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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

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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

To you I call; for you will surely heed  
me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear  
my words. Guard me as the apple of  
your eye; in the shadow of your wings  
protect me.

### 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 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue  
nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to  
Cyrus, whom he has taken by his  
right hand to subdue nations before  
him  
and strip the loins of kings, to force  
gateways before him that their gates  
be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant  
Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your  
name,  
conferring a title though you do  
not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I  
arm you  
that men may know from the  
rising to the setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

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

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10.  
R. v.7

**(R.) Give the Lord glory and  
honour.**

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to  
the Lord all the earth. Tell among the  
nations his glory and his wonders  
among all the peoples. (R.)

The Lord is great and worthy of  
praise, to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the  
heavens. (R.)

Give the Lord, you families of  
peoples, give the Lord glory and  
power, give the Lord the glory of his  
name. Bring an offering and enter his  
courts. (R.)

Worship the Lord in his temple. O  
earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to  
the nations: 'God is king.' He will  
judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Philippians

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to  
the Church in Thessalonika which is  
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ; wishing you grace and peace  
from God the Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our  
prayers and thank God for you all,  
and constantly remember before God  
our Father how you have shown your  
faith in action, worked for love and  
persevered through hope, in our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves  
you and that you have been chosen,  
because when we brought the Good  
News to you, it came to you not only  
as words, but as power and as the  
Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

## 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

### Whose Image and Likeness?

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. *They* are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, *and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.*' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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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:** Brothers and Sisters, as we stand before our God let us not be afraid to be counted in a world that often ignores the values of Christ.

### Prayer Leader

For all our Church leaders: that they may not be afraid to speak out, and so provide a voice for truth and justice in the world. . . Lord, graciously hear us. . . **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

For Peace in every nation of the Middle East and every country at war. May the love of the Holy Spirit banish the violence and terrorism on innocent victims. . . Lord, graciously hear us. . .

**Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

That people of faith will be good neighbours to the innocent victims of war and violence. . . .  
Lord, graciously hear us. . . **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

That people and nations open their hearts to the grace of forgiveness. . . . Lord, graciously hear us. . .  
**Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

For all Missionaries throughout the World: May they always find the wisdom and strength to continue the  
work of our faith in the Vineyard of our God. . . . Lord, graciously hear us. . . **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

We pray for those who are unable because of ill health, to share with us this Holy meal. . .  
Lord, graciously hear us. . . **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

For those who have returned to their heavenly home recently especially Moira Hanley and those whose  
anniversaries occur at this time. . . . Lord graciously hear us. . . **Lord Hear Our Prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Lord grant us the graces of Your guidance and protection, in all our doubts and sorrows.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**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 Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

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

Moira Hanley

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

Lawrence Buxton, Leigh Carter, Br. Edward Collins, Louise (Prouse) Considine, Mieczyslaw Grabski,  
Carmel Hawke, Annie & Leo Lantry, Jeanne Macpherson, Marcelina Manalo, Constantino Marquez,  
Evelyn Marquez, Rita Marquez, John Nancarrow, Mary Dorothy Redgrove, Crisanta Regudo, Ruel Regudo,  
Simeon Regudo, Margaret Robin, Ian John Searston

***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, Timothy Clifton, 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, Gregory Hurney, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson,  
Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Jaime Marquez, Simeon (Jaime) Marquez, Nonette Mase, Judy Massey,  
Mharielle Munoz, 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***

Alex Charles Jenkins, Neve Pauline Jenkins, Claire Vivian Westcott

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

Alex Cucinotta & Anthony Musolino

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## NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME WHERE WE REMEMBER OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

- ✦ **Regional Prayer Liturgy** will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at East Maitland Church** at 6pm. The liturgy will include a 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. You are encouraged to come and support our grieving community.
- ✦ **Rosary at Campbell's Hill Cemetery** near the Celtic cross will be held **Thursday 2nd** at 5.30pm
- ✦ **Rosary at East Maitland Cemetery** will be held on **Sunday 5th** at 10.30am
- ✦ **Mass will be held at the Morpeth Cemetery** on **Monday 13th** at 6pm
- ✦ **Liturgy at Paterson Cemetery** will be held on **Wednesday 15th** at 6pm
- ✦ **Lochinvar** **Wednesday 15th** 6.30pm. Meet at cemetery grotto gates then to proceed to church for a liturgy.
- ✦ **NOTE: For all outdoor rosary, liturgy & Masses please BYO chair and if it is bad weather these will be held at the parish church (Campbell's Hill to move to Rutherford) You will find November Mass offering envelopes in your porches**

**St Vincent de Paul Fundraiser.** Instead of a Sleepout this year, a "Boots and Ballgowns" event is being held next Saturday 28th October from 5pm - 9 pm at the Maitland Showgrounds. The event will feature good food and entertainment for the whole family. Prizes for best dressed in clothes purchased from Vinnies Shops. A Family Ticket for 2 adults and 2 children is \$70, which includes a meal. Single tickets \$30 adults, \$20 children including a meal. Funds raised will assist the most vulnerable in our local community.

### 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 4th, 10:00am - 2:30pm,  
 Therry Centre, East Maitland, BYO Lunch  
 RSVP by Saturday 28th Oct ph: 02 49338918 or  
[rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au),  
 Donations appreciated.

There will be no Syro-Malabar Mass at Morpeth on Thursday 19th or 26th October.

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

- Mon 23rd October** (St John of Capistrano, priest)
- Tues 24th October** (St Anthony Claret, bishop)  
**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Wed 25th October**  
**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs
- Thurs 26th October**  
**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
- Fri 27th October**  
**10.00am** Anointing Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Sat 28th October** (Sts Simon & Jude, apostles)  
**8.00am** Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

- Sun 29th October**  
**9.00am** Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)



**Freecall: 1800 257 296**  
[catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

**The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Veniale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

We cordially invite youth, families, and those interested to talk and share about the Scripture—Bible sharing. Held weekly during school term. Commencing Friday, 27th October 2023 at 7:00 pm, at Therry Centre.  
 Rsvp. Sr. Paula 0449 656 406

**The Diocese of Maitland/Newcastle Catholic Women's League's** annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at St. Joseph's 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. Names and money to be in by 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Colleen 0400383950 or Anne 49335612. Or any member of CWL.

## 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](#)

**HELP NEEDED:** We are looking to form a **Baptism Preparation Team** to walk with families in formation and preparation for baptism. If you are interested please contact Amber Carter at [amber.carter@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amber.carter@mn.catholic.edu.au) NOTE: a working with children check number will be required.

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

- Mon 23rd October**  
**9.30am-11.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**11.00am-12pm** Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Tues 24th October**  
**9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Wed 25th October**  
**9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Thurs 26th 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 27th October**  
**7.30am** Adoration, St Joseph's, EM  
**9.30am** Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield