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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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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**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**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 25:6-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6**

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

**Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**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! Alleluia!**

## **Gospel** *Matthew 22:1-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

### **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.

## **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

### **Wedding Garments at Baptisms!**

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

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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.

## **UNIVERSAL PRAYERS**

**Celebrant:** My friends, through the words of the Gospel, God is inviting us to join Him in the Banquet of His love and life. With confidence let us place our prayer before Him.

### **Prayer leader**

For Pope Francis, Bishop Michael and all Bishops and Priests who lead us in this life showing us of the love that you have for all Your children. . . We pray. . **Lord hear us.**

For the leaders of the Nations to listen to the Holy Spirit, by coming together with wisdom and strength, to resolve the differences between Israel and Palestine bringing peace and love to the people . . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

At Baptism we received our own wedding garment for God. We ask for the grace to decide daily, to put this garment on and keep it spotless. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

For the HSC students who are sitting for exams, that the Holy Spirit inspires them, giving them the courage and strength they need to answer the questions put before them. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

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 us.**

For our friends and relatives who are not able to attend Eucharist with us: may they feel by the prayers we pray for them this day, the loving presence of Jesus in their hearts. We pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

We pray for those who have died recently, as their journey in this life has come to an end especially Julie Caban, Doreen Duncan, Sr. Ann Gallagher, Moira Hanley, Carmel Hawke, Mavis Hoadley, Kevin Neville, Elaine Schumacher 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. . . **Lord hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Loving Father, spread our wedding garment over us to protect us, and show us the love and care You have for all Your children, we ask this through Jesus 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** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

Julie Caban, Doreen Duncan, Sr. Ann Gallagher rsj, Moira Hanley, Carmel Therese Hawke,  
Mavis Shirley Hoadley, Kevin Patrick (Kev) Neville, Elaine Patricia (Pat) Schumacher

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

Margaret Allen, Daniel James Brennan, Garry Michael Brennan, Kathleen Hughes, Maude Florence Jordan,  
Dan McCarthy (Jnr), Michael Patrick O'Brien, Trevor Wilson

***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 Harnes, 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***

Frankie Jane Maree Allomes, Colt Edmund Bradley, Mason James Chapman, William Oliver Chapman,  
Oliver Anthony Fitzgibbon, Harrison Christopher Hopwood, Laura Kate Hopwood, Isaac Phillip  
Christopher Kent, Ashlynn Danielle McKechnie

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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. **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.

### Regional Anointing Mass

St Joseph's, East Maitland Church (not Therry Centre)  
 This Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

Disabled access available from the King St side entrance.

**All welcome**

**NOTE: the 7am Mass time has been changed to 10am**

We cordially invite youth, families, and those interested to talk and share about the Scripture. Join us weekly during school term for the Bible Sharing. Commencing Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7:00 pm, at Therry Centre. Rsvp. Sr. Paula 0449 656 406

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL WHO HAVE DIED** a Regional Prayer Liturgy will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at East Maitland Church** commencing at 6pm. The liturgy will include a small candle ritual and an opportunity to place a memorial card in honour of loved ones. A Candle of remembrance will also be lit in honour of those who passed away during the COVID years. The ministry team warmly encourage everyone to come and support our grieving community. In doing so, those who mourn will experience the living sign of the comforting, compassionate Christ among them. The book of remembrance will be available after the liturgy to record the names of deceased loved ones.

There will be Rosary said for the commemoration of all departed souls on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at East Maitland cemetery at 10.30am. All welcome.

Rosaries for other communities will be in next week's bulletin.

### PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

New Bibles and books have arrived.

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

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Mon 16th October** (St Hedwig, religious, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin)

**Tues 17th October** (St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr)  
 5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wed 18th October** (St Luke, evangelist)  
 7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 19th October** (Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests, & companions, martyrs, St Paul of the Cross, priest)  
 7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
 6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

**Fri 20th October**  
 10.00am Anointing Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sat 21st October**  
 8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sun 22nd 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 this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 6 for 6.30 pm - in the Therry Centre.

Parishioners planning to attend are asked to confirm their attendance on the notice board list this weekend.

### 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](#)

We are blessed to hold many baptisms throughout our mass centres each year. This represents an opportunity for our community to outreach to these families as they seek the first sacrament of initiation for their children. With this in mind, we are looking to form a Baptism Preparation Team to walk with families in formation and preparation for baptism. If you are interested in being a part of shaping this exciting new team please contact Amber Carter at [amber.carter@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amber.carter@mn.catholic.edu.au)

The Diocese of Maitland/Newcastle Catholic Women's League will be holding their annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at St. Joseph's Church East Maitland at 11am followed by lunch at the Hunter River Hotel at 12.30. Lunch is \$40 and numbers are limited for the lunch due to the size of the room. Names and money to be in by 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Colleen Phone 0400383950 or Anne 49335612. Or any member of CWL.

### Dive Deep Retreat Day - With the Missionaries of God's love sisters

Explore the depths of your faith with 3 Inspiring Talks

- Diving into God's Love
- Diving into Prayer
- Diving into Grace

Date: Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - 2:30pm,

Therry Centre, East Maitland, BYO Lunch

RSVP by Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct ph: 02 49338918 or

[rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au),

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 16th October**  
 9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 11.00am-12pm Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Tues 17th October**  
 9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
 St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wed 18th October**  
 9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's,  
 East Maitland

**Thurs 19th 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 20th October**  
 7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM  
 9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield