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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

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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

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself,

here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **(R.)**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **(R.)**

That is why I love your command more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **(R.)**

Your will is wonderful indeed therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

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Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

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, Christ has told us: "If you ask for anything in My name, I will do it". Let us pray to the Father through Christ.

Prayer Leader

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, all Bishops, our Priests and Deacons: may they have the strength and wisdom to continue to nourish all people in this life, to trust in the love of our God in the Kingdom of Heaven. . . We Pray. . . . **Loving Lord hear our prayers**

For the leaders of the world, may they come to know the true values of our life on earth and find solutions for all countries to live in peace and love with justice for all. . . We Pray. . . . **Loving Lord hear our prayers**

For ourselves, that we may be joyful members of God's Kingdom, knowing the true treasures that God is offering us every day. We pray. . . . **Loving lord hear our prayers.**

On the special feast day of St. Dominic, we give thanks and pray for our own Religious Sisters that they be rewarded for their vocation of life to spread the Words of the Gospel to all God's people.....We pray.....
Loving lord hear our prayers.

For all our people working on the mission fields, that they be strengthened and comforted by the Holy Spirit, and feel the priceless love of Jesus as they continue their work in other lands. . . We pray. . . . **Loving lord hear our prayers.**

Many of our parishioners are unable to be present with us as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist because of ill health. Grant to them O Lord, the graces they need in their journey on earth. We pray. . . . **Loving lord hear our prayers.**

Loving lord look kindly on those who left this earth recently, especially James Archinal, Leo Caldwell, John Carmody, Moya Galli and Patrick Goddard may they now know the true treasures in the Heavenly Kingdom. We Pray. . . . **Loving lord hear our prayers.**

Celebrant: Lord, give us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change; and the courage to change the things we can; and the wisdom to know the difference. 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 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

We pray those who have died this week

James William Archinal (Jim), Leo Caldwell, John Carmody, Moya Galli, Patrick Goddard (Normanhurst)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

John Funnell

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Patrick Brennan,
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 Harmes, Mavis Hoadley, Gregory Hurney, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson,
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, Gary Wills, Jo Winkler

We pray for those Baptised this week

Charles Fraser Bogie, Elora Jean Carlyle, Angelica Liza Moataane, Arabella Rose Morgan,
Tanner Scott Thomas, Tate Fox Thomas, Liam Douglas Wand, Oliver Edward Wand

Please keep our priests in your prayers this Friday the 4th August being the Feast of St John Vianney.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday of each month - from after Mass at 7am till 8.00am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's East Maitland.
Next Date: Friday 4 August 2023. Starting this month ACTiv8 Youth Adoration will be from 7-8pm. All welcome.



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) team has an Enquiry Evening on **Wednesday August 9th** in the Therry Centre East Maitland at 7pm. Margaret 0419 335 878 or Wayne 0448 924 771 for more info.

The **Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth** offer a discernment retreat for single women (aged 18-35) who want to discern their vocation to religious life in **THORNTON Convent**. From 5pm 18 August to 20 August. It will include a reflection and talk, Adoration and prayer with Sisters, time for questions and answers, time for fun and sharing. If you would like to participate, or for more information, please contact Sr Christine.PH: 0426 092 699 E: vocationscfn@gmail.com Once you register, we will send you more information. We hope to see you there!

Local World Youth Day Pilgrimage

Are you 18-35? The Diocese are conducting a World Youth Day Pilgrimage on 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>

Clergy visits to the housebound, hospitals and nursing homes If you or a loved one would like a visit from one of our clergy please give our parish office a call and we will organise this for you.

THANK YOU. The St Vincent de Paul Society thanks the parishioners of East Maitland and Morpeth for their generous support of the Winter Appeal. The total of \$6,726 will be used to support families who are struggling in our area.

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Will be open after Sunday Masses at St Joseph's East Maitland

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 31st July (St Ignatius of Loyola, priest)

Tues 1st August (St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 2nd August (St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop)
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 3rd August (St Dominic, priest)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 4th August (St John Vianney, priest)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 5th August
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 6th August
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

SAFEGUARDING

Continuous improvement is required for the growth and development of Safeguarding and that is in line with the changes and expectations of the society and legislation.

The ninth standard; **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

Competency: Entities regularly review and improve implementation of their systems for keeping children and adults safe

Comment: To ensure that the Safeguarding process has utility continually surveillance is necessary.

Criteria 9.1 The entity's safeguarding practices for the protection of children and adults at risk are regularly reviewed.

Comment: The introduction of a timeframe for review, self-assessment and documentation for the Safeguarding Plan is clearly stated.

Criteria 9.2 Concerns and complaints are analysed to identify causes and systematic failures in safeguarding practices.

Comment: The indicator is a critical one as it requires that "all individual incidents or complaints relating to safeguarding practices and/or failures are considered by the leadership to identify systemic issues or patterns and support continuous improvement."

Criteria 9.3 The Church Authority reports on the findings of its safeguarding reviews.

Comment: Transparency of Safeguarding policy and processes are evidenced in the public.

Sean Tynan from the Office of Safeguarding will be giving a short Safeguarding presentation after the following Masses: 5th August at Beresfield, Lochinvar and East Maitland (6pm Mass) on 13th August. We thank Sean for giving the time to come and inform our parishioners of the importance of safeguarding. Everyone welcome.

Parish Employee and Volunteer Safeguarding Training.

Sat 5 August 9:30am – 12:30pm (lunch provided) Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West.

Sat 12 August 9:30am – 12:30pm (lunch provided) St Joseph's Church 6 Cumberland Street, Cessnock. All parish workers are required to attend Course 2: Safeguarding in Parishes within 6 months of commencing in their role. 'Parishioner-Helpers' are not required to attend this training. Please register by contacting the relevant parish office directly or the Office of Safeguarding on 4979 1390 or email oostraining@mn.catholic.org.au

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 31st July
9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11.00am-12pm Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 1st August
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland Funeral

Wed 2nd August
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 3rd August
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
Both at St Joseph's East Maitland

Fri 4th August
7.30am Fri—8am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield