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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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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

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me! Make haste and
come to my help, O Lord, my strong
salvation!

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 *Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10*

A reading from the prophet Malachi

*You have strayed from the way, you have
caused many to stumble by your teaching.*

I am a great king, says the Lord of
hosts, and my name is feared
throughout the nations. And now,
priests, this warning is for you. If you
do not listen, if you do not find it in
your heart to glorify my name, says
the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse
on you and curse your very blessing.
You have strayed from the way; you
have caused many to stumble by your
teaching. You have destroyed the
covenant of Levi, says the Lord of
hosts. And so I in my turn have made
you contemptible and vile in the eyes
of the whole people in repayment for
the way you have not kept to my paths
but have shown partiality in your
administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not
one God create us? Why, then, do we
break faith with one another, profaning
the covenant of our ancestors?

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 130*

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my
peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes I have not gone
after things too great nor marvels
beyond me. **(R.)**

Truly I have set my soul in silence
and peace. A weaned child on its
mother's breast, even so is my soul.
(R.)

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now
and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Thessalonians

*We were eager to hand over to you not only
the Good News but our lives as well.*

Like a mother feeding and looking
after her own children, we felt so
devoted and protective towards you,
and had come to love you so much,
that we were eager to hand over to
you not only the Good News but our
whole lives as well. Let me remind
you, brothers, how hard we used to
work, slaving night and day so as not
to be a burden on any one of you
while we were proclaiming God's
Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly
thank God for you is that as soon as
you heard the message that we
brought you as God's message, you
accepted it for what it really is, God's
message and not some human
thinking; and it is still a living power
among you who believe it.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

You have one Father, your Father in
heaven; you have one teacher: the
Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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 Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a lesson on leadership. The gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practising what they preach – a rather familiar criticism often levelled at politicians, teachers and church leaders in our own society today. When the criticism is used today it often implies that if the person fails to practise what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. But rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say – as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition – but not to follow their example of behaviour.

Throughout Matthew's gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual. The community for whom Matthew's gospel was intended was struggling with being both Jewish and Christian. They were coming to realise that to be followers of Jesus' way they needed to cast aside some of the attitudes and behaviours of their Jewish tradition. That applied particularly to the model of leadership that they had inherited from Jesus: a model of leadership through service, not power and authority. This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead. © Greg Sunter

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters, through the Holy Spirit, we place our prayers, before our God, knowing that He listens to anyone who calls on him.

Prayer leader

We pray for all religious leaders, Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, all Bishops and all priests in our Dioceses as they strive to express in their own lives the qualities of leadership that St Paul talks of. . . . We Pray. . .

Lord hear our prayer.

For the people who are in the midst of war and unsettlement: May the Holy Spirit give them strength and courage and enlighten the Nation's leaders to end all violence. . . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the young people who are learning of the words of Jesus in their lives: may they show others what it means to be true Christians. . . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the abundance of water on all parts of our dry earth, especially where there are bush fires burning. . . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

That those who are unable to attend the Holy Eucharist, find peace in their hearts until they are able to celebrate with us in the true presence of Christ. We Pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

May those who have died recently especially Joan Jackson, Jean Murray and Frederick Turner and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, be welcomed into the arms of Jesus in our heavenly home . . . We pray. **Lord hear our prayer**

Celebrant: Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and practice in our lives. We make this prayer 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 will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

We pray those who have died this week

Joan Ann Jackson, Jean Murray, Frederick John Turner

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Judith & Colin Garbutt, Edward Grzegorzczuk, Waleria Grzegorzczuk, Jessie Hill, Veronica Kearney,
David Killen, Maria Laznik, Mollie Linich, Harry McNamara, Rosa Paguio-Prevendido,
Priscilla Prevendido-Fabian, Monica Bernadette Reinhard, Susan Schneider, John Szczudluk,
Paul & Maria Szczudluk, Edna Small, Lorna Sykes, Alonzo & Gladys Warren, Kathy June Zysek,
Stanislaw & Anna Zysek

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 Harnes, 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

Mia Elva Gleeson, Violet Louise Gleeson, Luca Ches Hayes, Stella Grace Stewart, Archie Mark Wilson,
Shelby Jennifer Wilson

We pray for those who will be Married this week

Anthony Duggan & Katherine Chetcuti

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NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME WHERE WE REMEMBER OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

- ✠ **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 at 6.30pm. Meet at the cemetery grotto then proceed to the church for Mass.
- ✠ **NOTE: For all outdoor rosary, liturgy & Masses please BYO chair and if it is bad weather these will be held at the parish church. You will find November Mass offering envelopes in your porches**

BISHOP'S VISITATION SCHEDULE - 2023

MAITLAND PARISHES OF THE CHISHOLM PASTORAL REGION

DAY/DATE	TIME OF MASS
Saturday 18/11	5pm East Maitland
Sunday 19/11	7.15am Morpeth
	8.30am East Maitland
Saturday 25/11	6pm Beresfield
Sunday 26/11	8am Rutherford
	9.30am Lochinvar
Saturday 2/12	6.30pm Campbell's Hill @ Rutherford
Sunday 3/12	8am Largs
	9.30am Paterson
	6pm East Maitland

Regional Anointing Mass

St Joseph's, East Maitland Church (not Therry Centre)
 Friday **17th November** at 10am.
 Disabled access available from the King St side entrance.
All welcome
NOTE: the 7am Mass time has been changed to 10am

Special Thanks to the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters

We extend our gratitude to the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters for their inspiring presence in our region over the past week. They graciously dedicated their time to our schools, youth groups, reflection at the Youth Adoration, and facilitated a wonderful retreat day. Their presence was a blessing to all those they met, and their commitment to our community is greatly appreciated. Thank you for sharing your time and wisdom with us."

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 6th November

Tues 7th November

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 8th November

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 9th November (*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 10th November (*St Leo the Great, pope, doctor*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 11th November (*St Martin of Tours, bishop*)

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

Sun 12th November

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

Sacraments of Initiation 2024

If you would like your child to make their Sacraments next year please attend one of the following sessions.

Tuesday 6pm on 5th December at St Paul's Church Rutherford OR

Wednesday 6pm on 6th December at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland, OR

Thursday 6pm on 7th December at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Beresfield.

For further information please take a parent letter from your church foyer, check the school 'compass' or email

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All Saints' College Renewal of Vision and Mission Statements

We invite you to take this opportunity to assist us in the renewal of the Vision & Mission statements of All Saints' College. As members of our Parish and broader communities, we value your collective wisdom and ongoing support. Representatives of the College will provide further details at the various Mass locations over the weekend, or the survey can be completed electronically via the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/rCwjap0CL7> or by scanning the QR Code



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 NOTE: a working with children check number will be required.

As the COVID restrictions have changes we will go back to using the old **Confessional** at St Joseph's East Maitland.

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

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.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 6th November

9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Tues 7th November

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

Wed 8th November

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

Thurs 9th 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 10th November

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM Funeral

9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield