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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

**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

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek  
his face. It is your face, O Lord, that  
I seek; hide not your face from me.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading **Gen 12:1-4**

A reading from the book of Genesis  
***The call of Abraham, the father of  
God's people.***

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave  
your country, your family and your  
father's house, for the land I will  
show you. I will make you a great  
nation; I will bless you and make  
your name so famous that it will be  
used as a blessing. 'I will bless  
those who bless you: I will curse  
those who slight you. All the tribes  
of the earth shall bless themselves  
by you.' So Abram went as the Lord  
told him.

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as  
we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and  
all his works to be trusted. The Lord  
loves justice and right and fills the  
earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere  
him, on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

#### Second Reading **2 Tm 1:8-10**

A reading from the second letter of  
St Paul to Timothy

**God has saved us, and called us to be  
holy.**

With me, bear the hardships for the  
sake of the Good News, relying on  
the power of God who has saved us  
and called us to be holy – not  
because of anything we ourselves  
have done but for his own purpose  
and by his own grace. This grace

had already been granted to us, in  
Christ Jesus, before the beginning  
of time, but it has only been  
revealed by the Appearing of our  
saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished  
death, and he has proclaimed life  
and immortality through the Good  
News.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus  
Christ! From the shining cloud the  
Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus  
Christ!

#### Gospel **Mt 17:1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

***His face shone like the sun.***

Jesus took with him Peter and  
James and his brother John and led  
them up a high mountain where  
they could be alone. There in their  
presence he was transfigured; his  
face shone like the sun and his  
clothes became as white as the  
light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah  
appeared to them; they were talking  
with him. Then Peter spoke to  
Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful  
for us to be here; if you wish, I will  
make three tents here, one for you,  
one for Moses and one for Elijah.'  
He was still speaking when  
suddenly a bright cloud covered  
them with shadow, and from the  
cloud there came a voice which  
said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved;  
he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'  
When they heard this, the disciples  
fell on their faces, overcome with  
fear. But Jesus came up and  
touched them. 'Stand up,' he said  
'do not be afraid.' And when they  
raised their eyes they saw no one  
but only Jesus.

As they came down from the  
mountain Jesus gave them this  
order. 'Tell no one about the vision  
until the Son of Man has risen from  
the dead.'

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

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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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 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:** Our journey is truly a journey of life. God our Father said, 'This is my Son Listen to Him'. Let us place our prayers before God and listen to Him.

### Prayer Leader

That Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons will be faithful in preaching the Word of God in every season . . . **We pray. . . Be merciful, O Lord.**

That the Holy Spirit will inspire Bishop Michael with wisdom and strength, to Shepherd the people of our Diocese and feel the love of our communities as he walks with us. . . **We pray. . . Be merciful, O Lord.**

That the Holy Spirit will inspire Bishop Michael with wisdom and strength, to Shepherd the people of our Dioceses and feel the love of our communities as he walks with us. . . **We pray. . . Be merciful, O Lord.**

For The Elect and the Candidates and those who accompany them on their journey, be guided by the word of God in their own lives. . . **We pray. . . Be merciful, O Lord.**

For the young people who are in the Sacrament program. May they learn to listen, and live by the Holy Words of the Gospel. . . **We pray. . . Be merciful, O Lord.**

For the people of Ukraine through the intercession of the Virgin Mary that peace is secured. . .  
**We Pray. . . Be merciful, O Lord.**

We pray for those who are not well enough to attend Eucharist with us, that they hear the Word of God in their hearts . . . **We pray. . . Be merciful, O Lord.**

May the Angels and Saints be there to lead those who died this week especially Thomas Cureton, Philip Lee, Raymond Andrew McDonnell, Patrick Alfred Wheeler and welcome them into the presence of our loving God . . . **We pray. . . Be merciful, O Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Loving Father, in Your gentle mercy guide our efforts to renew our lives this lent. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**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** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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

Thomas Cureton, Philip Lee, Raymond Andrew McDonnell, Patrick Alfred Wheeler

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

Daniel (Dan) Brodie, Barry Callinan, Marcus Callinan, Zillah Callinan, Bob Dickson, Colin Farley, Eva Randell, Gwendoline (Gwen) Richards, Joseph McDonnell, Jan Stefan Orłowski, John Orłowski, Ivy Styles, Robert Sattler, Noel Smith, Ted and Gloria Trunk, Bill Tobin (Lisarow), Napoleon Velasquez

***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, 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***


Poppy Anne Benham, Luna Rae Downey, Gracie Louise Harris, Ivy Elizabeth - Rose Moore, Oliver John Nancarrow, Sophie Claudia Lennie Marie Peperkamp


***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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 Welcome to all those children who are preparing for the Sacraments of initiation. Children will receive a copy of the Creed this weekend

 Welcome to all the Kindergarten families who are joining us at the Youth Mass for the Welcome to Kinder

 **Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March**  
Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

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**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)

**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.

 Piety Stall at East Maitland is closed this weekend 5/3

 STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7.00pm Fridays during Lent at St Joseph's Church East Maitland.  
All welcome.



## Regional Parish Picnic Next Weekend

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 for all ages in the Therry Centre **with JD'S world of magic.** Carnival games, facepainting ice cream truck, bbq lunch available to purchase, coffee and much more. Bring along picnic rug, nibbles, lunch and friends.

### Important information

- Therry Centre car parking will be reserved for disabled parking.
- Helpers needed for serving and cooking the BBQ. Please contact Bec if you can assist (02)49338918
- Remember to bring a hat and sun protection

*We look forward to our region coming together as one.*

### The CIAN March Webinar “Holy Week and Mystagogy”

The Zoom webinar will involve short presentations from two of CIAN's executive members who have a wealth of experience in RCIA: Simon Yeak, Sacramental Life & RCIA coordinator for Sydney Archdiocese, and Br Bernard Mary Fonkalsrud, a CIAN Executive Committee member

**When:** Monday 13th March 2023 **Time:** 7-8.15pm AEDT

**Where:** via Zoom

**Register:** <https://tinyurl.com/CIAN-Mar2023-webinar>

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### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

#### Mon 6th March

**Tues 7th March** (St Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wed 8th March** (St John of God, religious)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 9th March** (St Frances of Rome, religious)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### Fri 10th March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### Sat 11th March

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

#### Sun 12th March

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

11.00am Outdoor Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland school grounds

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

#### Mon 6th March **Note change of time**

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

11.00am-12.00pm Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### Tues 7th March

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

**Due to school mass at 9.30am**

#### Wed 8th March

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 March

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

#### Fri 10th March

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield