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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

<u>Ministry Team</u> *Parish Priest:* Fr George Anthicad *Asst Priests:* Fr John Vo Vien Fr Camillus Nwahia

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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.



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A Sunday 18th June 2023

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God,

my Saviour!

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,

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 Ex 19: 2-6 You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

A reading from the Book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.""

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God Responsorial Psalm (R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:6-11

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

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

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. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

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Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News. Alleluia Gospel Mt 9:36-10:8

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of The Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

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: Dear brothers and sisters, gathered as one to celebrate the good things we have received from our God, let us ask him to prompt us in prayers that are worthy of his hearing.

Prayer leader

We pray for our Church and those who lead us in faith: Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, who are the true descendants of the Apostles of Jesus as they encourage us to have love and hope in our hearts... Gracious Lord... hear our prayer.

Through the Immaculate heart of Mary we pray that those who receive the call from God to be Shepherds for the flock will say "Yes" to God and be true Disciples of Christ Jesus . . . Gracious Lord. . . hear our prayer.

For those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation: May they be guided by word and example to walk in the light of Christ Jesus and learn of the love He has for us. . . . Gracious Lord. . . hear our prayer.

As we celebrate the true presence of Jesus at the Eucharistic table Heavenly Father we need Your presence in our lives, Your direction and help. . . Gracious Lord. . . hear our prayer.

Many are unable to be with us as we celebrate at the table of love because of ill health: may they feel the prayers that we offer for them... Gracious Lord... hear our prayer.

We pray for those of our own who have died recently especially Francis Ayrton, Jill Carr, Christine Dowling, Debbie Kym Hamson, Noreen Hanrahan, Frank Higgs, Mark Johnstone, Beryl Palmer, Peter Raymond, Anne Roxby, William Sharp and those who have died in the recent bus accident. May they rest in the loving arms of Jesus and bless those who mourn for the loss of their loved ones.... Gracious Lord... hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Father by the power of your Spirit, you have filled the hearts of Your faithful people with gifts of love for one another. Hear the prayers we offer for the people of the flock that we may do Your will with perfect love. We ask this 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 There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

We pray those who have died this week

Francis Ayrton, Jill Carr, Christine Dowling, Debbie Kym Hamson, Noreen Hanrahan, Frank Higgs, Mark Johnstone, Beryl Palmer, Peter Raymond, Anne Roxby, William Sharp

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Maurice Allen, Brian Arthur, Margaret Bourke, Barry Callaghan, Mary Clayden, Peter Dionisopoulos, Dick Golledge, Joyce Gurr, Sr Patricia Lake rsm, Leo & Annie Lantry, Elsa Lee, Eric Linich, Marcelina Manalo, Evelyn Marquez, Bill & Phyllis Martin, Pat McGillbray, Bessie McNamara, Jim O'Toole, Moyra Tynan

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, lan-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Nickolee Dennis, Nicholas Dilley, Oneli Disaaynayake, John Fielding, Yvonne Mary Fielding, Dianne Fryer, Rev Fr Joseph Selvan Fifarado, Leanne Hardy, Colin Harmes, Mavis Hoadley, Gregory Hurney, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Raymond Kelana, Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Judy Massey, Mharielle Munoz, Colette Nancarrow, Rita O'Brien, Collin Perera, Anthony Y Poblador (USA), Mary Pullin, Rohini Rajakaruna, Casey Rippon, Ella Rusak, Olga Rusak, Biyatrise Samaratunga, Susan Schneider, Steven Small, Laurel Stanford (Breiner), Bill Temperley, Nilda Walker, Robert Wild, Gary Wills, Jo Winkler

We pray for those Baptised this week

Mia Isabella Allwood, Lily Maree Blundell, Ben Brian Granger, Carter Thomas Jones, Beorn Buttler Levey, River Darren McGarrity, Mackenzie Joy Morrison, Oceah Mae O'Connell, Hudson John Turnbull, Archer James Turnbull, Alfie Mitchell Turnbull

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Parish Notices

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be conducted throughout our Masses on the weekends of 18th / 25th June. This is an opportunity to think of others who are struggling in our community. Your donation can help rebuild lives. Your support is greatly appreciated. Donations can also be made at vinnies.org.au or by phone 131812.

SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER IN AID OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL at HOLY FAMILY LARGS HALL **FRIDAY 23 JUNE** Open for guests 5.30pm with a Guest Speaker at 6pm Soup and bread supper to follow, tea and coffee provided. MINIMUM Donation \$10 RSVP mickdaffy@bigpond.com

PLANNED GIVING

- TAX RECEIPTS: Most parishes will provide tax receipts to those who contribute towards Planned Giving. Please only request a tax receipt if you need it for tax purposes. Request forms can be found in church porches. Please return to the parish office no later than 27th June.
- BECOME A PLANNED GIVER: if you wish to setup planned giving donations please contact the parish office.49338918 OR chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au
- PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES can be collected this weekend from church porches.

Maitland City Choir are performing for Maitland Heritage Fest today Sunday 18th June at St Mary's Anglican Church, Church Street Maitland from 3-4pm. Free entry. All welcome.

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH Open only after Sunday Masses during winter. New stock has arrived.

St Brigid's Branxton Pilgrimage to MacKillop Place Friday 21st July 2023 Bus leaves Branxton at 6.15am picking up Greta, Lochinvar, Rutherford and East Maitland. Cost \$60. All welcome. Names to Mercia 0447 819 889 or Rose Arthur 4933 6284 by 6th July.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 20th June 5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 21st June (St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious) 7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 22nd June (Sts John Fisher, bishop, & Thomas More, martyrs) 7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 23rd June (St Paulinus of Nola, bishop) 7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 24th June (The Nativity of John the Baptist) 8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland Sun 25th June 9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

SAFEGUARDING

Ten of the recommendations raised in the Royal Commission have strongly influenced this standard. In addition, the requirements of the Aged Care Act 1997, Disability Discrimination At 1992 (CTH) and National Disability Insurance Scheme Act (2013) (CTH) have been incorporated. Criteria 5.5 - - 5.8 are specific to church authorities and related entities with seminarians, clergy, lay ministers and those in formation with, or member of, religious institutes.

STANDARD FIVE

ROBUST HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Competency: People working with children and adults are suitable and supported to reflect safeguarding values in practice

Comment: This is a pragmatic standard dealing with all matters regarding selection, training and management of individuals involved in a Catholic entity.

Criteria 5.4 to 5.8 (continued from last week)

Criteria 5.5 Before and during seminary and religious formation, candidates are appropriately screened and supported, including processes for ongoing formation, support and supervision of clergy and religious.

Comment: The indicators require appropriate screening to be external to the entity. The ongoing supervision and mentorship is defined.

Criteria 5.6 The curriculum for seminary and formation programs for clergy and religious includes safeguarding knowledge and skills development of candidates to understand and lead initiatives for safeguarding children and adults.

Comment: The indicators directs that the content of formation programs includes safeguarding and the inherent requirements within the Standards.

Criteria 5.7 The movement and credentialling of those in ministry is appropriately managed.

Comment: Ensures that movement of those in the ministry includes the veracity of their safeguarding credentials.

Criteria 5.8 Where clergy and religious from countries other than Australia are recruited to ministry, programs are in place to support their cultural awareness, screening, induction, professional supervision, and development.

Comment: Ensures that those not from Australia and appropriately screened, inducted, and mentored while in Australia

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 19th June 9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am-12pm

<u>Tues 20th June</u> 9.30am-10.30am

Wed 21st June 9.30am-10.30am

Thurs 22nd June 9.30-10.30am

7.00pm

Fri 23rd June 7.30am 9.30am

Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Marian Movement of Priests Rosary Both at St Joseph's, East Maitland, prayer room

Adoration, St Joseph's, EM Prayer of the Church, OLOL , Beresfield