



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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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

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 **Is 55: 10-11**

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 64:10-14**

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat.

They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading **Rom 8: 18-13**

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 13:1-23**

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

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: To you, O Lord, who gave us the words of hope in the Gospel, we place our prayers before you, with that same hope as we pray.

Prayer leader.

For the Leaders of the Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that the Holy Spirit will enlighten them to gather all Your children together to honour Your name and hear the words of the Gospel. . . We Pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

May the Holy Spirit rest upon all the leaders of the world when they meet, giving them the peace and love of neighbour as they discuss the problems of our world. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Many weeds grow among the wheat in Christ's Church. May God's harvest of all faithful people not be destroyed or choked by the weeds of disbelief in a faithless world. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of our Region as we come together to celebrate the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, that they be the voices to many as they go about their daily lives, living the words of the Gospel. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Give strength, and be with those who are not well and cannot be with us at Eucharist and be their source of hope in times of doubt and uncertainty in their lives . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our dead who were nourished in this life by the Eucharist, and those who have died recently especially Abelardo de Villa, Nicholas Dilley, Caroline Morgan and Vivian Pernigoni that they be raised up to Eternal life in the glory and presence of our God. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Holy God, we thank you for the great gift of sharing with you, we ask you all these

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 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

We pray those who have died this week

Abelardo de Villa, Nicholas Dilley, Caroline Morgan, Vivian Pernigoni

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Damien Brennan, Alexander Thomas Brown, Mary Goodwin, Mollie O'Brien, Addolorata Rega, Joan Toner, Ernie Turner, Irene May Wynne

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Pat Brennan, John Carmody, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nickolee Dennis, Oneli Disaaynayake, Alfredo Doctor, John Fielding, Yvonne Mary Fielding, Dianne Fryer, Rev Fr Joseph Selvan Fifarado, Leanne Hardy, Colin Harnes, Mavis Hoadley, Gregory Hurney, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Raymond Kelana, Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Jaime Marquez, Simeon (Jaime) Marquez, Nonette Mase, Judy Massey, Mharielle Munoz, Colette Nancarrow, Rita O'Brien, Collin Perera, Peter & Tracey Perry, Jen Phillips, Anthony Y Poblador (USA), Mary Pullin, Rohini Rajakaruna, Casey Rippon, Ella Rusak, Olga Rusak, Biyatrise Samaratunga, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Bill Temperley, Nilda Walker, Robert Wild, Gary Wills, Jo Winkler

We pray for those Baptised this week


Estelle Daphne Bowe, Harley Grace Cush, Luka Cush, Zoe Ann Davis, Tully Alexander Everett, Harry James Francis, Thomas Charles Francis, Maximus Gus Marriott, Harper Grace Murphy, Estelle Maree Vincent

† **Regional Anointing Mass** will be held at St Joseph's East Maitland FRIDAY 21st July at 10am. Please remember there is no 7am on this day.

Reflection Day - Take time out to feed your soul
Saturday 22nd July, 10.00am - 3.00pm Corcoran Centre Morpeth Presenter: Helen Kearney Cox
Topic : Laudato si' Names to Vicki 0429337455
Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided. Cost: Donation Only.

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. Please let the parish office know if you are able to attend 49338918 or chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

Local World Youth Day Pilgrimage Are you 18-35? Would you like to celebrate World Youth Day with other young people in our diocese? Come and experience the historical and spiritual treasures of our diocesan story through a walking pilgrimage, taking in the communities of Morpeth, Largs and Maitland. Sunday 6th August 7.30am-7.30pm, meeting and finishing at St Joseph's East Maitland. Cost \$10, including meals. To register <https://LocalWYD.eventbrite.com.au?aff=oddtcreator>



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) team will be holding an Enquiry Evening on **Wednesday August 9th** in the Therry Centre East Maitland at 7pm. For further information please call Margaret 0419 335 878 or Wayne 0448 924 771.

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
The piety stall will not be open on the 16th or 23rd July.

Sacred Heart Church, Campbell's Hill – The community of Sacred Heart express their gratitude to the St Paul's Community for their warm hospitality. The quote for work caused by white ants is substantial - \$207,600. It was hard to assess the full extent of the damage, given the ornate ceiling and height of the building. The quote provided is for the 'worst case' scenario. We pray this this is not the case and the costs to repair the church will be reduced. A letter has been sent to Bishop Michael asking permission to commence the work. Funds from Bequests and two personal donations from parishioners are available but still falls short of the full amount required. Please pray for us.

Official Prayer and Plenary Indulgence for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Vatican has released the **Official Prayer** for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly announced a **Plenary Indulgence** for the occasion which will be celebrated on Sunday 23 July. Click on the link for more information. [Official Prayer and Plenary Indulgence for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Catholic Grandparents Association](#)

Fr George extends an invitation to all of you to join him on a journey to the sacred Marian shrines of Europe. The dates are 4 March to 21st March 2024. More information has been sent via our bulletin email, but if you haven't received it please contact the parish office.

Update from the Chisholm Pastoral Region Safeguarding Team

On Tuesday 11th July representatives from the Parishes of the Chisholm Region gathered for a safeguarding meeting. We have items we would like to communicate with parishioners; therefore, we won't publish the safeguarding standards number eight this week.

- In the church porches you will find safeguarding activity booklets for children. This booklet includes a children's version of the diocesan commitment statement, a safeguarding prayer and activities to highlight the awareness that everyone has a right to feel safe. Please take one for your child.

- The team have introduced a sacristy register sign in booklet. Anyone who is in the sacristy even outside mass times are required to sign in. This does not replace the QR code for visiting clergy, they must still use the QR code provided. We are aware some Parishes already have a sacristy sign in process. Please now use the booklet provided by the parish office.

We have introduced a number of procedures for altar servers under the age of 18 these include; all altar servers must have a parent or guardian sign a parent consent form before they serve for the first time and return this to the sacristan, parents must be with the children in the sacristy at all times when vesting and packing away, parents must also sign the children in and out using the sacristy register. As some churches don't have an altar server roster this is a way, we can capture who is altar serving. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, thank you for helping us create a safe environment for all people.

Sean Tynan from the Office of Safeguarding will be giving a short Safeguarding presentation after Mass at Beresfield on 5th August, Lochinvar (9.30am Mass) and East Maitland (6pm Mass) on 13th August. Everyone welcome.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 18th July
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 19th July
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 20th July (St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 21st July (St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor)
10.00am Anointing Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 22nd July (St Mary Magdalene)
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 23rd July
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 17th July
9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11.00am-12pm Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 18th July
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; St Joseph's, East Maitland-Funeral

Wed 19th July
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 20th July
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
7.00pm Both at St Joseph's, East Maitland, prayer room

Fri 21st July
7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield