



**PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland**  
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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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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**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

#### **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 Wis 18:6-9**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;

for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God**

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord

be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

#### **Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 'Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily - Fr Maurice Cahill**

**BE READY, says Jesus.**

The story of a young electrician in hospital, awaiting serious heart surgery. It was due early the next day. Apprehensive about it all, he expressed himself in a way that a young electrician might: *"There are only three things I am afraid of: - AC, DC & JC."* The thought of his possible meeting with Jesus, face to face was not a comfortable one. And that was pretty normal. It was a great opportunity to talk about our faith in Jesus.

At baptism, each of us was given a lighted candle, as symbol of our Faith. And are told to *keep the flame of faith alive in our heart. So that when the Lord comes you may go out to meet him.*

Jesus in today's gospel story says it will be a really big event when our Master comes a 'knocking. In Jesus' parable, the master leaves his steward in charge, and wants to find the whole place running smoothly and ready on his return – whenever that might be. The Master says how delighted he is to find the lights on and all ready for action. For St. Luke, that is a symbol of the Holy Spirit - that flame of faith, that has been carried throughout our days.

The story goes on, telling us how time rolled by, with no sign of the Master's return. And the servants become not just neglectful, but even blatantly defiant of the master. Jesus' story says there will be a reckoning, and a very embarrassing meeting with the Master. While Jesus stresses the honour and obedience we owe to God, he stresses over and over in the gospel his command: to **"fear not."** Jesus was the image, the living face of God. In him, we know what our God is like. As Jesus gathered his people about him, he never taught them to be terrified of him. In practice, we can all own that there are lots of failures in our walk with Jesus. We all do need to repent. The Church is a gathering of forgiven sinners. We have a most merciful Father.

These days, it seems, it is not popular to speak of anyone 'dying'. Instead, people are said to 'pass away'. Like our young electrician faced with possible dying, hopefully we can look up to our beautiful Saviour without quaking. (The young man's surgery went well).

None of us is comfortable with the idea of dying. And Jesus' saying, **being ready** can sound threatening. But for people of faith, while it is a letting go as the thread of life is cut, it is part of our life with Jesus.

Lord Jesus, your love is unfailing and unearned.

Lord, help us to keep our light burning brightly, and never to lose our confidence in your loving care.

## **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:** Brothers and Sisters God has made us stewards over the earth and servants of one another. Let us pray that we may be good stewards and faithful servants.

### Prayer Leader

For Pope Francis, the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all who minister in our church: that they may give an example of selfless love and joyful service...We pray. . .O loving Lord we place all our hope in You.

We pray for You to send the Holy Spirit into the mind and heart of one who could lead us in our Diocese as Bishop, with the love and compassion in the things that matter as Jesus has shown on earth. . . We pray. . .O loving Lord we place all our hope in You.

Holy Father You are the Lord of the vineyard and the harvest, send new workers into Your Vineyard to become servants of the word. We pray. . .O loving Lord we place all our hope in You.

We Pray for protection and safety for our missionaries especially those in overseas countries who have given their lives to spread the Holy word of God to those less fortunate. . .We pray. . .O loving Lord we place all our hope in You.

Gracious God, bless us with compassionate hearts to show mercy, generosity and kindness to those in need. Help us seek justice for our brothers and sisters who have been wronged. Guide us with your wisdom, as You did for Mary Mackillop and the sisters of St Joseph. . .We pray. . .O loving Lord we place all our hope in You.

For those who are unable to be present in the real presence during Eucharist with us, we place them in our prayers that they soon may return to Your loving presence. . . We pray. . .O loving Lord we place all our hope in You.

Loving lord we pray that you will comfort those who mourn their loved ones and welcome into Your presence including Donna Marie Dobosz, Ken Jones, and Lynnie Tynan who have returned to Eternal life forever. . . We pray. . .O loving Lord we place all our hope in You.

**Celebrant:** Father, in this Sacred Banquet we encounter your Son, and recall his passion. May all our prayers be answered as we receive him in faith. We ask this through the same 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** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### ***We pray those who have died this week***

Donna Marie Dobosz, Ken Jones, Lynette Beverley Tynan (Lynnie)

### ***We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including***

John Stewart Buffier, Judith Terese Carmody, Nell & Wal Dilley, Col Green, Ella Henderson, Kathleen Markham, Peter Markham, Sheelah Markham, Veronica Markham, Lorrie McCarthy, Ray Murphy, Margaret Sawyer, Joyce Turner

### ***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, Juliet Cranny, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nicholas Dilley, Yvonne Mary Fielding, Pam French, Melinda Grainger, Vince Gurr, Anne & Peter Hardy, Leanne Hardy, Julie Hartigan, 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, Maire Veitch, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler, Phillip Wilson

### ***We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend***

Mabel Love O'Brien, Charli Elizabeth Rooke



# Parish Notices

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

**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.

**Real Life SPIRITUAL TOP-UP!** This Sunday 6pm Regional Youth Mass we welcome the Diocesan Cursillo (Short Course) Movement Leadership Team who will be commissioned. **CURSILLO WEEKEND:** Come journey with us as we share our faith stories – a weekend of meditations, prayers, songs and talks by laypeople, Sr. Lynette Pearce RSJ and Fr Tony Brady, Fr. Graham Fullick – at the Catalina Conference Centre, 171 Dorrington Road, Rathmines, from Thursday 25th August to Sunday 28th August inclusive. Reference Chisholm Region locals Joanne and Greg Standing (Youth Mass Sunday) [gregstanding@gmail.com](mailto:gregstanding@gmail.com)  
For details, please ring Greg Byrne 0427918568 or Meryl McCosker 0498250000

## Formation opportunities for RCIA and Sacraments of Initiation ministers

\*Saturday 10 September, Morpeth, 10am to 3.30pm  
Reflection Day 'Come rest a while' in appreciation of current and interested Christian Initiation ministers. Opportunity to listen, reflect and get to know other ministers. Morning tea and lunch provided. Details and registration at [come-rest-a-while.eventbrite.com.au](https://come-rest-a-while.eventbrite.com.au).  
\*Sundays September 18, 25; Oct 9, 16, 30; Nov 6, Newcastle West, 1pm to 4.30pm – Formation process 'Go make disciples' for new and experienced Christian Initiation ministers. Explore the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) over six Sunday afternoons. Details and registration at [go-make-disciples.eventbrite.com.au](https://go-make-disciples.eventbrite.com.au)  
Read more at [tinyurl.com/4tyh82bd](https://tinyurl.com/4tyh82bd) Enquiries to [sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au) or P 4979 1134.



"...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also..."  
Luke 12:32-48

One of the greatest enemies to our Christian faith is complacency. We lapse into periods where we neglect our prayer life, where we stop going to Mass or availing ourselves of the Sacraments or we just forget that God is a real and tangible presence in our world. That's what Jesus is warning against in this weekend's Gospel – 'stand ready', 'be prepared'. There are many moments where we can either choose to ignore God's voice or we can step up and acknowledge that something more is being asked of us. The Catholic Mission appeal is one such moment in time – our response will show where our priorities lie. For as we hear at the end of this weekend's gospel: "When [someone] has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him." Thank you, in advance, from the people of Ethiopia for your generosity.

**David McGovern Diocesan Director – Maitland/Newcastle**  
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**Please find envelopes in your church.**

**The Feast of Our Lady of Assumption (Solemnity)** will be celebrated at

St Joseph's, East Maitland Vigil 6pm Sun(14th Aug)  
Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield 7.30am Mon(15th Aug)  
Sacred Heart, Campbell Hill 9.30am Mon (15th Aug)  
NOTE from ORDO 2022 'The Sunday evening Mass should be a Mass of the Assumption' so our Youth Mass on the 14th will be celebrated as the Vigil of the Feast of the Our Lady of Assumption.

Fr. Graham Fullick AP will be on leave 10-24 August, 2022 making his way to Penola SA (St. Mary of the Cross) and return. He will also be out of our parishes 25-28 August, 2022 at Rathmines sacramentally and spiritually assisting our Diocesan Cursillo 4 day retreat. Please pray for him as he will be offering prayers and devotions for us too.

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

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Monday 8th August** (St MARY of the CROSS, virgin)

**9.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

**Tues 9th August** (St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr)

**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

**Wed 10th August** (St Lawrence, deacon, martyr)

**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 11th August** (St Clare, virgin)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Fri 12th August** (St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sat 13th August** (Sts Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest, martyr)

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

**Sun 7th August**

**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

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 8th August**

**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 9th August**

**9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wed 10th August**

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**Thurs 11th August**

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**Fri 12th August**

**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](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream)