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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

<u>Ministry Team</u> Parish Priest: Fr George Anthicad Asst Priest: Fr Graham Fullick Presbytery 4934 5783 Urgent Priest on Duty 0428 017 273

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<u>Regional Office</u> Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti, Sandra Buck , Rebecca Piefke

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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.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C YEAR C Sunday 26th June 2022

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant. The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.) You will show me the path of life,the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Gal 5:1. 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for selfindulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since selfindulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father

first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' **The Gospel of the Lord**

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily - Fr Maurice Cahill

In the 2^{nd} Reading, St. Paul writes to a number of small Christian communities, scattered across the Galatian area (a district in present day Turkey). He is urging them that they must ever keep their inner freedom intact by not absorbing the pagan attitudes and customs which are all around them. That is a precious freedom. And what he lays on them is surely relevant to our own times.

St. Paul says: It takes a certain freedom to love God: staying free of the things that can hold us bound. There are things that rob people of their inner freedom. To become addicted is to become a slave.

Back then, they had a problem of drunkenness – and many other wicked ways. In our times, the choices are many and readily available. And Paul would warn us, too: keep that freedom intact, being free to choose for life in the Lord.

There is pornography, so available on the net. You hear young & old say it is "no big deal". After all, they say, it does no harm to anyone. But it does great harm to their own integrity – to their own relationships, & the way they view others. It is addictive: losing their freedom to be truly human, and the freedom to be faithful to Jesus. Constantly we read or hear of a person locked into it.

Just to pray is a freedom. It means not letting other interests and activities crowd out our being free to choose a time for the Lord. It costs us effort and determination. Paul goes on to talk about the need to treat each other like Christians should. No snapping at each other, he says; being unkind in what we say or do. He is talking about our inner freedom. It takes a truly free person to be able to forgive, to let go of resentment and hurts.

The Gospel today tells of Jesus being on his great journey to Jerusalem. He is listening to the call of the Spirit: it is time to complete his mission. And Jesus freely chooses to go the way God is calling him to go.

St. Luke tells of Jesus inviting three different men to follow him as a disciple. The first one is too fond of life's comforts. "Foxes have holes, birds have nests", says Jesus. The Disciples knew about sleeping rough, it seems. The other two invited men each had plausible sounding excuses. But Jesus told them that his invitation is for right now.

For ourselves too, it is ever a challenge to let go of all those things that squeeze God out of our life.

Jesus is saying whatever is in the way, now is the time to be free of it; not tomorrow. He calls us to join him on his great journey, The invitation is for now.

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: God our father You gave us free will. You sent Your Son Jesus to teach us to follow your word. You raised Jesus from the dead. It is with confidence we place our petitions before You as we pray.

Prayer Leader.

For our Church leaders: Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, who have committed their lives to keep the words of the Gospels alive in our hearts. May they know Your presence always by their side. . . .We pray. .Lord hear our prayer

- We pray for world leaders. That they may find ways to resolve conflicts especially in Ukraine, bringing peace and harmony to those in need. . . . We pray. .Lord hear our prayers
- We pray for those who do not share with us this Eucharist. May the Holy Spirit move among all Christians to unite them around the Lord's Table to receive the Real Presence in the Body and Blood of our risen Lord. . . . We pray. Lord hear our prayer
- We pray for the people of this great south land. That they will open their hearts to refugees, and welcome them with outstretched arms of love and compassion, giving faith, hope and safety to make a new start We pray. .Lord hear our prayer
- For our generous parishioners who willingly support our Church during the year with their donations. As this financial year ends, may God reward them as He knows best . . . We pray. .Lord hear our prayer
- For all who are sick, especially those in our own community who are lonely and unloved. That in their pain, their faith be strengthened and they know the consoling love that God gives. . . . We pray. .Lord hear our prayer
- May those who have left this world recently especially Emerson Adapon, Herman Adapon, Sr Patricia Lake RSM, Barry John Crich and Lyn Ward now know the truth of the resurrection and rest in Your loving presence. . . . We pray. Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant: Lord God, You gave us the gift of loving other people when You sent Your Spirit into our hearts. Help us to live by Your Spirit and bear witness to the redemption of our world. We ask this 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 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

