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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
(Presbytery 4934 5783)

Support Clergy

Fr Maurice Cahill

Regional Office

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,
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at home:** Phone office 49338918

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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

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, 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 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the
Holy Spirit.*

The high priest demanded an explanation
of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal
warning,' he said 'not to preach in this
name, and what have you done? You
have filled Jerusalem with your teaching,
and seem determined to fix the guilt of
this man's death on us.' In reply Peter
and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God
comes before obedience to men; it was
the God of our ancestors who raised up
Jesus, but it was you who had him
executed by hanging on a tree. By his
own right hand God has now raised him
up to be leader and saviour, to give
repentance and forgiveness of sins
through him to Israel. We are witnesses
to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom
God has given to those who obey him.'
They warned the apostles not to speak in
the name of Jesus and released them.
And so they left the presence of the
Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of
suffering humiliation for the sake of the
name.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13.

**I will praise you, Lord, for you have
rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued
me and have not let my enemies rejoice
over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the
dead, restored me to life from those who
sink into the grave. (R.)

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love
him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour
through life. At night there are tears, but
joy comes with dawn. (R.)

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord
came to my help. For me you have
changed my mourning into dancing; O
Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.
(R.)

Second Reading Rv 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be
given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of
an immense number of angels gathered
round the throne and the animals and the
elders; there were ten thousand times ten
thousand of them and thousands upon
thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was
sacrificed is worthy to be given power,
riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory
and blessing.' Then I heard all the living
things in creation – everything that lives
in the air, and on the ground, and under
the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the
One who is sitting on the throne and to
the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and
power, for ever and ever.' And the four
animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders
prostrated themselves to worship.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and
gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

Jesus showed himself again to the
disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias,
and it happened like this: Simon Peter,
Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from
Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and
two more of his disciples were together.
Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.'
They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They
went out and got into the boat but caught
nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus
on the shore, though the disciples did not
realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called
out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?'
And when they answered, 'No', he said,
'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll
find something.' So they dropped the net,
and there were so many fish that they
could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus
loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At
these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter,

who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church.

While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.

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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: My dear friends, in Christ who has given us the promise that 'anything you ask in My name from the Father, He will grant it'. Let us now ask our Father for all our needs in the name of our risen Saviour.

In this Easter season we pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, be strong in the courage of Christ and continue to guide the people of the love that God has for all people. .We pray. . .

Lord of life come to our aid.

Send forth Your Love and protection to the people of our Region as we await the presence of a new Bishop, our Good Shepherd, to lead us with love and compassion in our Diocese. .We Pray . . .

Lord of life come to our aid.

We pray to the Holy Spirit to send a new dawn of Easter Peace and Mercy upon our world, especially in the Ukraine. That weapons of war be laid down and hostilities ceaseWe pray . . .

Lord of life come to our aid.

May this Easter season bring new hope to those who are doubting the love that Jesus has shared for His people. . We pray. . . **Lord of life come to our aid.**

We pray for Australia in this election time. Guide all who seek election to serve the nation; may the Holy Spirit inspire them to pursue better politics that is wise and courageous and governs for the good of all . . We pray . . . **Lord of life come to our aid.**

May the light of the Holy Spirit shine on on those who are not well, and those who care for them, especially those who we know and love. Give them the courage to believe that the love of Christ will give them the strength they need. .We pray. . . . **Lord of life come to our aid.**

We pray for those who have died recently: Bernardita Cureton, Peter Fogarty, Marie Fraser, Ray Morphet, Maureen Nicholas may they now know the true Resurrection in the arms of Jesus and rest in His love. . We pray. . . **Lord of life come to our aid.**

Celebrant: Nourish our lives in the resurrection of Your Son, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of Your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now 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 The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

We pray those who have died this week

Bernardita Cureton, Peter Fogarty, Marie Fraser (ACT), Ray Morphet, Maureen Nicholas

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Veneranda Aviso, Mollie Collins, Br. William Doherty F.M.S., Sylvester Hoffman, Greg Hughes, Reg Hughes, Frank Hughes, Walter Humphreys, Dennis Linich, Stephen Lucas, Eunice Morris, Edward O'Neill, Gerard Saunders, James Taylor, Frederick Thomas, Jessie Tobin, Ivan Wilkes

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 Kulcznski, Fr Anthony Lemon (Murwillumbah), Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Kevin Moloney, Jane Winsor O'Keefe, Lisa Peattie, 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, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Leo James Couper, Wren Isabella Daley, Oskar Joseph Daley, Isabella Grace Isaac, Harvey John O'Hearn, Ari John Oliver, Frederick John Shanahan

Parish Notices

NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST APPOINTED TO THE CHISHOLM PASTORAL REGION

Fr John Vo has been appointed as Assistant Priest to our six parishes within the Chisholm Pastoral Region. Fr John will be living within the East Maitland presbytery with Fr George & Fr Graham. The date which Fr John will commence his ministry with us will be advised when it has been confirmed. We look forward to welcoming Fr John. Please continue to have our clergy in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION NOTICE

Families who have registered their child to receive the sacraments this year are requested to attend one of the following meetings

Parent & Children Preparation meetings at 7pm

Rutherford - 3rd May 2022

East Maitland - 4th May 2022

Beresfield - 5th May 2022

Please bring the preparation books and pencils

Please return any **PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS** as soon as possible.
CARITAS AUSTRALIA thank you for your donation

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

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.

MESSAGE FROM FR GRAHAM: With thanks to Fr Greg Barker, Diocesan Administrator and solicitations of Fr George, I have received an amendment to my priestly duties on compassionate grounds whilst I am my dad's full-time carer.

What this means is I will not be available for our weekday school and nursing home Masses or funerals but I will continue to celebrate weekend Masses and baptisms and will offer selected weekday parish Masses while Fr George is on leave. I will remain on the hospital emergency roster for the Maitland area.

A rare situation may arise where on short notice or no notice I may not be able to attend to celebrate a Mass. We have parish contingencies in place for this.

The situation with my father is fluid, personal and private and I ask that my privacy be respected and thank you for all your prayers.

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

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday of each month—from after Mass at 7am until 9am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's East Maitland.

NEXT DATE: Friday 6 May 2022

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

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 wishing to have quiet time in prayer.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 2nd May (*St Athanasius, bishop, doctor*)

Tues 3rd May (*Sts Philip and James, apostles*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 4th May
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 5th May
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 6th May
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 7th May
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 8th May
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 2nd May
9.30am - 12 Midday Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
12 Midday- pm Eucharistic Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 3rd May
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 4th May
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland FUNERAL

Thurs 5th May
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 6th May
7.00am to 8am Sat 7th May First Friday & First Saturday
Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.30am - Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

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