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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

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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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel
In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear. You are there with
your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes. My head you
have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 9:1-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.' Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said

to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Due to the length of the Gospel this week there is no reflection.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven *(All Bow)*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: Christ said, 'I am the Light of the world' and passed His light to each of us. With true faith let us shine the light of Christ on our neighbors' throughout the world as we pray.

Prayer Leader

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons to have strength and wisdom to continue to lead us through the problems we face in this world. . . We pray, . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For Bishop Michael, may the light of the Holy Spirit rest on him, giving him the wisdom and strength, as he takes on his new duties in our Diocese. . . We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for the children in the Sacraments of Initiation journey as they accept 'The Lord's Prayer', that praying with their parents and guardians, they come to know the true love of Jesus. . . . We pray **Lord hear our prayer**

For all Christians, especially those who are searching through RCIA, may they deepen their faith with the truth of our Savior, as we celebrate the risen Lord at Easter. . . We Pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray through St Joseph, whose feast day we celebrate at his time, may he watch over and guide families, expectant mothers, workers and people in doubt. . . We pray **Lord hear our prayer**

For those who are not present in the Eucharist and those who are in poor health, may the light of Christ shine Blessings on them as we remember them in prayer. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

May our prayers rest on those who have returned to our Heavenly home recently including Sr. Agnes Burke rsj, Val Kearney, Brian Patrick Masterson, Nemesio Mira Jr, George Bernard Searson and all the faithful departed souls, may they rest in the love of Christ. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

Celebrant: God our Father, open our eyes to see Your love and share it amongst our companions in this journey of life. We thank You for giving us Your only Son. It is through Him who is Lord forever and ever, we pray to You.

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 For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

We pray those who have died this week

Sr. Agnes Burke rsj, Val Kearney, Brian Patrick "Paddy" Masterson, Nemesio Mira Jr, George Bernard Searson

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Darren Bailey, Leo Bunt, Paul Dever, Janet Gamble, Mary Gillis, Jack Healey,

Helen McCrohon, Stan Shaw, Kathleen Sheridan

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay 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, Laurel Stanford (Breiner), 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 who will be Baptised

Harvey Lachlan Abbiss, Isaac William Abbiss, Zavier Shawn Abbiss, Oaklyn Rose Bunt, Banksi Kaye Burgiss, Finn Carter Daniels, Noah Leedham, Jett Martin, Rose Tracy Le Messurier, Leo Thomas Neill, Hunter James Riley, Hayden James Turner, Cooper Patrick Tilse

We pray for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Candidates and The Elect 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-Pyne, Scott Warnock and Tony Welch

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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

Welcome to all those children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. Children will receive a copy of the Our Father this weekend.

✠ **2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be at 6pm at**
 Rutherford—Wednesday 22nd March
 Beresfield—Thursday 23rd March
 Rutherford —Wednesday 29th March
 East Maitland—Thursday 30th March
These are our Reconciliations for Easter AND the children going through the Sacraments of Initiation.

✠ **Wednesday Largs Mass 22nd & 29th March** will now be Lay Lead liturgies as our clergy are required to attend the Reconciliations at Rutherford.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023
 Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow.
 Donate through Project Compassion donation boxes, envelopes, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

✠ A **risk assessment** was conducted this week by the Safety and Wellness representative of the Diocese on the use of the driveway at the front of **St. Josephs East Maitland Church**. The area accommodates a high volume of pedestrian traffic especially at Mass times and when used by the adjoining primary school as it leads to both the front and side entrance doors of the church. The risk of a serious incident occurring in this area due to vehicle movement around pedestrians was considered and a risk assessment was undertaken to determine corrective actions required to ensure everyone's safety. The recommended actions are

- Install a fold-down parking bollard to the centre of the driveway in line with the existing fence
- Install signage regarding no vehicle access excluding funeral vehicles
- Develop procedure for funeral vehicle access

Over the next week or so you will see these recommendations take place and we would appreciate your kind understanding of the importance of these changes.

✠ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Fridays during Lent
 10.00am Immaculate Conception Church Morpeth.
 7.00pm St Joseph's Church East Maitland.

✠ **ST JOSEPH'S EAST MAITLAND PIETY STALL**
 after each Mass. Marion 0412811759

✠ **THANKYOU** to all the amazing people who helped with the Regional Parish Picnic Mass. Our picnic would not have come together the way it did without all the volunteers who helped with setup, cooked, and served the sausages, conducted the games, musicians, altar servers, our clergy and those who helped us clean up — thank you. We know everyone who came, had a great time.

✠ **Installation of Most Rev Michael Kennedy**
 On Friday evening people from around the diocese came together for the Liturgical Reception and Installation of Most Rev Michael Kennedy as the Ninth Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle at Sacred Heart Cathedral. It was a wonderful celebration and we look forward to welcoming Bishop Michael into the Chisholm Region. To watch the Installation please click on the link www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/live-stream-installation-of-most-rev-michael-kennedy
 To read more about Bishop Michael click on the link [Introducing the 9th Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle | Maitland-Newcastle Catholic News \(mnnews.today\)](http://Introducing the 9th Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle | Maitland-Newcastle Catholic News (mnnews.today))

Ever wondered what children are learning in Religious Studies at a Catholic High School? Come along and find out this **Sunday (19th) at the Corcoran Centre** Morpeth from 10am - 2pm

Presented by Mrs Debbie Scott Leader of Learning Religious Studies All Saints College Maitland.
 Light morning tea and lunch provided.
 Gold Coin Donation.

To register contact Vicki Grogan Griffin 0429337455

✠ **THE LEGION OF MARY from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle invites members to be re-consecrated to Our Lady at the annual ACIES** on Sunday 26th March at 2:00pm -St. Joseph's Church East Maitland afternoon tea will be at the Therry Centre
All are welcome to bring a plate.

✠ **Chrism Mass** is on Tuesday 4 April at 7.00pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West. This is a first opportunity for all who wish to gather, to celebrate with our new Bishop, Michael Kennedy.

✠ **PARISH NOTICES** Due to the large volume of emails it has come to our attention some notices have been missed from the bulletin. We kindly ask all bulletin notices are sent to our regional inbox rather than individual staff members
chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au by 10am Wednesday.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 20th March (*St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

Tues 21st March

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 22nd March

7.00pm Liturgy, Holy Family, Largs - see 3rd notice

Thurs 23rd March (*St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 24th March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 25th March (*The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD*)

8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 26th March

9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 20th March

9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &
 11.00am-12.00pm Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 21st March

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

Wed 22nd March

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
 7.00pm Both at St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 23rd March

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

Fri 24th March

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland
 9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield