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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 Anthonicad

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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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, 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 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols,

from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia

Gospel Jn 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

God's home is where the heart is

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

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:

Let us pray that God's way may be known here on earth, and all people may experience His saving help.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons. May they be true to the Word of God and bring it alive in the hearts of those in this world. . . . We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

May the Holy Spirit send special Blessings on Father George and his family, as he celebrates his ordination day. We give thanks for our Priests and Deacons who continue to spread the Word of the Gospels in our Region. May they be richly blessed for their lifelong commitment to their love of God and His people. . . . We pray . . .

Lord hear our prayer

We pray to You Almighty God and Father to touch the life of a Priest who would be a good Bishop and true Shepherd in our Diocese, to keep us united in love and peace, as we continue on our journey of life. . . . We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetrate the violence and oppression. . . . We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

Through our Patroness of Australia, Our lady Help of Christians, we pray for all volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents to others in their daily lives: may they be bound together in the love and peace of our loving God. . . . We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We seek the special blessing of our compassionate Saviour for our family and friends who are not well. Give them the courage and strength to know the peace and loving touch of Jesus in their difficulties. . . We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our loved ones who have died especially Aubrey Barr, Savio Christopher, Norma Irene Killen, Barbara Ellen Larney, Sr Florence Tobin rsj, Jack Julian Tenison Woods. May rest in the peace of God. . . We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with Your love, so that we may work to establish among people. Christ's abiding gifts of love and peace. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name. His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength

and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his sons for ever. Amen.

This week we are Commissioning our SRE volunteers at Lochinvar, Rutherford, Morpeth and East Maitland

RESPONSE: Speak, Lord, for you have the words of eternal life.

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 If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

We pray those who have died this week

Aubrey Barr, Savio Christopher, Norma Irene Killen, Barbara Ellen Larney (nee Dunston), James 'Jimmy' Skinner, Sr Florence Tobin rsj, Jack Julian Tenison Woods (Brisbane),

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Gwen & Peter Cuskelly, Laurie Gillis, Maureen Glencross, Clare Lane, Nell Meyn, William 'Bill' Robert O'Connor, Rev Paul Bernard O'Neill, John Petersen, Mary Petersen, Rev Br Anselm (Tom) Saunders, Margaret (Dot) Saunders, Frank Wills

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, Ken Jones, Ethan Joseph, Krystyna Kulzcznski, 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

Pia Mac Kelly, Elih James Riddett, Ellie Ash Riddett

We pray for those who were married recently

Max Ross Wallington and Lauren Elizabeth Christina Hawke-Enciso

RCIA : We continue to pray for our Neophytes (those who were initiated at Easter

Parish Notices

With COVID restrictions easing we will be re-introducing
Collections and the Offertory.

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 or call the parish office and we can put you in contact with the correct person.

2022 TWEC Dinner will be held Friday 24 June from 6.30pm at the **Therry Centre, East Maitland**. We invite you to enjoy a meal, share stories of the Josephite spirit within the diocesan community and imagine the next chapter of the Tenison Woods Education Community story together. Seats are \$60 per person which includes drinks, canapés, main course and dessert. Tables of 10, small group and individual bookings are welcome.

To book: <https://2022twec.eventbrite.com.au/>. Attendee names and dietary needs can be entered at checkout. For queries please contact Sharon Murphy on 4979 1134 or sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

It is believed that most parishes will be able to provide tax receipts to those who contribute through the Planned Giving programme this year.

Please email or phone the parish office if you require a tax receipt for your planned giving donations. **Please only request a receipt if you need it for tax purposes.** If you don't need one for tax purposes but would like to know the amount you have given throughout the financial year please request a planned giving report instead.

We will need your Name, Parish, and Planned give number when requesting a tax receipt

Deadline for Tax receipt requests is Monday 27th June
PH: 49338918 OR chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

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

Our Communities would like to extend our sincere thanks to our visiting Clergy and Deacons. This week Fr Maurie Cahill, Fr Greg Arnold, Fr John Purnell and Deacon Gerard McCarthy will be celebrating Mass throughout our Region. We are so blessed to have them support Fr Graham during May.

THANK YOU

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 16-22 May 2022

Thanks and gratitude to our volunteers in church organisations and community, especially our Parish volunteers in spiritual and corporal works of Mercy. May the Lord richly reward you.

PIETY STALL will be open this weekend at St Joseph's East Maitland where new children's books are available
Enquires Marion 0412 811 759

CRAFT GROUP—All Welcome Mondays at the Therry Centre 9.30am to 12 noon

RECOMMENCEMENT OF HOME COMMUNION – Anyone who has previously volunteered for 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.

Covid safe precautions will need to be adhered to.

ACTiv8 Youth are seeking volunteers to assist with the running of our youth groups. If you can offer 2 hours of your time once a week, fortnight or even once a month please contact the parish office for more information.

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WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 24th May (*Our Lady Help of Christians*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 25th May (*St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor, St Gregory VII, pope, St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin*)
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 26th May (*St Philip Neri, priest*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 27th May (*St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 28th May Fr Paul's Anniversary Mass
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 29th May
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 23rd May
9.30am - 12 Midday Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
12 Midday - 1 pm Eucharistic Adoration St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 24th May
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 25th May
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 26th May
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 27th May
7.30am to 9.00am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am - Prayer of the Church, LOL, Beresfield

St John's Chapel Maitland is closed until further notice
Prayer Room at St Joseph's East Maitland is open during the day for private prayer

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