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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

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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

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit
appeared. The Father's voice was
heard: This is my beloved Son, with
whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

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 Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel
His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of
great age took his seat. His robe was
white as snow, the hair of his head as
pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of
flames, its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out, issuing
from his presence. A thousand
thousand waited on him, ten thousand
times ten thousand stood before him.
A court was held and the books were
opened. I gazed into the visions of the
night. And I saw, coming on the clouds
of heaven, one like a son of man. He
came to the one of great age and was
led into his presence. On him was
conferred sovereignty, glory and
kingship, and men of all peoples,
nations and languages became his
servants. His sovereignty is an eternal
sovereignty which shall never pass

away, nor will his empire ever be
destroyed.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high
over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all
the coastlands be glad. Cloud and
darkness are his raiment; his throne,
justice and right. (R.)

The mountains melt like wax before
the Lord of all the earth. The skies
proclaim his justice; all peoples see his
glory. (R.)

For you indeed are the Lord most high
above all the earth exalted far above all
spirits. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St
Peter

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths
that we were repeating when we
brought you the knowledge of the
power and the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ; we had seen his majesty for
ourselves. He was honoured and
glorified by God the Father, when the
Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and
said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he
enjoys my favour.' We heard this
ourselves, spoken from heaven, when
we were with him on the holy
mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was
said in prophecies; and you will be right
to depend on prophecy and take it as a
lamp for lighting a way through the
dark until the dawn comes and the
morning star rises in your minds.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is
all my delight: listen to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, as the three figures combined represent the fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two.

Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.

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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: Heavenly Father, we come before You with Love, Peace and Joy in our hearts, giving thanks, for Your true presence as we place our petitions before You.

Prayer leader

For the leaders of our Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, Priests and Deacons. May they always have the Wisdom to be a shining light to our communities, guiding us with Love and Hope in this sometimes troubled world. We Pray. . . **Hear us O Lord.**

For our Communities: may we all go to our own mountain and feel the encounter that awaits us with Jesus, who touches the hearts of those who believes in Him. We Pray. . . **Hear us O Lord.**

For our young people at World Youth day in Lisbon: Through our Holy Mother of God be guided to embrace a new life experience in finding the way to Jesus. . . We Pray. . . **Hear us O Lord.**

Gracious God, bless us with compassionate hearts to show mercy, generosity and kindness to those in need. Guide us with your wisdom, as You did for Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Bless all teachers especially those who share God's plan to others. We Pray. . . **Hear us O Lord.**

As we remember the anniversary of Hiroshima, and we pray that through the shining light of Christ's Transfiguration that all the world Leaders have the wisdom and respect, to work together, to ban nuclear weapons for the use of conflicts and work toward Peace and Harmony for all countries... We Pray. . . **Hear us O Lord.**

For the sick who are unable to celebrate Eucharist with us, and those who are lonely and neglected, just as The Virgin Mary did, may they put their trust in God. . . We Pray. . . **Hear us o Lord**

Members of our family and friends who have taught us of Your love, and have gone before us especially those recently including Anthony Aisbett, Joyce Daniel and Loretta Thomson. May they now reap the harvest of that love in Your presence. We Pray. . . **Hear us O Lord.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, we praise Your Holy Name and give thanks for the love You shower on us, we ask this through the Holy Spirit of Christ Your Son.

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 When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

We pray those who have died this week

Anthony (Tony) Aisbett, Joyce Mary Daniel, Loretta Thomson

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Hope & Joel Lawrence, Lorrie McCarthy, Marge O'Neill, Margaret Sawyer, Zane James Slomka

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

Archie Vyel Acuna, Kaylee Ann Cooper, Harlow May Dries, Charlie McCallum Gooley, Noah Thomas Hord, James Siaosi Tupou, Kolby Mark Wilson, Lola Roslyn Wright

✠ Home Communion

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

✠ Multicultural Parish Dinner

East Maitland Parish is to hold a Parish Community Dinner on *Friday 20th October*, which aims to highlight the cultural contributions – and cuisines – of the many groups within our parish. There is an open invitation to join an **organizing committee** meeting next **Saturday 12th August at 10 am in the Therry Centre.**

✠ **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.

✠ 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.*

✠ **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.

✠ PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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

✠ 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 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM. Cost around \$50 PP. Expressions of interest to the office by the 20th of August. Numbers are limited.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 7th August (*St Sixtus II, pope, martyr, & companions, martyrs, St Cajetan, priest*)

Tues 8th August (*St Mary of the Cross, virgin*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 9th August (*St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr*)
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 10th August (*St Lawrence, deacon, martyr*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 11th August (*St Clare, virgin*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 12th August (*St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious*)
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 13th August
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

SAFEGUARDING

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

Criteria 10.3 - 10.5 will appear in next week's bulletin

Competency: Policies and procedures document how the entity is safe for children and adults.

Comment: Ensuring that policies and procedures are relevant and consistent to promote safety for all within the Australian Catholic Church

Criteria 10.1 Policies and procedures address the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

Comment: Reference to Safeguarding Policies and procedure must be generally reflected throughout the Church

Criteria 10.2 Policies and procedures are accessible and easy to understand.

Comment: The policies and procedures for Safeguarding is written in clear manner and that they are accessible.

✠ **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 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

✠ As a Diocese we are taking steps to be accredited with the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Standards. To achieve this, we kindly request that anyone whose name appears on a parish roster or assists with any aspect of church life to register as either a parish helper or volunteer depending on your role. If you need to register please contact the parish office. We are here to assist you. Your cooperation and support is appreciated. Thank you for your understanding.

✠ **Office of Safeguarding flyers** in different languages available now in church porches.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 7th July
9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11.00am-12pm Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 8th August
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
St Joseph's, East Maitland Funeral

Wed 9th August
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's,
East Maitland

Thurs 10th August
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Funeral
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
Both at St Joseph's East Maitland

Fri 11th August
7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield