



**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 baptized 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,  
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at home:** Phone office 49338918

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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

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and  
forget not the life of your poor ones  
for ever. Arise, O God, and defend  
your cause, and forget not the cries of  
those who seek you.

### 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 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of Kings  
*Go out and stand on the mountain before the  
Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the  
mountain of God, he went into the  
cave and spent the night in it. Then he  
was told, 'Go out and stand on the  
mountain before the Lord.' Then the  
Lord himself went by. There came a  
mighty wind, so strong it tore the  
mountains and shattered the rocks  
before the Lord. But the Lord was not  
in the wind. After the wind came an  
earthquake. But the Lord was not in  
the earthquake. After the earthquake  
came a fire. But the Lord was not in  
the fire. And after the fire there came  
the sound of a gentle breeze. And  
when Elijah heard this, he covered his  
face with his cloak and went out and  
stood at the entrance of the cave.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and  
love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to  
say, a voice that speaks of peace. His  
help is near for those who fear him and  
his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven.  
(R.)

The Lord will make us prosper and our  
earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall  
march before him and peace shall  
follow his steps. (R.)

**Second Reading** Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Romans

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help  
my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say  
it in union with Christ – it is the truth –  
my conscience in union with the Holy  
Spirit assures me of it too. What I want  
to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my  
mental anguish so endless, I would  
willingly be condemned and be cut off  
from Christ if it could help my brothers  
of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They  
were adopted as sons, they were given  
the glory and the covenants; the Law  
and the ritual were drawn up for them,  
and the promises were made to them.  
They are descended from the  
patriarchs and from their flesh and  
blood came Christ who is above all,  
God for ever blessed! Amen.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

## Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

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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: What blessings we are given when we recognise that Jesus is there for us, we only have to ask 'Lord save me' and know that with confidence He will hear us.

### Prayer leader

For those who Shepherd our Church: especially Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, our Priests and Deacons who lead us in this journey with wisdom, strength and love. . . We pray. . . **'Lord save us'**

For the Church of Jesus, that it will be provided with sufficient Priests to lead God's people in the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith life. . . We pray. . . **'Lord save us'**

On this special feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady we ask her to take care of all those who are receiving first Eucharist and place the love she has of Jesus in their hearts. . . We pray. . . **'Lord save us'**

We pray for those who are not well, and for those who minister to them. We pray especially for those who are dear to us. May the risen Lord breath on them, His Spirit of Love, Consolation and Healing. . . We pray. . . **'Lord save us'**

For those who have returned to our Heavenly Father especially Thomas Banister and Anna Kmetyk. May their joy be complete in the presence of Jesus and all the saints. . . We Pray. . . **'Lord save us'**

**Celebrant:** Your Word, O God of Love, can make all things come to pass. May it touch our hearts and the hearts of our Nation. 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** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

Thomas James Banister, Anna Kmetyk

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

Thomas Bourke, Lawrence Douglas (Laurie), Peter Leslie Fielding, Bert Humphreys, Joan Kealy, Kathleen Markham, Peter Markham, Sheelah Markham, Veronica Markham, Ray Murphy, Elizabeth (Peta) Saunders, Eileen Mary Shaw Sharkey, Joyce Turner

### ***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, John Williams, Gary Wills, Jo Winkler

### ***We pray for those Baptised this week***

Sadie Jane Brown, Isla Lucy Cadman, Zara Louise Cadman, Ezra James Geddes, Eli George Schultz, Lara Katherine Schultz, Ava May Turnbull, Cody James Turnbull

## † Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Vigil Mass** to be held at St Joseph's East Maitland on Monday 14th August at 5.30pm. Arrive at 5pm to participate in the Holy Rosary.

**Tuesday 15th August Mass** will be celebrated at;

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield at 9.30am
  - Immaculate Conception, Morpeth 10.00am
  - St Joseph's, East Maitland 5.30pm
- Arrive half an hour before Mass to participate in the Holy Rosary.*

## † Regional Anointing Mass

St Joseph's, East Maitland Church (not Therry Centre)  
This Friday 18th August at 10am.  
Disabled access available from the King St side entrance.  
**All welcome**

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

## † Home Communion

Following the Home Communion meeting the Extraordinary Ministers will soon be taking communion to the household. If you are already taking communion to someone please inform the parish office as we require this information for our records.

- † **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. If you would like to participate, or for more information, please contact Sr Christine.  
PH: 0426 092 699 E: vocationscsfn@gmail.com Once you register, we will send you more information.

## † The Community of the Sons & Daughters of God

Spiritual Exercises  
Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August 8am to 5pm  
Mass 11.30am each day Our Lady of Victories  
Shortland Church  
262 Sandgate Road, Shortland  
**ALL MOST WELCOME**  
For further information: Christine Gay 0481 480 650 or Kerry Brennan 0427 963 595

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

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

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Mon 14th August** (*Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

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

**Tues 15th August** (*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

**9.30am** Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

**10.00am** Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

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

**Wed 16th August** (*St Stephen of Hungary*)

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

**Thurs 17th August**

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

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

**Fri 18th August**

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

**Sat 19th August** (*St John Eudes, priest*)

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

**Sun 20th August**

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

Welcome to all those children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. Today is the Presentation of the Gifts.

- † **The Largs community** have requested a change of Sunday Mass time from 8.20 to 8.00am. This will give the priests the opportunity to offer pastoral care. The change will begin on the 3rd September.

## † Awaken the spirit virtual retreat online with Dan

**Schutte** consisting of 20 inspiring video reflections. It will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield every Tuesday, and Friday in October at 9:30am until 10:30am. Cost around \$50 PP. Expressions of interest to the office by the 20th of August. Numbers are limited.

## SAFEGUARDING

### † The tenth standard; **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SUPPORT THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

#### *The tenth standard continued*

**Criteria 10.3** Best practice models and stakeholder consultation inform the development and review of policies and procedures.

**Comment:** Best practice requires that not only monitoring of policy and procedure but the process of developing and reviewing current practices. This included consultation with the diversity of our stakeholders

**Criteria 10.4** Church leaders champion and model best practice implementation of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

**Comment:** Church leaders should be examples of, and supporters for the published Standards

**Criteria 10.5** Personnel understand and implement policies and procedures.

**Comment:** Personnel are encouraged to reflect on their understanding and practical implementation of policies and procedures and provide feedback.

- † **Sean Tynan from the Office of Safeguarding** will be giving a short Safeguarding presentation after the following Masses: Lochinvar (9.30am Mass) 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.*

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 14th July**

**9.30am-11.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**11.00am-12pm** Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Tues 15th August**

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

**Wed 16th August**

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

**Thurs 17th 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 18th August**

**7.30am** Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

**9.30am** Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield