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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 8.00am.
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

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to 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 Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 16:13-20**

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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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: Father in heaven, we thank you for the faith we share and the hope You give us. As we gather with Your Son at the altar, we place our prayers before You.

Prayer leader:

For Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, all Bishops and Priests: that like Jesus they will be filled by the Spirit to build up Your Kingdom here on earth. And stand firm on the side of Truth and Justice... In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord Hear our prayer.**

For our young people receiving the Body of Christ for the first time: may they come to the Sacred Banquet with hearts ready to know the presence of their Lord and Saviour... In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord Hear our prayer.**

We ask for special Blessings on all fathers, and those who are father figures to others, we give thanks for their presence in our lives. May the hand of our loving God reach out to guide them and the Holy Spirit be always in their hearts... In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord Hear our prayer.**

As we welcome this new season of spring, we pray that all will recognise, that You are the Creator of the wonders on earth, that You have freely given us in this world. Give special graces to those who toil our land as they work long hours to provide us with the food we require. ... In Faith we pray. . . **Lord Hear our prayer.**

May the Holy Spirit give strength and faith to those who have a heavy cross to bear and reach out to those who are not well and give them the grace to know that Jesus is walking with them in life's journey. In Faith we pray. . . **Lord Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died recently, as their journey in this life has come to an end, especially Anton Bittner, Nelia Cahinhinan, Sr Mary Holz , Bob Jordan and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they be welcomed into Paradise and be at peace in the loving arms of our God.. . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord you are with us all our lives, strengthen our faith, accept our prayers and give us the confidence we need on our journey of life. We ask through Your Son Jesus 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 How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

We pray those who have died this week

Anton Bittner, Nelia Cahinhinan, Sr Mary Holz OP, Bob Jordan (Wollongong)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Raymond Francis Belcher, Richard Breiner, Ted Burgess, Andrew & Florence Collins, Andrew Ferry, Pat McGregor, Newton Potter, John Tobin, Patricia Unicomb, Pio Villaver, Remegia Villaver, Sarah Wand, George & Myra Whiteley

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeone, 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

9/10 September is decreed as the time to celebrate the **Perpetual Day of Remembrance**. 15 September marks a day of remembering the harm caused by a history of child sexual abuse and failure to protect children within the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. We will be using alternative readings and universal prayers. Resources will be provided to each community.

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Dear Heavenly Father,
On this special day, we come to you with grateful hearts for the gift of fathers. We thank you for their love, guidance, and support. Bless all fathers with strength, wisdom, and patience as they lead their families. We also remember fathers who are no longer with us and those who may find this day difficult. Amen.

✠ First Holy Communion

Please continue to pray for the children who will be receiving First Communion at St Joseph's East Maitland this weekend.

✠ **Holy Family Largs** new Sunday Mass time is 8.00am from this weekend.

✠ **140th Jubilee of the Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar.**
On Monday 4/9 the Sisters of St Joseph, are celebrating 140 years of ministry within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Please keep them in your prayers at this very significant point in their history.

✠ Fr George will be attending a Canon Law conference in Christchurch NZ from 2nd - 11th September.

✠ PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

New Bibles and books have arrived. Open after Sunday masses at St. Joseph's Church. Needing some volunteers to look after the Stall when I am away please. Everything is ticketed.

✠ 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
Date: Friday 22nd September Cost: \$80
Morning Tea and Lunch included.
Contact Vicki 0429337455 or John 0414254230 to book and for payment details

✠ Come rest a while' Reflection Day 9/9/2023

Charlestown, 10am to 3.30pm. For current and interested **Christian Initiation ministers**. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Details and registration at come-rest-2023.eventbrite.com.au

National Child Protection Week

3-9 September

This year, National Child Protection Week (NCPW) occurs across Australia from 3-9 September. The theme is:

'Where we start matters'

National Child Protection Week invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

WHAT PART CAN YOU PLAY? We can all play a part by creating stronger, happier neighborhood's. This can be achieved by talking to your neighbor's, checking in with friends, being a good role model, supporting and being kind to others rather than judging or being competitive, offering to assist others where possible and speaking up if you see something that is unsafe. It is important that we listen to, and value, what children have to say. Where possible, include their voices in decision making and be advocates for their best interest.

We can speak regularly with children about their personal safety and how they can protect themselves, as well as "tuning into" their worries, children are more likely to trust us and feel comfortable to talk to us when something big is going on.



In observance of Child Protection Week, the young people from the East Maitland Youth Group engaged in a meaningful discussion with our youth group leaders.

The conversation revolved around their safety networks and the adults they trust. Following this, the children worked together to craft an activity that will be proudly displayed during child protection week at St. Joseph's Church in East Maitland.



NATSICC 2023

Please join us for 'Table Conversations' facilitated by Jennifer Rumbel, proud Gamilaraay woman and member of the

Diocesan Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Ministry. To learn more about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. At the Therry Centre, King Street East Maitland Sunday 24/9/2023, 1.30 pm for 2pm – 4pm. Cost: Free but cash donations welcome

Contact Helen: 043 933 4000 or Yvonne: 0432 550 986.

Register at <https://thevoicechisholm.eventbrite.com.au>

RSVPs close 5pm Wednesday 20 September.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 4th September

Tues 5th September

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 6th September

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 7th September

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 8th September *(The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 9th September *(St Peter Claver, priest)*

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

Sun 10th September

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 4th September

9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Tues 5th September

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 6th September

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

Thurs 7th September

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 8th September

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield