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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

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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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for

peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily - Fr Maurice Cahill THE RAMBO JESUS.

Some of our sayings must really puzzle a foreigner – like when a person is said to be *flat strap*? Or dragging the chain, (that saying from our convict past)? How does a person beat around the bush? Or bark up the wrong tree. Again, to let the cat out of the bag; or to be sitting on the fence; & many others. These sayings are very much Australian idioms – a way of capturing actions or attitudes in a rather fanciful, graphic way.

The Bible is full of its own kind of idioms: a strange way of putting things that neatly captures some important truth': like your hairs being numbered; or of having a plank in your eye; or having a camel climb through a needle (surely a very tough achievement!).

Fr. Richard Linnane speaks of "the Rambo Jesus" who is using some hard-hitting, rather way-out language in today's gospel. It puzzles us as he speaks of a person having to hate father and mother, wife and children, and even one's own life, if he is to come to Jesus. And how, to be a disciple, he has to give up all his possessions. When something is really important, the Jewish people loved to *SAY IT BIG* – to capture the thought with wild exaggeration.

So, Jesus is saying: a good disciple must not put anything or anybody before him. Some may even have to make a painful choice between family or Jesus. For a good disciple, says Jesus, *I must be more important than anybody and anything*. Or when he speaks of giving up all possessions, in that Jewish way, he is saying: *Let them go; don't cling on so tightly to them*; for some, they become the be-all-end-all; or very high on their priority list.

Jesus says: following me, can be tough sometimes; it will make demands on your comfort, your time, your interests; sometimes deciding for God can be a really hard decision – putting him before anyone else.

The Lord is saying that to be a disciple, (to use an aussie way of saying it), we must give it our best shot; no slipping back

Lord Jesus, help us to stay close, and keep your love at the top of our priority list.

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: Father in heaven, You are our refuge and our strength. Your love gives us the graces to carry our cross with courage as we pray for those who need our prayers.

Prayer leader

For the leaders of our Church, Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious who lead us in our faith that the Holy Spirit who inspired the Apostles may bless them also by His presence. . We Pray. . .
Lord hear our prayer.

We are a Diocese without a Bishop: we place our Faith and Hope in You Almighty God, that You are listening to our prayers and in your time You will bless us with a Shepherd to guide our people with love and a contrite heart. . . .
We Pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

That all in our communities will experience the wonder and awe of this precious planet and see the wonderful works that God has created for us. May we all take special care of our world and trust in God's love for us. . . . We Pray. . . Lord hear our prayer

On this Child protection Sunday, we ask You our Loving Father to guide all our children in their life and keep them safe from harm, and may the Holy Spirit give them the graces they need to become Children of God, as they mature. . . .We Pray. . . .Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all our Fathers on this special day: that they may continue to show good example to their children with their faith in Jesus. We prayLord hear our prayer

For those who are unable to attend Eucharist: through ill health or other problems may they soon be able to enjoy the company of Community and the true presence of Jesus with us. We prayLord hear our prayer.

We pray for all fathers who have left this life ahead of us, and for those of our community who have died recently, especially Marcia Griffith, Patricia (Pat) Mary Threadgate, James Hickie and Bruce Hilton Parker that they all may know the mercy and love of our Jesus. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father of wisdom, You created us with greater wonders You redeemed us. Hear our prayers and grant our requests according to Your will. 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 Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

We pray those who have died this week

Marcia Griffith, Patricia (Pat) Mary Threadgate, James Hickie, Bruce Hilton Parker

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Richard Breiner, Thomas Edward Burgess, Ellen and Len Collins, Florence and Andrew Collins, Kathleen and Mervin Collins, Gorgonio Digal, Joseph Edmonds, Jack Edmonds, Margaret Edmonds, Dorothy Enright, Andrew Ferry, Basil Keating, Thelma Keating, Sr Bernadette Mills, Gus O'Neill, Margaret Eileen Palmer, Dr Newton Potter, Phil and Marie Punch, Veronica Faith Sheeley, John Tobin, Veronica Warby

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Arabella Rae Arroyo, Joseph Austin, Cynthia Appleton, Lorraine Bartlett, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Robyn Chesworth, Juliet Cranny, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nickolee Dennis, Nicholas Dilley, Yvonne Mary Fielding, Pam French, Melinda Grainger, Vince Gurr, Anne & Peter Hardy, Leanne Hardy, Julie Hartigan, Ethan Joseph, Karen Kenyon, 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, Ella Rusak, Olga Rusak, Amelia Verdera Satana, Margaret Sipple, Zane Slomka, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Carol Su'a, Vivian Tee, Bill Temperley, Ros Thompson, Maire Veitch, Barry Whyte, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler, Phillip Wilson

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Ari John Patrick Lyons, Leo Ioannis David Medz, Jack Kenneth Priestley, Theodore Maxwell Priestley, Isabelle Jane Wood

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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Parish Notices



Blessing Prayer for Fathers

Lord God, who is Father of all, send your blessing down on these men who are fathers. For those who in the night worry for their child, grant them your comfort. For those who in the day work and struggle to provide for their child, send them your strength. For those who mourn a child, hold them in your love. For those who play, laugh, sing and dance with their child, you share in their joy. Lord God, who is Father of all, walk with these fathers, in the light times and the dark. Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your fatherly love; a symbol to their children and all who they encounter. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Perpetual Day of Remembrance will occur throughout the diocese on the weekend of 10th and 11th September. East Maitland will be hosting the Stations of the Cross on Friday 9th September commencing at 7pm in the Therry Centre. Together we hope to shine a light of solidarity, a light of prayer, a light of commitment to change, a light of hope.
All are welcome.

National Child Protection Week 4 - 10 September 2022

Every child, in every community, needs a fair go. To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.

As a diocese, our goal when it comes to child protection is to always recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable adults, in-line with the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's abiding commitment to their safety, welfare, and wellbeing.

PIETY STALL will be opened this weekend at St. Joseph's. Time has come for me to ask for a few volunteers to help keep the Piety stall open and available to the Congregation. Due to the increased interest and sales the job has become too much for one person. You would not be committed every weekend. Contact Marion Riley 0412811759



Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion over the past 2 weekends.

A big thank you to all the Sacramental Team and Parents for making this big step in the children's religious path possible, if it was not for all your hard work we could not have made this happen.

Inner Healing and Growth Retreat

Join the Divine Retreat Centre for their Inner Healing and Growth Retreat from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 September. For more info or bookings, please contact 0468 486 782 or email drcretreatrego@gmail.com

Season of Creation: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

This annual Christian celebration calls us to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation. This year we will unite around the theme, "Listen to the Voice of Creation." Join us on 1 September 7.00pm for an evening of prayer and reflection as we commence the Season of Creation 2023. To register go to: <https://seasonofcreation.eventbrite.com.au>

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The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is delighted to announce the launch of our new mobile app for smartphones and tablets!

The new app is our latest innovation in staying connected with people across the Diocese. Mass times, news, events, and parish giving, are now right at your fingertips.

Whether you're at home or travelling, the Diocese's mobile app shows you churches and Mass times near you.

If you're looking to attend a special Mass in your Parish, or you're just not sure about upcoming Mass times near you, simply searching in the app by your location allows you to find service times in your area.

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WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 5th September

Tues 6th September

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 7th September

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 8th September (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 9th September (St Peter Claver, priest)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 10th September

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

Sun 11th September

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 5th September

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 6th September

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland - **Cancelled due to school mass**

Wed 7th September

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

Thurs 8th September

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

Fri 9th September

7.30am Friday - 8.00am Sat 3rd September

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