



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 baptised members of the
community

Ministry Team

Parish Priest: Fr George Anthicad

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at home:** Phone office 49338918

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We are in the country of the Worimi,
Gamilleri, 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

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus
Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people
complained against Moses. 'Why did
you bring us out of Egypt?' they said.
'Was it so that I should die of thirst,
my children too, and my cattle?'
Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am
I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A
little more and they will stone me!' The
Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you
some of the elders of Israel and move
on to the forefront of the people; take
in your hand the staff with which you
struck the river, and go. I shall be
standing before you there on the rock,
at Horeb. You must strike the rock,
and water will flow from it for the
people to drink.' This is what Moses
did, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
The place was
named Massah and Meribah because
of the grumbling of the sons
of Israel and because they put the
Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord
with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

**If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us. Let us
come before him, giving thanks, with
songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made
us for he is our God and we the
people who belong to his pasture, the
flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his
voice! 'Harden not your hearts as
at Meribah, as on that day
at Massah in the desert when your
fathers put me to the test; when they
tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2,5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Romans

**The love of God has been poured into
our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has
been given to us.**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith
we are judged righteous and at peace
with God, since it is by faith and
through Jesus that we have entered
this state of grace in which we can
boast about looking forward to God's
glory. This hope is not deceptive,
because the love of God has been
poured into our hearts by the Holy
Spirit which has been given us. We
were still helpless when at his
appointed moment Christ died for
sinful men. It is not easy to die even for
a good man – though of course for
someone really worthy, a man might
be prepared to die – but what proves
that God loves us is that Christ died for
us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus
Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the
world; give me living water, that I may
never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus
Christ!

Gospel Jn 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

**The water that I shall give will turn into
a spring of eternal life.**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town
called Sychar, near the land
that Jacob gave to his
son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and
Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight
down by the well. It was about the sixth
hour. When a Samaritan woman came
to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give
me a drink.' His disciples had gone into
the town to buy food.
The Samaritan woman said to him,
'What? You are a Jew and you ask
me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews,
in fact, do not associate with
Samaritans. Jesus replied 'If you only
knew what God is offering and who it is
that is saying to you: Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living
water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life. 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth. 'The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest?

Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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: Lord give us the true water of salvation and help us to know our own weaknesses as we place before You, our prayers for the world and ourselves.

Prayer Leaders

For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, who proclaim the Gospel to usWe pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray that the Holy Spirit will grant Bishop Michael the strength and wisdom he needs to Shepherd the people of our Diocese. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all gathered here, and those who are unable to be with us, that through our observance of Lent, we may deepen our understanding of Christ's death and resurrection and be better prepared to celebrate Easter. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are not well enough to attend Eucharist with us, that the Word of God will give them strength. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

For those who have died recently including Frank Innes, Denis Price and Paula Thomas, may they now find the love and peace in the presence of our God. . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, You sent your Son into our world to quench our thirst with the living water of Your grace. Help us to accept His gift with eager hearts. We ask this through the 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 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

Frank Innes, Denis Price, Paula Thomas

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Una Boland, Kerrie Callaghan, Jonathan Cervený, Belinda Hamilton, William Hingerty, Roy Rampling,
Les Sullivan, Frank Tynan

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 preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation

***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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Third Sunday of Lent 11 & 12 March



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis.

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/envelopes available from your parish, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Regional Anointing Mass

St Joseph's, East Maitland Church (not Therry Centre)
Friday 17th March at 10am.

Disabled access available from the King St side entrance.

All welcome

NOTE: the 7am Mass time has been changed to 10am

You are welcome to celebrate **St Patrick's Feast Day**
17th March with the children at St Patrick's School
Lochinvar at 9.30am. Entry via Gregory Road gates.

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

The 7pm Wednesday evening Masses on Wednesday 22nd & 29th March will now be Lay Lead liturgies as our clergy are required to attend the Reconciliations at Rutherford.

Piety Stall at East Maitland
Open all Masses. New Easter books, etc
Marion 0412 811 759

Regional Parish Picnic This Weekend

Sunday 12th March 11am.

Starting with an outdoor Mass in the grounds of St Joseph's East Maitland school, followed by a Magic Show at 12, then lunch either BYO or a sausage sandwich to purchase.

Important information Therry Centre car parking will be reserved for disabled parking.

THE LEGION OF MARY
FROM THE DIOCESE OF MAITLAND – NEWCASTLE
INVITES ALL ACTIVE AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO
BE RE-CONSECRATED TO OUR LADY AT THE
ANNUAL ACIES

Date: Sunday 26th March 2023— Time: 2:00pm
At: St. Joseph's Church 73 King Street, East Maitland
Following the Acies afternoon tea will be at the
Therry Centre - All are welcome to bring a plate.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays during Lent

10am Immaculate Conception Church Morpeth.

7.00pm St Joseph's Church East Maitland.

All welcome.

MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES

Catholic Mission and CRA invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission.

Date: Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May, 2023

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66

Goulburn St, Sydney

Early bird closes March 14, 2023. See

www.mohmv.com.au for more information.

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.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 13th March

Tues 14th March

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 15th March

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 16th March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 17th March (St Patrick, bishop)

9.30am School Mass, St Patrick's School, Lochinvar

10.00am Anointing Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 18th March (Collect of St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor)

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

Sun 19th March

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 13th 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 14th March

9.30am-10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

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Wed 15th 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 16th March

9.30-10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's,

East Maitland

Fri 17th March

7.30am

Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.30am

Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield