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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.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday 18th September 2022

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 Am 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily by Fr John Vo Vien GOOD STEWARDSHIP

"Measure twice, cut once." This is the golden rule for carpenters. For financial advisors it is "A penny saved is a penny earned." For Christians it is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." These sayings help us think and act wisely.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us how to serve God and use our money and material things wisely. It tells the story of the dishonest steward or the "prodigal" steward who knows he's going to be sacked for wasting his master's money. It means he will lose everything. He will lose his job, his friends and his reputation. So what is he going to do to survive? He manages to keep his wits about him and calls in all the people who owed his master money and reduces the size of their debts. He doesn't have the right to do so because he is just a steward. Actually, he's stealing from his master, so he's an unjust steward. But in doing so, "he prepares a little nest of quiet and security for himself" (Augustine) and the master praises the steward for his ability to act timely and decisively. Augustine said: "it is not because that servant cheated but because he exercised foresight for the future". The master calls this "astuteness" or being "prudent" and gives us an important lesson: "use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity". It doesn't mean Jesus is telling us that we should become dishonest or doing something as a Band-Aid solution. Instead, the purpose is to show us that we must think ahead; we must have "a master plan" for our heavenly future and keep plugging away at it. God has given us so many opportunities and resources such as time, talents, financial resources, abilities, and more. Like the master, one day He will ask if we have used wisely what we have been given freely and generously.

We are invited by Jesus to use money or material goods to share them with others especially in our care for the poor and needy. That is the best way for us to serve God in our brothers and sisters.

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, it is our Faith that holds us together. God gave us gifts to use for His glory and the good of other people. As we bring our prayers before Him we must learn to be more responsible and generous.

Prayer leader:

For all our Church leaders, that by the power of the Spirit, they may be the heart, hands and voice of Jesus, and lead their people to the Father. ... We pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.

Let us pray for Queen Elizabeth and her exceptional reign, her deep affection for her people, her lifelong desire to serve the common good, her humility and grace, hard work and dedication, we thank You, Lord.....

We pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.

- We pray to the Holy Spirit that a good servant with a humble and contrite heart, will come forward to Shepherd Your people in our Diocese and lead us on our Eternal journey...We pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.
- We pray for those who feel they have no purpose in life. Through Your love may they feel they are special, and know each one of us counts as You gather them in Your arms. We pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.
- Almighty God with You there is no beginning and no end, You are the origin of all creation, help us to care for what You have created for us on this earth. Touch the hearts of all with Your love, that they in turn may love one another. ... We pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.
- For those who are unable to be at Eucharist with us because of ill health. Look kindly on them, as we pray for them, may they feel Your loving presence in their hearts...We pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.
- For those who have died especially Hazel Bridger, Delma Fenwick, Bryan Hornery, Colin Killer, Ivon Fredrick Stewart may they now be with You in Paradise. We pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Father, creator of all, look on Your people in their moments of need, for You are the source of mercy and peace. Hear our prayers we place before You in the name of Jesus 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 You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

We pray those who have died this week

Hazel Bridger, Delma Fenwick, Bryan Hornery, Colin Killer, Ivon Fredrick Stewart

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Henry Bialek, Lindsay Bignell, Gwen Cerveny, Barry George Cottier, Grace Hill, Veronica Mary Rampling, Matthew Saunders, Alan Turnbull

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, Brian & Esme Bisson, 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, Peter Lamoury, 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, Andrew Veitch, Barry Whyte, Robert Wild,
Jo Winkler, Phillip Wilson

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Jaycee Ruiz Agsamosam Brand, Erik Richard Breiner, Beau Anthony Dyer, Menzie Alan Goldspring, Juliet Emmaline Hodge, Iley Irene Betty Lawler, Huxley John Robinson, Braelin - Derrick Ebo Yawson

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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Public Holiday Thursday 22nd September 2022

Australia will mark the death of Queen Elizabeth with a public holiday on Thursday September 22nd 2022, as part of a national memorial service to be held in Canberra that day, following her funeral in London.

> The parish office will be closed on this day. Please provide bulletin notices by 1pm Tuesday 20th September.

Clergy Retreat

Fr George, Fr John, Fr Graham, and Fr Maurice will be attending Clergy Retreat from the evening of the 18th September to Friday 23rd September. The people of our region will be in their prayers. Please keep our priests in your prayers while they are on retreat. There will be no weekday masses celebrated during this time.

HOME COMMUNION MEETING on-Thursday 29th

September at 3.30pm at the Parish Office. Anyone who has previously volunteered to provide pastoral care to the housebound by providing home communion OR if you would like to volunteer you are invited to attend a meeting with Fr John Vo Vien. RSVP to the PARISH OFFICE on 49338918 or chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au. We would like to recommence this ministry as soon as possible and we will hopefully have at least one volunteer from each Parish. If you know anyone who would like to receive home communion please contact the Parish Office with details including their name, contact phone number and address.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Giving children a special time and place to listen to Jesus and build a personal relationship with Him.

Volunteer assistants needed. Come and spend two very rewarding hours a week with us. No experience needed.

Wednesday session times: 3-6 year olds 9:30 - 11am; 6-9 year olds 4:15 - 5:45pm. Places currently available for 3-6 year olds. We are located in Beresfield next to the church. Please call Siubhan on 0432477181 or email chisholm.atrium@gmail.com for more information.

LAY LED COMMUNION SERVICES

by Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth * Monday 19th September (St Januarius, bishop, martyr)

Tues 20th September (Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr ,Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs) 5.30pm St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 21st September (St Matthew, apostle, evangelist) **7.00pm** Holy Family, Largs * Community Led

Thurs 22nd September

7.00am St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 23rd September (St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest) 7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 24th September

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

Sun 25th September

9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

A STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community. As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth. Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace.

PIETY STALL OPENED THIS WEEKEND AT ST JOSEPH'S EAST MAITLAND

Communion, Confirmation & Baptismal gifts available a great selection. Many other items as well, Missals, mass books and children's books Contact; Marion 0412811759

Maitland Community Kitchen Update:

For the many parishioners who have kindly offered to volunteer at the Maitland Community Kitchen, an update of activities may be of interest.

The community kitchen, which was planned to commence midyear, has been delayed due to venue issues. The original site was unavailable and in June CatholicCare were thrilled when it was agreed that the kitchen would operate from St Mary's campus in Maitland. Unfortunately, the magnificent food technology and hall facilities were flooded in July/August and the area experienced significant damage. It is unclear when these facilities may be operational and CatholicCare is looking into what other options may be available.

For the volunteers who have registered. CatholicCare will be in contact when a venue and commencement date is confirmed. For the many volunteers who have partially completed the volunteer paperwork, Karen Campbell, volunteer co-ordinator with CatholicCare is available to assist you.

If there are any other parishioners who are keen to join the team please contact Karen at: kcampbell@catholiccare.org.au

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 19th September

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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

Tues 20th September

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

Wed 21st September 9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 22nd September

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

Fri 23rd September

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