



Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Mass readings
will be displayed on the church projector at Beresfield

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.**

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All baptized 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 Be my protector, O
God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

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 Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of
Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the
commandments, to behave faithfully is
within your power. He has set fire and
water before you; put out your hand to
whichever you prefer. Man has life and
death before him; whichever a man
likes better will be given him. For vast is
the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty
and all-seeing. His eyes are on those
who fear him, he notes every action of
man. He never commanded anyone to
be godless, he has given no one
permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who follow the law of
the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law! They are happy
those who do his will, seeking him with
all their hearts. (R.)

You have laid down your precepts to be
obeyed with care. May my footsteps be
firm to obey your statutes. (R.)

Bless your servant and I shall live and
obey your word. Open my eyes that
may consider the wonders of your law.
(R.)

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end. Train
me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

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

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the
ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who
have reached maturity: not a philosophy
of our age, it is true, still less of the
masters of our age, which are coming to
their end. The hidden wisdom of God
which we teach in our mysteries is the
wisdom that God predestined to be for
our glory before the ages began. It is a
wisdom that none of the masters of this
age have ever known, or they would not
have crucified the Lord of Glory; we
teach what scripture calls: the things
that no eye has seen and no ear has
heard, things beyond the mind of man,
all that God has prepared for those who
love him. These are the very things that
God has revealed to us through the
Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths
of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth; you have revealed to little
ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking
to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not
imagine that I have come to abolish the
Law or the Prophets. I have come not to
abolish them but to complete them. I tell
you solemnly, till heaven and earth
disappear, not one dot, one little stroke,
shall disappear from the Law until its
purpose is achieved. Therefore, the
man who infringes even one of the least
of these commandments and teaches
others to do the same will be
considered the least in the kingdom of
heaven; but the man who keeps them
and teaches them will be considered
great in the kingdom of heaven.
'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no
deeper than that of the scribes and
Pharisees, you will never get into the
kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Truth-Telling

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean *no*. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to *use* God's name in that way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an *abuse*. Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person *truthes*.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13)

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep *all* that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

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, God promised happiness to all those who keep the Commandments seeking Him with love in their hearts. With confidence we place our prayers before Him.

Prayer Leader

For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priest and all leaders in God's Church: that they may be led by the Holy Spirit to encourage all to have a true and genuine relationship with God. . . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For Bishop Michael Kennedy: We give thanks for his commitment to guide the people in our Diocese in the great love that Jesus taught. Give him the strength and wisdom to overcome any challenges placed before him. . . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the world: may they be shown the right path to love, peace and freedom and build a just world letting in the love of God. . . .We pray. . . .**Lord hear our prayer**

For the people of The Republic of Turkey and Syria, who have been devastated by earthquakes, may our prayers and love, give them the strength to carry them through the hard times. . . .We pray. . . .**Lord hear our prayer.**

For the RCIA Catechumens and Candidates who are receiving the Rites of Acceptance and Welcome this weekend, may they feel the support of our prayers as they continue their faith journeyWe pray. . . .**Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those in our community who are not well, May the Lord Jesus reach out with compassion and touch each of themWe pray. . . .**Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, especially Evelyn Bowen, Aracelia Corvera, Margaret Edgley, Lorna McDonald, Wally Palmowski, Margaret Whiteley, that the Lord may cleanse them and bring them to glory with Him in everlasting life.....We pray to the Lord. . . .**Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty Father hear our prayers through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

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 They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

We pray those who have died this week

Evelyn Bowen, Araceli Sauza Corvera, Margaret Ann Edgley, Lorna McDonald,
Walclaw (Wally) Palmowski, Margaret Whiteley

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Theresa Crossdale, Marguerite Jenner, Harrison (Harry) Meyn, Jean Montgomery,
Cornelius John Petersen, Katherine (Katie) Saunders, Robert Walker

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Arabella Rae Arroyo,
Ian Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Brian & Esme Bisson, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton,
Robyn Chesworth, Juliet Cranny, Hector Crisostomo, Melba Crisostomo, Marion & Luke Crotty,
Nickolee Dennis, Nicholas Dilley, Yvonne Mary Fielding, Pam French, Melinda Grainger,
Anne & Peter Hardy, Leanne Hardy, Mavis Hoadley, Patricia Hughes, Ethan Joseph, Raymond Kelana,
Karen Kenyon, Krystyna Kulzcznski, Fr Anthony Lemon (Murwillumbah), Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin,
Judy Massey, Victoria Micallef, Kevin Moloney, Caroline Morgan, 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

Kataleyah Mae Reibel, Olivia Elsbeth Hopkins, Myla Florence Maffey, Saskia Violet Weir, Madden Knox Weir

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

Kellie Abbiss, Scott Berry, Nichole Elbourne, Rodney Elbourne, Michelle Hartmann, Kate Kelly,
Kim Roberts, Jessica Scully, Matthew Thompson, Scott Warnock and Tony Welch

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We congratulate Bishop Michael Kennedy for accepting the call to be Bishop of our Diocese. We pray for him during this time of transition and look forward to welcoming him into our Parishes. God bless Bishop Michael

RCIA NEWS: Rite of Acceptance/Welcome is this weekend. Candidates will be Welcomed at Morpeth Mass and Candidates and Catechumens will be Accepted and Welcomed at the 8.30am Mass and 6pm Mass at East Maitland.

Regional Anointing Mass
Immaculate Conception Church Morpeth will be hosting the Regional Anointing Mass on Friday 17/2/23 @ 10am. Disabled access available and morning tea will be provided after Mass in the Corcoran Centre
All welcome
There will be NO 7am Mass at East Maitland

ASH WEDNESDAY—22 FEBRUARY 2023
Masses will be celebrated at
St Joseph's East Maitland at 7am
Holy Family Largs at 7pm

Piety Stall at East Maitland is opened this weekend at St Joseph's East Maitland after each Mass



Regional Mass and 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.

Catholic Women's League NSW Maitland-Newcastle Diocese Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 18th February 2023 at the Corcoran Centre, Immaculate Conception Church, Morpeth, commencing at 11am. Past & future Members are encouraged to attend. The State President and a guest speaker will be present. For more information call 0418657989 or 0418272332

Volunteering for your church community: 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 working with children check number (WWC) or complete a police check (NCHC) application. It is essential that all volunteers complete the appropriate process to ensure they have been cleared to volunteer before being engaged.

TEACHERS FOR STATE SCHOOLS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Teachers are needed for special religious education classes in East Maitland public schools on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons. Lessons are for 30 minutes, and full training and resources are provided. For further information, please phone Jan on 0411535882

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 13th February

Tues 14th February (*Sts Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 15th February
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 16th February
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 17th February (*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*)
10.00am Mass, Anointing Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Sat 18th February
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 19th February
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 13th February
9.30am-12 Midday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
12 Midday-1 pm Eucharistic Adoration St Joseph's, East Maitland

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Wed 15th February
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7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 16th February
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 17th February
7.30am-9am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield