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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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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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord
rejoice; turn to the Lord and his
strength; constantly seek his face.

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 Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan,
my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons
of Israel this, "You must not molest the
stranger or oppress him, for you lived
as strangers in the land of Egypt. You
must not be harsh with the widow, or
with the orphan; if you are harsh with
them, they will surely cry out to me,
and be sure I shall hear their cry; my
anger will flare and I shall kill you with
the sword, your own wives will be
widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my
people, to any poor man among you,
you must not play the usurer with him:
you must not demand interest from
him.

"If you take another's cloak as a
pledge, you must give it back to him
before sunset. It is all the covering he
has; it is the cloak he wraps his body
in; what else would he sleep in? If he
cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of
pity."

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock,
my fortress, my saviour. My God is the
rock where I take refuge; my shield,
my mighty help, my stronghold. The
Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call
I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised
be the God who saves me. He has
given great victories to his king and
shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians

*You turned away from idols to serve God and
await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived
when we were with you, which was for
your instruction, and you were led to
become imitators of us, and of the
Lord; and it was with the joy of the
Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel,
in spite of the great opposition all
round you. This has made you the
great example to all believers in
Macedonia and Achaia since it was
from you that the word of the Lord
started to spread – and not only
throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for
the news of your faith in God has
spread everywhere. We do not need
to tell other people about it: other
people tell us how we started the work
among you, how you broke with
idolatry when you were converted to
God and became servants of the real,
living God; and how you are now
waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he
raised from the dead, to come from
heaven to save us from the retribution
which is coming.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

True Perspectives

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the *Lord* your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love *the Lord* your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as *yourself*.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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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: God our Father, we give praise to Your Holy name, through Jesus Your Son, You taught us to love You and our neighbour. We come before You with the confidence of that love in our hearts, as we pray for the needs of the Church and our people in the world.

Prayer Leader

We pray for Bishop Michael, Priests and Deacons of our Diocese that they be given the strength and wisdom to spread the words of the Gospels to all those whom they care for. We pray in faith. . . . **Lord hear us.**

We pray for all those across the world who are enduring the hardships of war and conflicts. May peace find a place in their hearts, and may they be touched by God's love and light. . . . We pray in faith. . . . **Lord hear us.**

For all in our communities, that we hear the words of the Gospel 'to love God and our neighbour' with the same love our Father has for us, so we make our world a better place. We pray in faith. **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 in faith. **Lord hear us.**

For all who are sitting for exams at this time: may they be enlightened with the knowledge they need to complete their final exams.We pray in faith. **Lord hear us.**

May the Loving Jesus shine his love on those who are not well, and are unable to be with us at this Eucharist. We pray in faith. **Lord hear us.**

Many friends and relatives have gone before us especially Wieslaw Ozga and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray to the Saints already in Heaven that they welcome all Holy Souls into the Kingdom of our loving Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray in faith. **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant: Father hear the prayers we put before You. We ask this through Jesus Your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

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 : We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

We pray those who have died this week

Wieslaw Ozga

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Mary Alice Ernst, Frank Heagney, Daniel McCarthy (Snr), Bill McFadyen, John O'Brien, Johnson Smith, Larraine Smith, Mary Smith, Dennis Trappel, Glen Trappel, Joyce Trappel, Lindsay Trappel, Madeline Wills

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, Barbara Filas, Annette & Pete Flood, Leanne Hardy, Colin Harmes, Penny Heagney, 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

Evelyn Mahala Davies, Mahalia Rose Davies, Sianna Sandra Fang, Pippa Louise Fordham, Amelia Elizabeth Kingsford, Finn Noah Reynolds

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NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME WHERE WE REMEMBER OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

- ✠ **Regional Prayer Liturgy** will be held on **Thursday 2nd 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**

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
ACTiv8 Youth Adoration held from 7-8pm
Reflection led by visiting MGL Sisters
Next Date: Friday 3 November
All welcome.

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

Explore the depths of your faith with 3 Inspiring Talks
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,
Donations appreciated.

A big thank you goes out to the organisers of the Cultural Community dinner held at the Therry Centre East Maitland last Friday night. It was a great success where a fabulous variety of food from many countries of the world were enjoyed. Our clergy dressing in their cultural outfits for the night too. We raised \$585.75 from the raffle which was also held on the night and thanks goes out to everyone who contributed gifts.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 30th October
Tues 31st October
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Wed 1st November (*All Saints*)
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
Thurs 2nd November (*All Souls*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
Fri 3rd November (*St Martin de Porres, religious*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Sat 4th November (*St Charles Borromeo, bishop*)
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Sun 5th November
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)



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Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

We have been advised that there is a text going around purporting to be from Fr George. It is asking for help with purchasing Amazon Gift Cards. This is not something that Fr George or any other clergy in our Diocese would do. Please do not respond to this text, delete the text, block the number and report it.

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 9th November at St. Joseph's East Maitland at 11am followed by lunch at the Hunter River Hotel at 12.30. Further enquiries Colleen 0400383950 or Anne 49335612. Or any member of CWL.

PARISH VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

If you are a Volunteer in our parishes please ensure that you have completed Course 2 in Parishes – Safeguarding Training. There is one last on-line session available which will be on **THIS THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER** commencing at 4.30pm. Please register through the parish office by Noon Wednesday by either calling or emailing - chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au. The Parish office is also able to host a viewing of the training on that day. When you register just let us know if you would like to attend at the office.

Fr George extends an invitation to all of you to join him on a journey to the sacred Marian shrines of Europe in March 2024. Contact the parish office for more information.

Happy Birthday Fr Maurie, may God bless your special day and all the days to follow with joy, peace and happiness.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 30th October
9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11.00am-12pm Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Tues 31st October
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Wed 1st November
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's, East Maitland
Thurs 2nd November
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary Both at St Joseph's East Maitland
Fri 3rd November
7.30am Fri—8am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield