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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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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 Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v. 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 16:13-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah,

you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about '*my* church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild *my* church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

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:

With trust we pray to the God whose love is eternal, who listens to our prayers.

Prayer leader:

Holy Spirit fall upon Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, all Bishops together with our Priests giving them the ways to bring our people together in a Church of Mission and Justice . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

For our world leaders; may they find ways for all people and bring justice, love and peace to all God's people throughout the world. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

For our young people who are receiving the Body of Christ for the first time; may they experience the true love in their hearts that Jesus has for them as their friend. . . .We pray. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

For those who are searching for something more in the faith of Jesus, by joining the RCIA program: may the love of Christ be strengthened as they discern in their minds a way forward. . . We pray **Lord hear us in Your love.**

We pray for those who do not share with us this Holy meal: that the Spirit may move among all God's children to unite them around the Lord's Table. . .We pray. . . **Lord hear us in your love.**

We ask our Loving Lord to be present in the lives of those who are not well. May they feel comfort and peace by His Holy presence and look forward to better days. . . . We pray **Lord hear us in Your love.**

For those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith and who now rest in Christ. We pray for those who have died recently especially Shirley Mills and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, that they share fully in the life of the Risen Lord Jesus . . . We pray **Lord hear us in Your love.**

Celebrant: We come to you, Father, with praise and thanksgiving, knowing that you give us every blessing in Christ Jesus. We ask all our needs in His name - 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 earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

We pray those who have died this week

Shirley Edna Mills

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Joan Baxter, Clem Coffey, Marge Coffey, Sr Norah Creigh RSJ, Gorgonio Digal, Pamela McFadyen, Eileen McGilvray, Bruce Hilton Parker, Keith Van Laarhoven, Margaret Eileen Palmer (Eileen), Wendy Smith, Mary Margaret Trappel, Tony Wills

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

Isla Elizabeth Anderson, Rowan Francis Robert Anderson, Isla Jane Connaughton, Mila Kate Corak, Clancy Patrick Francis Emmett, Ashton Stephen Peacock, Jasper Gregory Peacock, Jaxton Clyde Peters, Elouise Therese Elizabeth Wood



First Holy Communion

Please continue to pray for the children who will be receiving First Communion this weekend.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

St Joseph's East Maitland.

**First Friday of each month - from after Mass at 7am till 8.00am Mass on Saturday with the ACTiV8 Youth Adoration from 7-8pm
Next Date: Friday 1 September
All welcome.**



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) program commences on **Wednesday August 30th** in the Therry Centre East Maitland at 7pm. Margaret 0419 335 878 or Wayne 0448 924 771 for more information.

Chisholm Region Bus Trip and Reflection Day St Joseph's Spirituality and Retreat Centre Kincumber.

History Presentation, Way of the Cross,
Mass with Fr Camillus and
Private Reflection and Prayer Time in the beautiful grounds of the Centre
**Date: Friday 22nd September Cost: \$80
Morning Tea and Lunch included.**
Contact Vicki 0429337455 or John 0414254230 to book and for payment details

✠ **The Largs community** will change the time of their Sunday Mass 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.

✠ St Vincent De Paul Society thanks the parishioners of Sacred Heart Campbells Hill, Holy Family Largs & St Columba's Paterson for the generous support of the Winter Appeal. An amount of \$8,997.00 was raised, it will go towards supporting many people struggling in our area.

✠ **PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**
Closed for a few weeks.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 28th August (St Augustine bishop, doctor)

Tues 29th August (The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 30th August
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 31st August
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 1st September (World Day of Prayer For Creation, Spring Ember Day)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 2nd September
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 3rd September
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

Social Justice Sunday

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement for 2023-24. Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues.

The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which is this Sunday 27th August. See the below link

This year's statement, **Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**, was launched in western Sydney on 17th August by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

"One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises," he said.

"We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society."

[2023-24 Social Justice Statement - Listen Learn Love - FINAL.pdf - Google Drive](#)

SAFEGUARDING : We have a great children's activity book available in the church foyers which helps our children understand that every child needs a fair go!
Please collect one.

✠ **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.

✠ **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.

✠ Fr George extends an invitation to all of you to join him on a journey to the sacred Marian shrines of Europe in March 2024. Contact the parish office for more information.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 28th August
9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11.00am-12pm Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 29th August
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 30th August
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 31st 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 1st September
7.30am Fri—8am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield