



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God YEAR A, Sunday 1st January 2023

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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

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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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the
King, who rules heaven and earth for
ever.

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 Nm 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

*They will call down my name on the children of
Israel and I will bless them.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say
this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how
you are to bless the sons of Israel. You
shall say to them: May the Lord bless
you and keep you. May the Lord let his
face shine on you and be gracious to
you. May the Lord uncover his face to
you and bring you peace." This is how
they are to call down my name on the
sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

May God bless us in his mercy.

God, be gracious and bless us and let
your face shed its light upon us. So will
your ways be known upon earth and all
nations learn your saving help. (R.)

Let the nations be glad and exult for you
rule the world with justice. With fairness
you rule the peoples. you guide the
nations on earth. (R.)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. May God
still give us his blessing till the ends of
the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Gal 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Galatians

*When the appointed time came, God sent his
son, born of a woman.*

When the appointed time came, God
sent his Son, born of a woman, born a
subject of the Law, to redeem the
subjects of the Law and to enable us
to be adopted as sons. The proof that
you are sons is that God has sent the
Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the
Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it
is this that makes you a son, you are
not a slave any more; and if God has
made you son, then he has made you
heir.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our
ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and
the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth
day came they gave him the name of Jesus.*

The shepherds hurried away to
Bethlehem and found Mary and
Joseph, and the baby lying in the
manger. When they saw the child they
repeated what they had been told
about him, and everyone who heard it
was astonished at what the shepherds
had to say. As for Mary, she treasured
all these things and pondered them in
her heart. And the shepherds went
back glorifying and praising God for all
they had heard and seen; it was
exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the
child was to be circumcised, they gave
him the name Jesus, the name the
angel had given him before his
conception.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Calendar-Shattering Mary

It is fitting that on New Year's Day we
celebrate the calendar-shattering event
in human history: the extraordinary role
that a young woman in Galilee played in
God's plan for the human race.

In the Western Church, the young
woman is titled 'Mother of God'. This
signifies a relationship, a loving,
nurturing relationship. We know that it
encompassed a mother's horror of
seeing her son tortured and done to
death on the Cross.

Yes, she was a mother, but Mother of
God.

How can this be portrayed for our minds to grasp? In the Book of Genesis, the creative act which began all reckoning of the passage of time and seasons was signalled by the Divine Wind hovering over the formless void.

When that Holy Gust hovered over Mary, and she responded: 'Be it done unto me according to thy Word', the human existence of Our Lord Jesus Christ began, the fulcrum of history from which our calendar begins. We could pause for a moment to pray that at the end of all history, at the end of all calendars, we may share in Divine life with Mary of Galilee, Mother of God.

© Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com 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: At the beginning of a new year and with renewed hope let us pray to our God.

Prayer Leader:

That this will be a year when violence gives way to peace and hatred gives way to reconciliation. Hear us we pray.....**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That, with the shepherds, the Church may find Christ anew and be astonished at what she sees. Hear us we pray.....**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That praise and thanksgiving be always in our hearts and on our lips. Hear us we pray.....**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That this community blessed by the Christ child, may be compassionate and generous to all. Hear us we pray.....**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died this week that they find the Lord, now that their pilgrimage of life is ended. Hear us we pray..... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God of surprises, you sent Jesus to us as a helpless child. Hear the prayers we now pray through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.** © Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd

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 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 2nd January (*St's Basil and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church*)

Tues 3rd January (*The Most Holy name of Jesus*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 4th January
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 5th January
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 6th January
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 7th January
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 2nd 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

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Fri 6th January
7.30am Friday - 8.00am Sat 7th January
Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland till 8am Mass Saturday
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield