



**PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland**  
**Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm**  
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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.**  
*celebrated at St Paul's Rutherford*  
**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 baptized 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** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

#### **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** *Is 8:23 – 9:3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

#### **Second Reading** *1 Cor 1:10-13, 17*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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

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

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel** *Mt 4:12-23*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!, Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Homily for Australia Day by Fr Maurie Cahill**

The Beginnings: On 13 May 1787, 236 years ago. a fleet of 11 ships, which came to be known as the First Fleet, was sent by the British Admiralty from England to Australia. Under the command of Captain Arthur Phillip. The fleet sought to establish a penal colony at Botany Bay on the coast of New South Wales.

But poor land, without freshwater awaited the fleet at Botany Bay. Eventually, in a magnificent Harbour, Philip found a pretty cove with fresh water. Philip named the place Sydney Cove, after a dithering home secretary, Viscount Sydney. There they planted a British flag and claimed the land for King George 11 – thereby proclaiming the land as 'terra nullius', belonging to no one. That was one great legal fiction.

The aboriginals around the harbour shores were of the GADIGAL Peoples – resident there for many thousands of years. The locals soon came to realise that these very strange intruders had come to stay. There was not one of them who wanted to be there, yet right there saw the beginnings of the nation, which eventually came to be called Australia.

We have history of an immensely cruel and inhuman suffering for convicts. And truly terribly so for Aborigines. The idea that they quietly retreated is so wrong; they stayed 'stubbornly' attached to their tribal land. We are still coming to terms with our terrible history of injustice to them.

So, though we do have much to repent, and put right, today we do have much for which to give thanks. In the space of a rather few lifetimes, the nation has come an incredible way since the times of our hardy pioneers. Internationally, we are rated as having one of the world's very high living standards. Therefore, our national day reminds us of our need to be caring for the less fortunate of our citizens. We Catholics remember our forebears who hung desperately to their faith, so that they could hand it on to us.

Pope JP11, 1986, in Alice Springs. His teaching gives us all food for thought. He speaks of our past injustices done to our indigenous citizens.

*Certainly, what has been done cannot be undone. But what can now be done to remedy the deeds of yesterday must not be put off till tomorrow.*

*Christian people of good will are saddened to realize – many of them only recently – for how long a time Aboriginal people were transported from their homelands into small areas or reserves where families were broken up, tribes split apart, children orphaned and people forced to live like exiles in a foreign country. Much today still requires a just and proper settlement that still lies unachieved.*

Some 30 years back, Pope JP2 seemed so prophetic. We are speaking today of giving a VOICE to our indigenous brothers and sisters. Much has been achieved in those 30 years. And there are many strong and heroic people working for the just future for all our peoples. May the Lord bring us to unity.

### **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.

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

## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

**Celebrant:** God is our Creator and Salvation who brings light to the world. We place our Trust and faith in Him as we bring our petitions before Him.

### Prayer Leader

For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons. May they continue in their commitment to bring the words of the Gospels to life, for those who listen. . . .In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us**

May the light of the Holy Spirit gather a Priest with love and compassion to be our new Bishop to shepherd the flock of Maitland- Newcastle Diocese. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us**

Guide us in troubled times in our journey in this world. Jesus You are our light. Shine where there is darkness in those who cannot see the love that You share with us. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us**

We live in this great land, dedicated to the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate our Nations day this week we pray that the light of Christ will shine with love and peace on all people who call Australia home. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us**

For those who are unable to gather around the table of the Lord. By our prayers, may they feel the true presence of our saviour and be filled with joy in their hearts. . . .In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us**

For our relatives and friends who have come to the end of their earthly journey especially, Kylie Fitzgerald and John Melehan. May they now rejoice in the company of the loving Lord. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us**

**Celebrant:** It is to You O Lord, that Jesus taught us to come with love and trust in our hearts. Through Him we believe that You hear the prayers of Your children.

**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** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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

Kylie Ellen Fitzgerald, John Melehan

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

Cliff Allen, Nora Allen, Jessie Carroll, Patrick Carroll, Patricia Day, Kathleen Hope, Harry Stace, Veronica Tuck

### ***We pray for those who are sick at this time***

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Arabella Rae Arroyo, Cynthia Appleton, Ian Christopher Bajo, 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, Anne & Peter Hardy, Leanne Hardy, Patricia Hughes, Ethan Joseph, Karen Kenyon, Krystyna Kulzcznski, Hughie Laverrey, Patricia Lancaster, Fr Anthony Lemon (Murwillumbah), Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Judy Massey, Victoria Micallef, Kevin Moloney, Mharielle 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, Gary Wills, Jo Winkler, Phillip Wilson

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

Isabel Carrall Adam, Millie Julie Donna Bourne, Finn Jude Clements, Evelyn Grace Holmes, Harley-Rose Hooton, Edie Mae Lindeboom, Cora Lourdes Redman, Miles Hamilton Watson Redman, William Bruce Upton

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



**AUSTRALIA DAY Mass**  
 9am Thursday 26th  
 January at  
 St Joseph's East  
 Maitland. Morning tea  
 will be served  
 following the Mass.  
 Please stay and enjoy  
 some Australian fare.



**CENACLE ROSARY OF THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER MEETING** to pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood, every Wednesday (except 1st Wed) at St. Joseph's Church, King St. East Maitland at 7pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and pray for our dear priests.

**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH OF THE ETERNAL FAMILY PRAYER MEETING:** to pray for families in crisis every 1st Wednesday of the month at St. Joseph's Church, King St. East Maitland at 7pm. Everyone is most welcome.

**ACTiv8 youth Groups return from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**Save the date –Regional Mass & Picnic**  
 A community get-together for everyone in our region Sunday 12th March 11am.  
 Starting with an outdoor Mass in the grounds of St Joseph's East Maitland school followed by a magic show in the Therry Centre with JD'S world of magic. Carnival games, ice cream truck, bbq, coffee and much more.  
 Bring along picnic rug, nibbles, lunch and friends. Everyone welcome.

**ACTiv8 Youth** are seeking volunteers to assist with vibrant and energetic youth groups in 2023. If you think you may be able to offer some time on either a Tuesday or Wednesday evening please contact Bec at the parish office for more information  
 Email; chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au  
 Or phone for more information 49338918

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**  
**At Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield will resume on Friday 27th January 2023**

**Piety Stall**  
 Will be closed until the weekend of the 28th January.

*INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER CARER?*

If you have space in your heart and home for a child or young person in need, CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning want to hear from you. Through no fault of their own, there are many children in our region who cannot live with their birth family. With your help, CatholicCare can give them a safe and loving environment to heal from their past and grow into their future.

For more information on becoming a foster carer, please visit [www.catholiccare.org.au/fostercare](http://www.catholiccare.org.au/fostercare)

**Volunteering for your church community:** *A big thank you to anyone who supports their community by volunteering in any way.*  
*For insurance and compliance purposes, all volunteers must register with their parish office. The volunteer registration process is simple. Please make contact with Bec or Louise from the Parish office so they can help you with this. Depending on your volunteer role, you may be asked to provide a WWCC or complete a NCHC application. It is essential that all volunteers complete the appropriate process to ensure they have been cleared to volunteer before being engaged.*  
*If you are a volunteer in a child-related role, you are legally required to hold a valid WWCC which needs to be verified by the Diocese.*

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

- Mon 23rd January**
- Tues 24th January** (St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor)  
 5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Wed 25th January** (The Conversion of St Paul, apostle)  
 7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
- Thurs 26th January Australia Day**  
 9.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Fri 27th January** (St Angela Merici, virgin, Sts Timothy and Titus)  
 7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Sat 28th January** (St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor)  
 8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Sun 29th January**  
 9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

- Mon 23rd January**  
 9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
 12 Midday-1 pm Eucharistic Adoration St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Tues 24th January**  
 9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Wed 25th January**  
~~9.30am-10.30am~~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland (Funeral)  
 7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Thurs 26th January**  
 Following 9am Mass-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Fri 27th January**  
 7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
 9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield