



**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 Anthonicad  
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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.

### **Advent Candle Prayer Response**

**R: Come Lord Jesus**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **First Reading** Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' (R.)

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. (R.)

#### **Second Reading** Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

#### **Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

#### **Gospel** Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

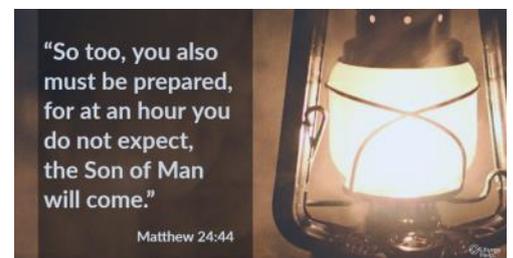
*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



The coming among us of Lord Jesus is one that we rightly celebrate with joy. Even the heavenly angels gave glorious praise at Christmas. Advent Season reminds us how it is all part of an ongoing story that has overtaken our world. It is a story that involves much joy and suffering. But which is sweeping all of us on to a glorious finale. A young medic recently asked me if Jesus' second coming would mean the *end of time*? The end of the universe itself? How do we answer that? On that, Jesus has told us only as much as we need to know. What he makes clear is that his triumphant Second Coming will be dramatic, and an instantaneous judgement for all; and the final separation of goodness and evil. Then the whole world will have to acknowledge Jesus' lordship. And Jesus tells his people to hold their heads high; it will be the ultimate glorious setting up of God's Kingdom.

*When will it be Lord?* ask the disciples. No one knows, says Jesus; not the angels; not even Jesus himself, who says that he has been told by his Father. What matters is that people have their hearts open to God; to be prepared – *to stay awake*.

Mankind always makes a mess of things without the help of God and his word. They cannot build a world of justice and peace without the word of God. So many troublesome places of our planet prove that. Those who have held on to their faith will have their great moment of vindication; They will share the victory of the Lord Jesus.

NOW is THE time, the only time we have. We live in a frantically active world. That is life! This precious commodity of TIME we only get to spend once. There are many important things that really do matter – and we perhaps are never getting round to them. Big lights, happy music are all very nice. But there is a readiness we need to have in our own spirit. Our wonderful Lord is GOOD NEWS. We are People of hope.

MARANATHA is an Arabic saying. It means: *Come Our Lord*. (or sometimes expressed as *Come Lord Jesus*). Indeed! *Come Lord*. Maranatha.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
(*all bow*)  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the  
dead;

he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

**Celebrant:** Brothers and Sisters we live with hope in our hearts, and look forward to the day when Christ will come again and bring salvation to those who believe in Him. So we pray.

### Prayer leader:

We pray for the leaders of our faith, Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons. May they show the world the source of justice and mercy through Your Churches throughout the world. . . We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

In this new beginning of the Church year, we pray that the Holy Spirit will bless us with a Priest of love and compassion to govern in our Diocese as our Bishop. . . .We pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

As we look forward to the new coming of Christ, help us to deepen our personal prayers in the coming weeks and to create some contemplation time for the true meaning of Christmas. . . We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for migrants, refugees and those from war torn countries, recalling the Holy Family's flight to Egypt. Help us to welcome all. . . .We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have had their lives and homes affected by the floods in Australia and earthquakes in Indonesia. We pray that the light of Christ will strengthen them and bring a strong faith in their sight giving them hope for the future. . . .We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For all who are not well, especially our Religious Sisters, and those near and dear. May Your light shine on them and give them the graces they need to persevere in love . . . We pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have been called to our Eternal home recently, especially Elaine Crossley, Shirley Harvey, Sr Lynette Pearce RSJ, Jane Winsor O'Keefe, Fr Aleksander Tomasz Zaremba and those who are dear to us. May they now enjoy the peace and love in the company of our God. . . .We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** God of love and mercy, listen to our prayers. May your Son at His coming, dispel the darkness of our hearts and enable us to live as children of the light. We ask this 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.

**Communion Antiphon** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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

Elaine Crossley, Shirley Harvey (Nelson Bay), Sr Lynette Pearce RSJ, Jane Winsor O'Keefe,  
Fr Aleksander Tomasz Zaremba

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

John Bounds, Neville Carmody, Kareryna Dzus, Mick Harvey, Catherine Martin, Patricia McLeod, Roberta McLeod,  
Yvonne Mullett, Therese Wilson, Sr Yvonne Wynn rsm

***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,  
Glenda Frost Higginbottom, Melinda Grainger, Vince Gurr, Anne & Peter Hardy, Leanne Hardy, Julie Hartigan,  
Ethan Joseph, Karen Kenyon, Krystyna Kulzcznski, Patricia Lancaster, Fr Anthony Lemon (Murwillumbah),  
Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Judy Massey, Victoria Micallef, Kevin Moloney, Mariel Munoz, Daphne Parfait,  
Lisa Peattie, Jen Phillips, Ella Rusak, Olga Rusak, Margaret Sipple, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Carol Su'a,  
Vivian Tee, Bill Temperley, Andrew Veitch, Nilda Walker, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler, Phillip Wilson

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

Hugh James Austin, Reid Hendrix Austin, Leah Patricia Gard, William John Green,  
Amara Samantha Gunn, Noah David Kauter, Declan Arthur Nolan, Eden Elizabeth Studdert,  
Hayley Rebecca Turner, Archie James Worth, Fallon Elizabeth Dallace Webber, Harvey Elston Webber

***For those who will be married***

Andrew James Blaik and Hannah Mary-Jane Wheeler  
Jonathan Valentino and Elisa Maddalena Macri

***We pray for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Candidates and Catechumens  
who have commenced their Journey to join our Communities***

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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## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2023

Our parish communities wish to support families who would like their children to be Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion in 2023. If your child has been baptised a Catholic and in Year 3 or above in 2023 and would like to receive the other sacraments of Initiation then please attend the first **mandatory** Information session. The second information session will be held early in 2023. It will be necessary for at least a parent or caregiver attend ONE of the sessions in November for their child to receive the sacraments next year.

All meetings commence at 7pm and will take approx. 30 minutes.

### Please only attend ONE meeting

- Tues 29/11/22 St Paul's Church Rutherford
- Wed 30/11/22 St Joseph's Church, East Maitland
- Thurs 1/12/22 Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Please contact the Parish office before attending these meetings if your child is **not baptised** in the Catholic faith on 49338918 or [SOlchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:SOlchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au).



An invitation is extended to all parishioners throughout the Region to contribute towards the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, which will be conducted over the weekends of Dec 4 and Dec 11.

Envelopes will be available in parish churches.

People can also donate by calling 131812 or visiting [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au). This is an opportunity to think of others who are struggling in our community and make their Christmas a little brighter.

**Piety Stall** will be open at all masses on the weekend at St. Joseph's Church.

New Christmas stock- Advent candles, Nativity Scenes, and Christmas books etc

I am about to order **The 2023 Daily Mass book** approx. \$25  
If you would like one please let me know  
Contact Marion 0419811759.

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

### Mon 28th November

### Tues 29th November

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Wed 30th November (St Andrew, apostle)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

### Thurs 1st December

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Fri 2nd December

10.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Sat 3rd December (St Francis Xavier, priest)

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

### Sun 4th December

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

Volunteers **URGENTLY** needed for midnight Mass and Christmas day 6pm Mass

Proclaimers of the Word, welcomers, collectors, altar servers, offertory, extraordinary ministers, musicians including organist and choir, overhead projector operator, adult supervisors with a current WWC number. Please contact Fr Graham this week on [graham.fullick@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:graham.fullick@mn.catholic.org.au) or 49345783 if you would like to participate



## THE CATHOLIC PARISHES AND SCHOOLS OF THE MAITLAND REGION PRESENT

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday December 17th, 5.00pm at All Saints College St Peters Campus (Free Church St Maitland)

BBQ, drinks, coffee, lolly bags, Santa, singalong, candles & market stalls

Everyone is invited to attend and join in our Christmas Celebration

## St Joseph's East Maitland Church remedial works

Due to remedial works on St Joseph's Church East Maitland the church will be closed during the day from **Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December**. There will not be any Exposition, Private prayer or daytime Mass during this time.

The Tuesday 5.30pm will still go ahead and Adoration will begin from 4.30pm Friday 2nd December.

Thank you for your patience during this time

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:



First Friday of each month - from 4.30pm Friday till 9.00am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's East Maitland.

Next Date: Friday 2nd December 2022. All welcome. (Change of time due to Church remedial works)

## East Maitland Catholic Women's League

East Maitland C.W.L meets each month on the first Thursday in the Therry Centre at East Maitland, 11.30am. Next meeting will be Thursday 1st December. All Welcome

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

### Mon 28th November

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 29th November

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

### Wed 30th November

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

### Thurs 1st December

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

### Fri 2nd December

4.30pm Friday - 9.00am Sat 3rd December

Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland till 8am Mass Saturday

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

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