

**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 8.00am.**

**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

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**Safeguarding Promoters**

Rebecca Piefke & Louise Gilchrist  
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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**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**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** *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6*

**(R.) Remember your mercies,  
O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 2:1-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Gospel** *Matthew 21:28-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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

### **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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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 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:** We pray with confidence in God, that our prayers will be heard with the love and mercy that He has for each of us.

**Prayer leader:**

For the leaders of our Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Michael and our Priests, may they have the courage to faithfully live and proclaim the Gospel. . . We pray **Lord hear our prayer**

Come Holy Spirit and rest upon those who are working at the first Roman sessions of the Synod on Synodality, as they discern the future of our Church. . . We pray **Lord hear our prayer**

For our Nation that we be open to the Holy Spirit, to guide us as we prepare to vote in the referendum on an indigenous Voice to parliament. . . . We pray **Lord hear our prayer**.

For those who work on this great land of ours, we pray their hours of toil are rewarded with the abundance of more rain to water the earth to replenish their crops. . . . We pray **Lord hear our prayer**

For those who are suffering from injury or illness especially those close to us. . . . We pray **Lord hear our prayer**

For those who have died Patricia Ayrton, James (Jim) Bailey, Teodula (Judith) Beetham, Adam Dennis and Max Miller. May Christ bring them to eternal life at the heavenly banquet in His presence. . . . We pray **Lord hear our prayer**.

**Celebrant:** Holy God and Father, we are the people who have listened to your precious Word. We believe that you hear our prayers, as we ask through your Son, 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** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

Patricia Ayrton, James (Jim) Bailey, Teodula (Judith) Beetham, Adam Dennis, Max Miller

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

Barbie Bourke, Michael William Brennan, Mavis Patricia Burley, Kathleen Grant, Loreta Lastimosa,  
Patricia McBlane, Lorenzo Minoza

***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, 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***

Sebastian Peter Dolman, Tess Amelia Dunn, Hugh John Dunn, Alexis Hope Irwin, Savannah Jade Irwin,  
Peyton Cora McKimm, Davis Cohen McKimm, Amelia Enelisia Moore, Georgia Power Stauffer

***We pray for those who will be Married this week***

Bianca O'Neill & Todd Fisher

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website : <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>

Join us for our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pet Blessing**  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.



*Holy Family Largs extends heartfelt congratulations to*

*Kevin and Gail Riley who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 29th September*

## 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 6 October  
 All welcome.

## **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](http://www.caritas.org.au)**

**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 3rd October

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Wed 4th October (St Francis of Assisi)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

### Thurs 5th October (St Faustina Kowalska, virgin)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

### Fri 6th October (St Bruno Priest)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Sat 7th October (Our Lady of the Rosary)

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

### Sun 8th October

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

## EAST MAITLAND PARISH DINNER.

The East Maitland Parish Dinner is to be held on the evening of Friday 20 October - 6 for 6.30 pm - in the Therry Centre. Parishioners planning to attend are asked to

## SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is being audited against its compliance with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. As our parishes are a part of this audit it may be of interest for you to view this electronic recording of a 15 minute presentation. It will inform you about the audit process. Here is the link [National Catholic Safeguarding Standards Audit - YouTube](#)

## PARISH VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The ACSL audit team will ask to view the parish Volunteer Register to ensure that volunteers are compliant with their Safeguarding training, Working with Children Checks and National Police Checks so please register to attend one of these training sessions if you haven't already done so.

**Face-to-face:** Saturday 7th October at Club Singleton  
 9.30am – 12.30pm. To register  
 phone 49791390 or email: [oosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:oosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au)

**Online Sessions:** Tuesday October 10 – 1.30pm to 4.30pm or  
 Thursday October 12 – 5.30pm to 8.30pm

Here is the link to register: [Course 2 in Parishes - Safeguarding Training \(office.com\)](#) or if you wish to come to our offices to participate please contact us on 49338918 or [Chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:Chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au) we will be facilitating the online sessions for both those dates so you are not required to have ZOOM facilities.

## PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

New Bibles and books have arrived.  
 Open after Sunday Masses at St. Joseph's Church.

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

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

### Mon 2nd October

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

### Tues 3rd October

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

### Wed 4th October

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

### Thurs 5th October

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary  
 Both at St Joseph's East Maitland

### Fri 6th October

7.30am Fri—8am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM  
 9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield