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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  
**Asst Priests:** Fr John Vo Vien  
Fr Camillus Nwahia

Presbytery 4934 5783

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**0428 017 273**

#### Support Clergy

Fr Maurice Cahill

#### Regional Office

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,  
Sandra Buck, Rebecca Piefke

#### ACTiv8 Youth Co-ordinator

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at home: Phone office 49338918

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0428 220 997

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

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has  
anointed.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your  
heritage, and govern them 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 Jer 20: 10-13

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the  
hands of those who are evil.*

#### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,

"Terror from every side!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,

"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty  
hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will  
be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe  
with justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take  
on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the  
needy from the hands of evil men.'

#### The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my  
brothers, an alien to my own mother's  
sons. I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards  
me. **(R.)**

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their  
chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him  
praise, the sea and all its living  
creatures. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

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

Sin entered the world through one man,  
and through sin death, and thus death  
has spread through the whole human  
race because everyone has sinned. Sin  
existed in the world long before the Law  
was given. There was no law and so no  
one could be accused of the sin of 'law-  
breaking', yet death reigned over all from  
Adam to Moses, even though their sin,  
unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of  
breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but  
the gift itself considerably outweighed  
the fall. If it is certain that through one  
man's fall so many died, it is even more  
certain that divine grace, coming through  
the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so  
many as an abundant free gift.

#### The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to  
me, says the Lord, Alleluia.

## Gospel Mt 10:26-33

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

#### Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises. Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

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**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:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ we come before our God with the confidence that Jesus gave us when He said 'Do not be afraid I am with you always, the Father hears all'. We now place our prayers for the world and our own community before Him.

### Prayer Leader

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Michael and our Priests, that they be ever faithful to the call of the Holy Spirit, and have the wisdom and strength to assist those in need, so one day, all will be united at the Table of the Lord. . . . In faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayers**

Holy Spirit rest upon the shoulders of the world leaders , giving them the wisdom to gather in peace and love to settle the different hostilities, inflicting sufferings and death in our world. . . . In faith we pray. . . .  
**Lord hear our prayers.**

Through the intercession of the Patron of our Diocese, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we pray that our country will work together to live in peace and love, helping those who are struggling in these troubled times. . . . In faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear out prayers.**

For all our families who have worked in the Sacramental Programme, that the Lord will bless them and continue to watch over them as they bring the love of Jesus into their family lives. . . . In faith we pray. . . .  
**Lord hear our prayers.**

For those who have answered the call to be true disciples of Jesus, as they continue to volunteer in the ministries in the local communities to bring the words of the Gospel to life. . . .In faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayers.**

We pray for the sick: especially those who are unable to be with us at Eucharist. May the Holy Spirit embrace them with His love and protection. . . In faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayers.**

We pray for those who have died recently, especially Pauline Ferry, Frank Gibson, Eric Gordon, Violet Hingerty, Paul Hurney, Jennelle McEntyre, Margaret Lawrence, Peter Sciffer and our relatives and friends whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the Lord Jesus claim them as his own in the presence of the Father. . . . In faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayers.**

**Celebrant:** Lord God and Father, standing with Jesus about your altar, we proclaim your goodness and mercy, and make our needs known to you 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** The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

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

Pauline Mary Ferry, Frank Gibson, Eric Gordon, Violet Hingerty, Paul Hurney, Jenelle Elizabeth McEntyre 'Nellie',  
Margaret Ann Lawrence, Peter Maxwell Sciffer

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

Fr Brian Bailey, Pauline Coleman, Michael John Enright, Michael Patrick & Honora Enright, Gerard (Ged) Harvey,  
Herbert Victor Jordan, Sr Patricia Lake rsm, Keith McGilvray, Lindsay Nicholas, William O'Brien, Joseph William Palmer,  
Therese Ryan, Millie Saunders, James Wand, John Ward

***We pray for those who are sick at this time***

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Ian-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***

Archie Charles Akhurst, Alvey George Akhurst, Vinnie Lewis Akhurst, Leo Alexander Jackson, Will Smailes,  
Wil Stanley, Elkie Alexandra Stevenson, Finn Charles Stevenson, Lilieta Ivy Vosuqa, Nunia Jayne Vosuqa,  
Ravita Joseva Vosuqa

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be conducted throughout our Masses this weekend **25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://vinnies.org.au) or by phone 131812.

## SAFEGUARDING

The historical management of complaints of abuse have received fierce criticism. Not only our Church but Government and other religious entities did not act in a legal or ethical manner when dealing with complaints and knowledge of abuse. This standard clearly demonstrates that, as an organisation, the Australian Catholic church has changed, and it acknowledges the historical issues and has willingly embraced and extended the recommendations of relevant Royal Commissions. This standard does not exist on paper alone, each entity must show compliance with every criterion.

### STANDARD SIX

#### EFFECTIVE complaints management

**Competency:** Processes for raising concerns and complaints are responsive, understood, accessible and used by children, adults, families, carers, communities, and personnel.

**Criteria 6.1** The entity's Complaints Handling Policy outlines the roles and responsibilities, approaches to dealing with different types of complaints, reporting obligations and record keeping requirements.

**Comment:** The four types of complaints are defined as:

- "breaches of Codes of Conduct;
- disclosures, allegations, or concerns of current abuse of a child;
- an adult bringing forward a complaint of abuse suffered as a child; and
- an adult bringing forward a complaint of current or past abuse experienced as an adult."

**Criteria 6.2** The entity has a child-focused complaints handling system that is understood by children, families, carers and personnel.

**Criteria 6.3** Complaints are taken seriously and responded to promptly and thoroughly

**Criteria 6.4** The Complaints Handling Policy includes the process of reporting complaints and concerns to relevant authorities, requiring cooperation with any statutory or contractual processes.

**Criteria 6.5** The Church Authority ensures mechanisms are in place to support complainants of child and adult sexual abuse.

**Criteria 6.6** The Church Authority ensures respondents facing allegations are supported and monitored.

For Our Elders - **NAIDOC Week Prayer Service** - Sunday 2 July You are invited to join us for our 2023 NAIDOC Week Prayer Service from 1pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. This service is held in collaboration with local Aboriginal and faith communities. A special water ceremony will take place and guests are asked to bring a small container of water from Country along with them. Refreshments and light meal will be served. RSVP by Sunday 25 June via Eventbrite: <https://NAIDOCprayerservice.eventbrite.com.au> or by contacting Kate P: (02) 4979 1329

## 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](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)
- **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** can be collected this weekend from church porches.

Welcome to the Syro-Malabar Community who will be celebrating Mass each Thursday at 6pm at Immaculate Conception Morpeth.

Fr Camillus invites all those involved in the Regional Home Communion ministry to a meeting on Saturday 29th July at 10am at St Joseph's East Maitland.

East Maitland Parish Dinner. In accord with the goal of "building community", a Parish Community Dinner, highlighting the many cultural groups within our parish, is proposed for September. If you would be willing to be part of an organising committee, could you please contact the Parish Office [chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)

## ✚ PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Open only after Sunday Masses during winter.  
New stock has arrived.

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Tues 27th June** (*Our Lady of Perpetual Help*)

**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wed 28th June**

**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 29th June** (*Sts Peter & Paul, apostles*)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

**Fri 30th June**

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sat 1st July**

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

**Sun 2nd July**

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

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 26th June**

**9.30am-11.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**11.00am-12pm** Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Tues 27th June**

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

**Wed 28th June**

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

**Thurs 29th June**

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

**Fri 30th June**

**7.30am** Adoration, St Joseph's, EM  
**9.30am** Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield