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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 Anthonicad

**Asst Priests:** Fr John Vo Vien

Fr Graham Fullick

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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.

#### **Gathering** (*lights turned off/low*)

**Ode to the Light of Christ** (*read by one  
person as priest is proceeding to altar*)

Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord.

Let us not fear the past when our hearts  
were heavy.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 2:5)

Come, let us bring light from the darkness.

Let us make evil good and find sweet in  
the bitter.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:20)

Come, let us weep together when the light  
grew dark with the clouds, from the  
darkness and distress.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:30)

Come, let us walk with our brothers and  
sisters, those who have walked in  
darkness.

Let them see the great Light of God  
and let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is.  
9:2)

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#### **Penitential Act** (*lights turned on*)

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters, let us  
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves to celebrate the sacred  
mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

**Presider:** Lord Jesus you are our hope:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** Lord Jesus you rout the proud  
of heart and exalt the lowly: Christ, have  
mercy.

**All:** Christ, have mercy

**Presider:** Lord Jesus you send the rich  
away empty and fill the hungry with good  
things: Lord, have mercy

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** May almighty God have mercy  
on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

#### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14**

#### **A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and  
he carried me away by the spirit of the  
Lord and set me down in the middle of a  
valley, a valley full of bones. He made me  
walk up and down among them. There  
were vast quantities of these bones on the  
ground the whole length of the valley; and  
they were quite dried up. He said to me,  
'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said,  
'You know, Lord.'" He said, 'Prophesy over  
these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the  
word of the Lord. The Lord says this to  
these bones: I am now going to make the  
breath enter you, and you will live. I shall  
put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow  
on you, I shall cover you with skin and give  
you breath, and you will live; and you will  
learn that I am the Lord.'" I prophesied as I  
had been ordered. While I was  
prophesying, there was a noise, a sound  
of clattering; and the bones joined  
together. I looked, and saw that they were  
covered with sinews; flesh was growing on  
them and skin was covering them, but  
there was no breath in them. He said to  
me, 'Prophesy to the breath; prophesy,  
son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord  
says this: Come from the four winds,  
breath; breathe on these dead; let them  
live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me,  
and the breath entered them; they came to  
life again and stood up on their feet, a  
great, an immense army. Then he said,  
'Son of man, these bones are the whole  
House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our  
bones are dried up, our hope has gone;  
we are as good as dead." So prophesy.  
Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am  
now going to open your graves; I mean to  
raise you from your graves, my people,  
and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And  
you will know that I am the Lord, when I  
open your graves and raise you from your  
graves, my people. And I shall put my  
spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall  
resettle you on your own soil; and you will  
know that I, the Lord, have said and done  
this it is the Lord who speaks."

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Resp. Psalm (R.) My soul is thirsting  
for the living God.**

Like the deer that yearns for running  
streams, so my soul is yearning for you,  
my God. (R.)

My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my  
life; when can I enter and see the face of  
God. (R.)

O send forth your light and your truth; let  
these be my guide. Let them bring me to  
your holy mountain to the place where you  
dwell. (R.)

And I will come to the altar of God, the  
God of my joy. And I will come to the altar  
of God, the God of my joy. My redeemer, I  
will thank you on the harp, O God, my  
God. (R.)

## Second Reading *Romans 14:7-9*

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

### The Word of the Lord

#### Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** Shine in the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel *Luke 1:46-56*

Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. 'He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home .

### The Gospel of the Lord Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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## Homily Fr Graham Fullick—The Visitation Magnificat

The child cousin, St. John does not have ears or eyes and can't see through the womb. Elizabeth it is who (1) hears, St. John who (2) leaps for joy, and Elizabeth who (3) exclaims. There is no mention of the child hearing, yet the child John leaps, *for joy*. It is the soul attuned to God that truly hears. The soul, the singular gift of God of a participation in His Divine Life (CCC 363, 366) is already infused and vivifies, gives the completeness of being, already there in these two as yet unborn babies, St. John and Jesus. The child is already God's creation, claimed by God, indeed animated by God—as in soul! There is an external greeting of the mothers, one thought barren, the other overcome with surprise. The most amazing greeting however is the greeting of the two children in the womb! There is a perfection of faith hope and love in St. Elizabeth and our Blessed Mother in their mutual co-operation with Grace, as History and Salvation are fulfilled in their co-operation with Grace in their bodies—for God's glory. The absolute exclamatory joy and reverence which Elizabeth gives Jesus in Mary attests to this Divine and human dignity together in those who use their bodies for God's glory which literally is their and our salvation.

Our hearing God is not dependent on having hearing or ears—even the deaf or unborn. God is in them and us. He listens to them; their soul listens to Him; and responds directly as angel spirits without the need or means of external physical expression; cherished in God's heart as Mary treasured Jesus' growing up, even the hurts, so God cherishes the physical hurts. God's Sacred Heart in Jesus is His soul. His soul is as big as eternity and space, and the gaps in space and the matter in space! For any mother or father who has lost a child they are already God's, known to God, intimately, in human existence itself *in* God, by the soul, God's Principle of eternal life in us. They are not like, but in God, eternally, not just from their physical enfleshment, but always are in God's being, who holds them in existence. The soul is incarnate, independent of us, yet in us in the mystery of and who is life. We are given in nurturing a life and sharing a soul a unity with God. That is the consolation in death of the child. They leap to heaven to God for God enfolds them straight back. What is created by God never dies for Jesus is Life itself. In seeing others as God's children, we ourselves become more children of God. Let us look to the Lord and find new ways to be Magnificent.

### 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:** Sisters and brothers, let us pray to the God of light and truth for our needs and those of the world.

### Prayer Leader

For those who have been affected by abuse that the Spirit of Love and Peace may penetrate their hearts, to rebuild their lives with Your love and compassion . . . God of mercy . . . **Hear our prayer.**

For the gift of wisdom and humility. God of mercy . . . Hear our prayer.

For the gift of courage and forgiveness. God of mercy . . . Hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of our Church, that listening to the promptings of the Spirit, that they may work for a renewal of faith and be the shining light among God's People. . . God of mercy. . . Hear our prayer.

For all people who are suffering from physical or mental illnesses may they find courage and strength in their faith of the Holy Spirit, who will bring them closer to our Loving Father. . . God of mercy. . . Hear our prayer.

For all our people who have gone before us on life's journey: including Sr Marie Craddock RSJ, Boyd Francis Higgins, Joan Loretta Higgins, John Barry Nicholson. May the risen Christ welcome them on the shore of Eternity... God of mercy. . . Hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** Father of mercies, you invite us to take up the cross with our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you that we have come to know your Son and lift our prayer to You in his name - 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.*

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

Sr Marie Craddock RSJ, Boyd Francis Higgins, Joan Loretta Higgins, John Barry Nicholson (Nico)

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

Patricia Bowe, Peter Bowe, Bernard Campbell, Brian Humphreys, Peter Lamoury Patricia (Pat) McGregor, Allan Mooney, Joy Taylor, Pat Unicomb, Sarah Wand, George & Myra Whiteley

#### ***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, Maire Veitch, Barry Whyte, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler, Phillip Wilson

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

Jack Ferenc Brady, Aurora Jean Breakwell, Beau Phillip Carrall, Chloe Allison Bazar Pasay, Arlo Graham Stocks, Matilda Jill Walsh

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## Perpetual Day of Remembrance

**Thank you for your commitment to stand with our brothers and sisters who are suffering and to shine the light of Christ in our Church and neighborhoods'. Together we can be a sign of hope.**

**The Healing & Support Team – Zimmerman Service is available should any of this cause distress for any person. Please ring 49230636.**

**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.

**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

**Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning.** Fr Greg Barker, the community of Catherine McAuley Catholic College, together with The Federation of P & F Associations and the Special Needs Working Party warmly welcome all to join with clergy, students, principals, teachers, school staff, families and parishioners for this special celebration. It's on Sunday 18 September from 2.30pm at Catherine McAuley Catholic College, 507 Medowie Road Medowie. An afternoon tea will be hosted after Mass, no RSVP is required. McAuley Catholic College on 4068 1000.

## **SEPTEMBER 15 | Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows**

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen!

Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us!

## 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.

## Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our eternal priest.

Amen.

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Monday 12th September** (*The Most Holy Name of Mary*)

**Tues 13th September** (*St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor*)  
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

**Wed 14th September** (*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*)  
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 15th September** (*Our Lady of Sorrows*)  
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Fri 16th September** (*Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr & Cyprian, bishop, martyr*)  
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sat 17th September** (*St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor*)  
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sun 18th September**

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

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 12th 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 13th September**

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

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**Fri 16th September**

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

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