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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

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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.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Sunday 24th July 2022

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,

God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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 Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak:

perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Aİleluia!

Gospel Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one

of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,

your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection - by Greg Sunter

In today's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination. The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting – prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. However, the parable used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demands for selfish purposes, but rather the neighbour needs assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveller. He is not waking his neighbour in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. He asks for help to fulfil his duty and responsibility. This gives us something of an idea about how we might focus our prayer. Praying for a pony or new bike isn't quite in the same league!

The final element of the gospel passage provides us with a description of God's love and care by something of a negative comparison: if human parents would not do harm instead of good to their children, God is even less likely to act like this towards us. It's a bit of an odd way around of saying that God's love is greater than anything within our experience or imagination.

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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: God our father we come before You and knock on Your door, for Jesus said ask and you shall receive. We trust in His word. It is with confidence that we place our prayers before You through Your Holy Son.

Prayer Leader

We pray for Pope Francis, all Bishops, Priest, Deacons and Religious who have taken vows to be servants for Your People and preach the good news of Salvation here on earth. Give them the courage and strength to serve in Your Vineyard. . .We pray to the Lord. . .Lord hear our prayer.

- We ask the Holy Spirit to continue to knock on the door of a Priest's heart to take the role of Bishop in our Diocese to lead us forward in our journey. . We pray to the Lord. . .Lord hear our prayer.
- For the leaders of our world, especially those in Ukraine, may they strive to create a society where all people have religious freedom, Justice and security, where the peace and love of God will dwell in all hearts. . .We pray to the Lord. . .Lord hear our prayer. .
- We pray for ourselves, as we gather together at this Holy Eucharist to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Your Son, that we be encouraged by Jesus' words, and persevere in prayer when life seems difficult and stress weighs us down. . . . We pray to the Lord. . .Lord hear our prayer.
- We ask for blessings for our Grandparents and all elderly people who have shown us by their examples the love that God has for us. May they remain constant in faith and be living witnesses to younger generations of God's abiding presence. . . We pray to the Lord. . .Lord hear our prayer.
- We pray for those who are not well, and for all those who need the healing touch of our Saviour, may they find the love of Jesus close in their hearts and bring them comfort in their times of pain and distress...We pray to the Lord. . .Lord hear our prayer.
- For those who have returned to our Heavenly home recently especially Danilo Adapon, Edmond (Ted) Belcher (Sn), Frances May Offen, Elaine Parker, Camfel Tabboga and our family and friends who have gone before us, we pray that they find the loving joy and peace in the presence of our loving God.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, teach us to know Your Holy will and be confident and joyful to accept what You see what we really need in our journey of life and make us truly thankful. We ask this through Christ Your Son.

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 never forget all his benefits.

We pray those who have died this week

Danilo Adapon, Edmond (Ted) Belcher (Sn), Frances May Offen, Elaine Parker, Camfel Tabboga

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Beverley Brodie, James Boland, Brian Boland, Arch Bowen, James Bowen, Maureen Bowen, Noel Cunningham, Lily Doherty, Max Guy, Elizabeth Hoawerth, Frank Ingruber, John Lavender, Eileen Martin, Thomas Murphy, Des Passfield, Bede Passfield, Edith Saunders, Joan Mary Sheridan, Shirley Tobey

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Floyd Adapon, Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Arabella Rae Arroyo, Joseph Austin, Cynthia Appleton, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Robyn Chesworth, Kerry Copus, Juliet Cranny 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, Vivian Tee, Bill Temperley, Veronica Tuck, Ros Thompson, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler, Phillip Wilson

Jo Willkier, Filling Wilson

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Esther Birrell, Alliana Sarsha Dean, Van Edward Gunther, Freya Andrea Lily Joseph, Katie Minh Thi Smythe, Sylvie Walker

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

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arish Notices

All members of our parishes are invited to attend a morning gathering with Fr Matthew Muller and Teresa Brierley to discuss new parish leadership and the pastoral planning needs of our parishes.

> Saturday 6 August 2022 Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Place: Therry Centre East Maitland Purpose: Review Pastoral Planning for the Parish and imagine where the parish will be in 6-12 years' time.

Schedule:

9.30am Gathering and morning tea (bring a plate) 10.00am Presentation: New continuous development program for Clergy

10.15am Presentation: Leadership model 10.30am Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/ Threats (SWOT) analysis

11.30am Discussion: What will the Parish look like in 6 years and 12 years

12.30pm lunch (provided)

Please contact the parish office if you plan on attending so that we can gauge numbers. 49338918 or Chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

Please note Venue Change

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Thanksgiving Mass and reception for Fr Brett O'Neill SJ. A special thank you to Fr George, to Cathy, to the musicians and the choir, to our sacristan Melissa and to Robert who kept the Therry Centre kitchen humming. Thank you to everyone who provided food and refreshments. Your support of our Parish and Region is very much appreciated.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis last year established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is being celebrated on 24 July this year. The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "In old age they will still bear fruit", taken from Psalm 92. Find Pope Francis' message at Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 2022: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) | Francis (vatican.va)

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 25th July (St James, apostle)

Tues 26th July (St Joachim and Anne, parents of blessed Virgin Mary)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 27th July

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 28th July

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 29th July (St Martha, Mary and Lazarus) 7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 30th July (St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor) **8.00am** Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 31st 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

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process, there will be an Enquiry Evening on August 3rd 2022 at 7PM, in the THERRY CENTRE at East Maitland.

Could you please register your interest in attending the Enquiry Evening by contacting the Chisholm Parish Office on 49338918 or chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

Alternatively, please contact the Chisholm RCIA Team directly Margaret 0419 335 878 or Wayne 0448 924 771 For further information please call Margaret or Wayne.

Parent & Children Preparation meetings for

First Holy Communion will be held this coming week Commencing at 7pm

Rutherford Church - Tue 26th July 2022 East Maitland Church - Wed 27th July 2022 Beresfield Church - Thur 28th July 2022 Children who have been registered in the sacramental program are required to attend one of these meetings.

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass - Will be held on Monday 8th August, St Joseph's East Maitland at 9.30am.

Thank you, East Maitland parish and the Chisholm region, for hosting the Mass of thanksgiving last Sunday, after my ordination. I am especially grateful for all those who contributed to the liturgy and provided refreshments at the lunch. It was a special occasion. My family, the Jesuits, and I really appreciated your generous hospitality. Fr Brett O'Neill

VINNIES COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT - Members of the local community are raising funds to support local disadvantaged and homeless people, by sleeping out on August 19. Information re the Sleepout, and the opportunity to participate or sponsor people can be found by googling Hunter Region Vinnies Community Sleepout 2022. Anne Horadam from East Maitland conference is participating, and would appreciate support. Her page can be found on the Leader board on the Sleepout site.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 25th July 9.30am-noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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

<u>Tues 26th July</u> **9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 27th July 9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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

Fri 29th July

7.30am 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