



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

24th September, 2023

World Refugee & Migration Day

PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm
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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

Parish Priest: Fr George Anthicad

Asst Priests: Fr John Vo Vien

Fr Camillus Nwahia

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Safeguarding Promoters

Rebecca Piefke & Louise Gilchrist
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We are in the country of the Worimi,
Gamileroi, 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

I am the salvation of the people, says
the Lord. Should they cry to me in any
distress, I will hear them, and I will be
their Lord for ever.

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 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be
found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will
take pity on him, to our God who is rich
in forgiving; for my thoughts are not
your thoughts, my ways not your ways
– it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above
earth as my ways are above your
ways, my thoughts above your
thoughts.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18.

**R. The Lord is near to all who call
him.**

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

(R.)

The Lord is kind and full of
compassion, slow to anger, abounding
in love. How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

The Lord is just in all his ways and
loving in all his deeds. He is close to
all who call him, who call on him from
their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body,
whether by my life or by my death. Life
to me, of course, is Christ, but then
death would bring me something more;
but then again, if living in this body
means doing work which is having
good results – I do not know what I
should choose. I am caught in this
dilemma: I want to be gone and be with
Christ, which would be very much the
better, but for me to stay alive in this
body is a more urgent need for your
sake. Avoid anything in your everyday
lives that would be unworthy of the
gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The
kingdom of heaven is like a landowner
going out at daybreak to hire workers
for his vineyard. He made an
agreement with the workers for one
denarius a day, and sent them to his
vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the
market place and said to them, "You
go to my vineyard too and I will give
you a fair wage." So they went. At
about the sixth hour and again at about
the ninth hour, he went out and did the
same. Then at about the eleventh
hour he went out and found more men
standing round, and he said to them,
"Why have you been standing here idle
all day?" "Because no one has hired
us" they answered. He said to them,
"You go into my vineyard too." In the
evening, the owner of the vineyard said
to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay
them their wages, starting with the last
arrivals and ending with the first." So
those who were hired at about the

eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

**The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

No Salvation outside the Church?

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace could *not* be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of *all* the world.

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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 Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: Let us seek the Lord our God who is forever with us, and ask Him to open our minds, and enlarge our hearts to think and act more like Him.

Prayer leader

God of mercy come to the aid of Pope Francis, Bishop Michael and our Priests, that their lives and work be a sign to the world of Your love and compassion. We pray in Your mercy Lord . . . **Hear our prayer**

For all Christian people that they may be true and faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard. We pray in Your mercy Lord . . . **Hear our prayer.**

May the Holy Spirit shine brightly on our Bishops who will be working at the first Roman sessions of the Synod on Synodality discerning the future of our Church. . . . We pray in Your mercy Lord . . . **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our world and the Environment that God has created for us; may we always be thankful and show our care and love for His Creations, and know that He is walking with us at all times. We pray in Your mercy Lord . . . **Hear our prayer.**

For Refugees and Migrants to our country, help us to be welcoming people as Jesus was, embracing those who are in need of a new homeland. We pray in Your mercy Lord . . . **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are unable, because of ill health, to share with us this Holy meal: that the Spirit may move among all God's Christians to unite them around the Lord's Table. . . . We pray in Your mercy Lord. . . **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have died recently, as their journey on this life has come to an end Shirley Bannister, Patricia Higgins, Patricia May Gribble, Jack Winter, Paul Woseen 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. We pray in Your mercy Lord. . . **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord, open our minds and enlarge our hearts so we may think more like in all ways, showing Your goodness to others in our lives. 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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

We pray those who have died this week

Shirley Bannister, Patricia May Gribble, Patricia Higgins, Jack Winter, Paul Woseen

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Lindsay Bignell, Iris Briggs, Tegan Christianson, Barry George Cottier, Megan Hamilton, Reginald Leo Hughes, Joan Mary Jordan, Jack Lane, Kevin Newson, Hugh Styles, Therese Thomas, Alan Turnbull, Barry Whyte

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, Luke Crotty, Nickolee Dennis, Oneli Disaaynayake, Alfredo Doctor, John Fielding, Yvonne Mary Fielding, Dianne Fryer, Rev Fr Joseph Selvan Fifarado, Annette & Pete Flood, 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, Carlo Panlilio, 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 who will be Baptised

Yasmine Caruana, Lachlan Craft, Maddison Craft, Zahli Geoffrey, Noah McConney, Tahlia Malgioglio, Grace Meinhardt, Patrick Meinhardt, Archie Nunn, Phoebe Nunn, Audrey Pedler, Noah Summerville, Mia Ujkanovic, Melia Ulrick, Miles Weyer, Oliver Woodyatt

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Join us for our **2nd Annual Pet Blessing**
 Tuesday 17th October at 4.30pm at St Joseph's
 East Maitland

We invite you to a special Pet Blessing Ceremony to celebrate the furry, feathered, and finned members of our families. Bring your beloved pets, big or small, and join us for a meaningful blessing.

This event is an opportunity to:

- Receive a blessing for your pet
- Share stories and fellowship with other pet owners
- Celebrate the bond between humans and animals

We look forward to seeing you and your cherished companions at this heartwarming event.

All are welcome!

To ensure the safety and comfort of all attendees please remember to keep your pets restrained with leashes, carriers or other appropriate means.

For anyone involved in Altar Serving

You're Invited to **Our Altar Server Thank You BBQ!**
 We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your dedicated service to your parish.

To celebrate your contributions, we invite you to a special Altar Server Thank You BBQ!

PLEASE SEE THE CHANGE OF TIME

Date: Wednesday 27th September

Time: 1.00pm, St Joseph's Church, East Maitland

BYO - Picnic Rug or Chair

Please RSVP by MONDAY to ensure we have enough food and drinks for everyone.

rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au or **0249338918**

Let Bec know if you have any dietary requirements.

Immaculate Conception Morpeth Community invite all priests, sisters and parishioners, past and present, to join them in celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Blessing and opening of the Church in Morpeth. Celebrations will commence with Mass at 11am on Sunday 8th October followed by a BYO picnic lunch in the grounds of the church.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 26th September (*St Cosmas and Damien, martyrs*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 27th September (*St Vincent de Paul, priest*)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 28th September (*St Wenceslaus, martyr, St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, martyrs*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 29th September (*Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 30th September (*St Jerome, priest, doctor*)

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

Sun 1st October

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

The Youth Groups at East Maitland & Largs are having a rest during school holidays but we will be enjoying two lovely Masses on Tuesday 26/9 and 3/10 at 5.30pm at East Maitland where some of the youth will be receiving their sacraments. You are most welcome to come along.



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 about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

Therry Centre, King Street East Maitland

THIS SUNDAY, 1.30 pm for 2pm – 4pm.

Cost: Free but cash donations welcome.

If you haven't registered and wish to attend please just come along—everyone is welcome.

PARISH VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Saturday 7th October 2023, at Club Singleton

William Street Singleton FROM 9.30am – 12.30pm

The Office of Safeguarding is providing **training Course 2: Safeguarding** in Singleton. This training forms part of the Diocese's mandatory training regime and is specifically designed to support parish workers. To register contact the parish office 49338918, the Office of Safeguarding on 49791390 or email: osgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au

**Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals
 Morocco/Libya**

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco & floods in Libya. Communities need shelter, food water and medical assistance. Please support **Caritas Australia's emergency appeals**. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

New Bibles and books have arrived.

Open after Sunday Masses at St. Joseph's Church.

We need some help to assist with the Piety Stall.

Contact the parish office and leave your details.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
 ON MON 2ND AND TUES 3RD OCTOBER.**

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 25th September

9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Tues 26th September

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 27th September

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

Thurs 28th September

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary

Both at St Joseph's East Maitland

Fri 29th September

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield