
no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His
love has no end.' Let those who fear the
Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
The stone which the builders rejected has
become the corner stone. This is the
work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we
rejoice and are glad. (R.)
O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant
success. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes. We bless you from the
house of the Lord; the true God is our
light. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and
ever.*

My name is John, and through our union
in Jesus I am your brother and share your
sufferings, your kingdom, and all you
endure. I was on the island of Patmos for
having preached God's word and
witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day
and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard
a voice behind me, shouting like a
trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a
book.' I turned round to see who had
spoken to me, and when I turned I saw
seven golden lamp-stands and,
surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of
man, dressed in a long robe tied at the
waist with a golden girdle. When I saw
him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but
he touched me with his right hand and
said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First
and the Last; I am the Living One. I
was dead and now I am to live for ever
and ever, and I hold the keys of death
and of the underworld. Now write
down all that you see of present
happenings and things that are still to
come.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me,
Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John

*After eight days Jesus came in and
stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first
day of the week, the doors were closed in
the room where the disciples were, for
fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood
among them. He said to them, 'Peace be
with you,' and showed them his hands
and his side. The disciples were filled
with joy when they saw the Lord, and he
said to them again, 'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me, so am I sending
you. 'After saying this he breathed on
them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they
are forgiven; for those whose sins you
retain, they are retained. Thomas, called
the Twin, who was one of the Twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.
When the disciples said, 'We have seen
the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the
holes that the nails made in his hands
and can put my finger into the holes they

made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY—Fr Maurie Cahill

Really Truly Risen

What a beautiful story our first reading gives us today about the Risen Lord Jesus. *The Acts of the Apostles* tells how the risen Lord is very much alive and powerfully at work among the apostles. There, in the Temple itself, people came crowding from all around, bringing their sick and needy, as the healing blessings of Jesus flowed through the hands of the Apostles. The Risen Lord is truly alive in his Church.

More in our time, at the Lourdes Shrine, there is an ongoing cascade of the healing touches of Jesus for the sick and suffering. Our priests can relate episodes where the Lord's healing flows through the Sacrament of the Sick.

Some very privileged folk have experienced the Risen Lord before their very eyes. We can think of St. John Vianney, Parish priest of Ars; and Padre Pio (St. Pius of Pietrelcina) who saw and experienced the sufferings of Jesus while celebrating the Eucharist. But, especially on this Sunday of Easter, we commemorate the visions of Saint Maria Faustina of Poland, and the message Jesus gave through her of the need for mercy and trust in him. Surely a message needed for our troubled world.

In 1961, the Russian Cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, returning from a space flight, proclaimed that he had not seen God in heaven. An Orthodox priest in Moscow answered him: *if you have not seen God on earth, you will never see him in heaven.*

In the gospel today, Jesus teaches Thomas how much greater it is to believe in him without the need of ever having to see him. We need the faith of fellow Christians about us like it is the very air we breathe; without it, our faith gift fades away. The Risen Lord is truly present among us as we gather in his name, sharing our faith, and allowing him to speak to our hearts. And, of course, in the Eucharist, he shares with us what is really and truly the food for our journey with him. Maybe it can be something of a *leap of faith*; but we dearly hold and trust that our Risen Lord leads us while ever life lasts.

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, on the first day of the week the risen Saviour appeared to His disciples and told them not to be afraid. Let us ask God that all men may be delivered from fear and share in the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Prayer leader

We pray for Pope Francis, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons who minister to us with the Body and Blood of the risen Lord, be nourished and sustained with that same Sacrifice that Jesus offered for us. . . We pray in faith. . .
Lord hear us in Your love.

God our Father you gave your Son to our world to witness the love You have for all people. In this Easter season we await with new hope for a Bishop to guide this Diocese and witness with love and care for our Communities. . . We pray in faith. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

That the peace of Christ may penetrate the hearts and minds of the people in the Ukraine conflict. Bring peace and love to the children and people, who have been left orphaned and dying from violence, abuse and hunger. . . We pray in faith. . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

We pray for our Defence personnel who work earnestly for the peace of the world, we give thanks for their dedication to our country and ask our Loving Lord to protect them as they do their duty for our country. . . . We pray in faith. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

For our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit, Australia: We pray for the voters of our nation that they will wisely consider who will best promote the 'common good' of all people with care and compassion of social justice. . . We pray in faith. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

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 in faith. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

For those who have died may they share the glorious life of Jesus our risen Saviour especially Tess Lovett. We pray in faith. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

Celebrant: Father all-powerful, in His own body your Son rose to new life. Accept the prayers we make, in His name, for He is the Alpha and Omega. To Him be glory and power through every age and forever.

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 Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

We pray those who have died this week

Tess Lovett

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Margaret Burgess, Helen McCrohon, Leonard Milko, Rev Ron Pickin, Rev James Saunders,
Leslie James Sharkey, Rodney Taylor, Tess & Ivan Tranter

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,
Bridgid 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, Margaret Tajonera, Vivian Tee,
Bill Temperley, Veronica Tuck, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Wyatt James Avery, Spencer Lloyd Jobe, Nicholas Joseph Kreutzer, Sonny Nix Wilson, Elsie Robertson

Parish Notices

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who completed their RCIA journey last week. Please keep them in your prayers

Thank you to our devoted RCIA team lead by Margaret & Wayne Smith

Our Region is very blessed to have such an active and hardworking team

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This weekend (Sunday 24th April)

Holy Hour from 2.30pm at St Joseph's East Maitland

All welcome

For further enquiries please call Elizabeth 49331347

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Fr George and Fr Graham will be away from the parish on Wednesday and Thursday, as they are attending a Priest and Principal meeting. There will be NO Mass at Largs on Wednesday evening or at East Maitland on Thursday morning.

Anzac Day Mass Monday 25 April

Please join us for
8.30AM Masses at
St Joseph's, East Maitland
AND
Immaculate Conception
Morpeth



Praying the Gospels

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message.

Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>

Password: pray

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit lent.caritas.org.au and donate online.

St John's Chapel Maitland : Until further notice there will be no Wednesday noon Mass at The St John's Chapel Maitland and the Chapel will also be closed during the day.

EAST MAITLAND PRAYER ROOM

St Joseph's Prayer Room, located on the King St side of the church, will be open during the day for anyone who wishes to spend some quiet time in prayer.

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 25th April—Anzac Day

8.30am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

8.30am Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Tues 26th April (St Mark, evangelist)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 27th April (St Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest)

Thurs 28th April (St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr)

Fri 29th April (St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 30th April (St Pius V, pope)

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

Sun 1st May

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 25th April

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

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

Tues 26th April

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

Wed 27th April

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

Thurs 28th April

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

Fri 29th April

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

9.30am - Prayer of the Church, LOL, Beresfield

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