We pray those who have died this week

Emerson Adapon, Herman Adapon, Sr Patricia Lake RSM, Barry John Crich, Lyn Ward

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Allan & Beryl Dennis, John Dorn, Honora & Michael Patrick Enright, Michael John Enright Estella Eugenio, Joan Harding, Gerard (Ged) Harvey, Paul Hurney, Marcelina Manalo, Evelyn Marquez, Keith McGilvray, Bessie McNamara, Joseph William Palmer, Therese Ryan, Millie Saunders, Leslie White

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, 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, Victoria Micallef, Kevin Moloney, Jane Winsor O'Keefe, Daphne Parfait, George Parker, 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, Phillip Wilson

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Elise Kate Bailey, Penelope Anne Russell, William Fox Russell, Olivia Campbell Whan, Charlotte Ivy Whan, Nixon Lewis Williams, Levi Noah Williams, Xander Wise, Rohan Wise & Claire Wise

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Our Communities would like to extend our sincere thanks to Fr Greg Arnold who has supported us this weekend THANK YOU

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to contribute to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, to be conducted throughout our Masses this weekend **26th June**. This is an opportunity to think of others who are struggling in our community. Your donation can help rebuild lives. Your support is greatly appreciated. Donations can also be made at vinnies.org.au or by phone 131812.

Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Brett O'Neill SJ will be offered on Sunday 17 July at 11.00 St Joseph's East Maitland

In preparation :

<u>Choir practice</u> will be held on Saturday 16th July from 2pm-3pm—All are welcome. If you are unable to attend the practice but would like to be in the choir please email Cathy on tcwhite2323@yahoo.com.au

<u>Planning meeting</u> for the reception in the Therry Centre will be held on Sunday 26th June at 2.30pm (this Sunday) in the Therry Centre. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to help please contact the Parish Office and leave your contact details.

NOTE: There will be no 8.30am Mass at East Maitland on Sunday 17 July.

CRAFT GROUP—All Welcome Mondays at the Therry Centre 9.30am to 12 noon come along and enjoy the new airconditioning!

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 27th June (St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor, Maitland - Newcastle : Patronal Feast, Our Lady of Perpetual Help) 9am Mass, East Maitland

Tues 28th June (St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr) 5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 29th June (Sts PETER and PAUL, apostles) 7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 30th June (First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church) 7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 1st July

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 2nd July 8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 3rd July

9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland) NOTE: there will be NO Polish Mass between 10/7/22-4/9/22

Fr Graham and Craig Fullick thank all parishioners, clergy and religious for your spiritual and corporal works of mercy on the death of our father, Greg. May God bless you

Maitland—Newcastle Diocese Patronal Feast, **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Monday 27th June. Fr George will celebrate Mass at East Maitland at 9am

The Community at Beresfield have two lovely solid wooden desks to give away URGENTLY. Pictures have been sent with our Bulletin email. If you are in need of a FREE desk please contact the parish office. Sizes are 152 cm x 91cm and 120 cm x 65cm.

PLANNED GIVING

- TAX RECEIPTS: Last date for requesting receipts is MONDAY 27th June. Most parishes will provide tax receipts to those who contribute towards Planned Giving. Please only request a tax receipt if you need it for tax purposes.
- NEW PLANNED GIVING BOXES are now available from the church foyers.
- BECOME A PLANNED GIVER: if you wish to setup planned giving donations please contact Louise from the parish office.
 - PH: 49338918 OR chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday of each month - from after Mass 7am till 9am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's East Maitland. Next Date: Friday 1 July 2022. All Welcome

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 27th June 9.30am-noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

12 Midday-1 pm Eucharistic Adoration St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 28th June 9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 29th June 9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 30th June 9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 1st July

7.30am- 9.00am Saturday Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland 9.30am - Prayer of the Church, OLOL , Beresfield

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