



**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.  
*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

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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 come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

#### **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 58:7-10**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no

fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

#### **Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5**

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

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel Mt 5:13-16**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

# REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

## Salty and Radiant

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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### 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 called by Christ to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Let us pray to the Father for all our needs.

### Prayer Leader:

Heavenly Father, give Wisdom and Strength to our Church leaders who bring hope to us in Your Holy Word. . . . Faithful to Your Word we pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For our Church that she may be the shining light to all peoples. . . Faithful to Your Word we pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father we pray that Your light will shine on a priest who may say 'Yes' and become our new Bishop to shepherd the people in our Diocese. . . . Faithful to Your Word we pray. . . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For our Political and Civil leaders; that they may help to keep society good and healthy by promoting truth and justice especially in war-torn countries. . . Faithful to Your Word we pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For all people who believe in the Holy Word; that our lives will bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips. . . Faithful to Your Word we pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

During this feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for those who are suffering through ill health of mind and body, struggling to find the true light in their lives. . . Faithful to Your Word we pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all who proclaim and preach the Word of God in our communities; that they will always treasure the opportunity to be formed by God's Word and to use their gifts to bring this Word to life in the liturgy and in the lives of those close to them. Faithful to Your Word we pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died recently, especially Gregory Neville Adams, Magdalene Myra Carmody and Sr M. Marie O'Regan, may they now find peace and love in the company of the Angels and Saints. . . Faithful to Your Word we pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** Father thank You, for the grace and love Your Son Jesus brought into our world. Help us to keep the light shining brightly, so You will be glorified. We make our prayers 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** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

Gregory Neville Adams, Magdalene Myra Carmody (Madge), Sr M. Marie O'Regan OP

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

Jennie Buckley, John Farrelly (Jack), Frances Grosser, Mysie Hungerford, Marcelina Manalo, Constantino Marquez, Evelyn Marquez, Rita Marquez, Crisanta Regudo, Simeon Regudo, Denise Wade

***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, Mavis Hoadley, Patricia Hughes, Ethan Joseph, Karen Kenyon, Krystyna Kulzcznski, Hughie Lavery, Patricia Lancaster, 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***

Bonnie Sage Sheehan, Tatum Ivory Sheehan, James Michael Tobin

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

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## Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**The Fifth Plenary Council** – a **personal reflection** by Helen Belcher will be held at **7.30pm after 7pm Mass on Wednesday 8th February Holy Family Largs** Community invites you to come along for a short talk and discussion in our Hall. Helen was a Diocesan representative on the Plenary Council. Learn more about the recent Plenary Council & its significance for us living our Faith here in the Chisholm Region. Suggested background Reading- <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/motions-and-voting/> the below link is Archbishop Costello’s closing address <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jieDZjTrfF2EuHTuM4a6lrEQdbV3j5RT/view>

All welcome, no bookings necessary & Supper will be served

## 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. The lessons ensure that these children are not deprived of the opportunity to learn about the love of Jesus and the presence of God in their lives. For further information, please phone Jan on 0411535882

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.



## ACTiv8 youth Groups return from Tuesday 7th February

**The Craft Group** will recommence on Monday 6th February at 9.30am at the Therry Centre **All Welcome**

**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 working with children check number (WWC) or complete a policy check (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 6th February** (St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs)

**Tues 7th February**  
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Wed 8th February** (St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita, virgin)  
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 9th February**  
7.00am Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Fri 10th February** (St Scholastica, virgin)  
7.00am Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Sat 11th February** (Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of Prayer for the Sick)  
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Sun 12th February**  
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary’s Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 6th 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 7th February**  
**9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Wed 8th 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 9th February**  
**9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

**Fri 10th February**  
**7.30am** Adoration, St Joseph’s, East Maitland  
**9.30am** Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield