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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 baptised 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 Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

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 Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

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

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right

have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Warfare and the Church

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-less-ness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.'

Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to *You* in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

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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: We are challenged by the words Jesus said 'to be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect'. We bring our needs before our God who is loving and forgiving.

For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons who open the Word of God to us, may they be given the wisdom and strength to continue to bring the love of God to people of our world. . . We Pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us**

May the Holy Spirit shine on Bishop Michael who will journey with us, may he experience the love of Jesus in all communities he meets in our Diocese . . . We Pray. **Lord graciously hear us**

For our brothers and sisters of The Republic of Turkey and Syria, may our prayers be forthcoming with love and compassion for those who have become homeless, those who have lost loved ones, may they feel the love of God with them. . . We Pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us**

For our neighbours in New Zealand who are experiencing hardship at this time we pray that the Holy Spirit will give them strength and courage to face the emergencies that are occurring at this time. . . . We Pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us**

Help us to be a community who are happy to share ourselves and goods with each other and bestow on us, the respect and compassion to love and forgive those who make life difficult for us.
We Pray. . . . **Lord graciously hear us**

For all those in our community who are not well, May the Lord Jesus reach out with compassion and touch each of them. . . .We Pray. . . .**Lord graciously hear us**

For those who have died recently, that the Lord may cleanse them and bring them to glory with Him in everlasting life especially Nancy Martin We Pray. . . . **Lord graciously hear us**

Celebrant: Merciful Father fill our hearts with Your love, give us the grace to rise above our weakness and keep us faithful in loving You and one another. We make this prayer 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 I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

We pray those who have died this week

Nancy Martin

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Aleyamma Abraham, Don Johnson, Joy and Pat McNamara, Earline (Joe) Passfield,
Ken Piper, Terry Prouse, James Saunders, Chris Smith, Arthur Turnbull

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

Oliver Alexander Cant, Sophie Emilia Deaves, Inka Rose McDonald, Ellie Grace Saxby,
Madeline Rosa Aubrey Schelle, Akyra Sky Tulpar

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, Nicole Elbourne, Rodney Elbourne, Michelle Hartmann, Kate Kelly,
Kim Roberts, Jessica Scully, Matthew Thompson, Scott Warnock and Tony Welch

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Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Shrove Tuesday

Join us at St Joseph's East Maitland for Mass at 5.30pm, Tuesday 21st February followed by the burning of palms liturgy and pancakes.
All Welcome



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.

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 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.

World Day of Prayer 2023 Friday 3rd March at 10am

All Parishioners are invited to attend World Day of Prayer services with other churches.
This year the service is celebrating the people of Taiwan.

- RUTHERFORD: the Salvation Army Citadel, Bunning Ave, Rutherford
- EAST MAITLAND: Seventh Day Adventist Church, Brunswick St, East Maitland
- MORPETH: Uniting Church, 98 High St, Morpeth

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 20th February

Tues 21st February (*Saint Peter Damian, bishop, doctor*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 22nd February - ASH WEDNESDAY
7.00am Mass, East Maitland
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 23rd February (*St Polycarp, bishop, martyr*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 24th February
10.00am Mass, Anointing Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Sat 25th February
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 26th February
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 20th 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

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

Wed 22nd February
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 23rd February
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 24th February
7.30am-9am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield