



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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### Support Clergy

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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

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### 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 *Wisdom 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*  
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go,  
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

**(R.)** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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

### Gospel Acclamation:

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

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

## Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

**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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times. © Dianne Bergant CSA

**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.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

**Celebrant:** The words of the Gospel tell us that Christ will come again, to keep our hearts alive with love and be ready. It is with trust we place our prayers before our God.

## **Prayer leader**

Look kindly on our leaders: Pope Francis, our Bishop Michael, our Priests and Religious who continue to spread Your Word to the people in Your vineyard. . . Lord God, . . . **Graciously hear us.**

May the Holy Spirit reach out to the Middle Eastern countries where people are suffering from the invasions of war: bring Peace and Love among Nations. . . Lord God, . . . **Graciously hear us.**

For those in the Vineyard of God, whose faith light has grown dim: Lord rekindle in them the fire of Your love. . . Lord God, . . . **Graciously hear us.**

We pray that our dry land will be replenished with more rain and relieve the drought conditions. . Lord God, . . . **Graciously hear us.**

For those in our communities who are not able to be present with us at Eucharist: we ask for special blessings. . Lord God, . . . **Graciously hear us.**

In this month of the Holy Souls we pray for all those who have returned to our Heavenly home especially those whom have left us recently including Darren Farrelly. . . Lord God, . . . **Graciously hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Grant, Lord, we pray, that as our faith is built on the Risen Christ, so to may our hope be steadfast, as we await the resurrection of your servants from the dead. We make our prayer through Jesus 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 :** The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

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

Darren Joseph Farrelly (Faz)

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

Gerard Brennan, Jane Mary Edmonds, John Edmonds, Johnnie Edmonds, Joseph Edmonds, Margaret Edmonds, Sr Loretto Grehan RSM, Mary Lannen, Patrick Joseph O'Brien, Carmel Rawlings, John Tobin, Most Rev. William Wright

### ***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, James Edwards, 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, Marielle 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***

Harry Alexander Armstrong, Eli Dillon Redding-Hinton, Jethro Arthur Whippis

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

- ✠ 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**

### Regional Anointing Mass

St Joseph's, East Maitland Church (not Therry Centre) this 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**

### ACTiv8 Youth Family Disco

Everyone come along to the *all age family disco* on Friday 17th November at 7pm  
Therry Centre East Maitland

### State School Kids' Mass

Parents, grandparents and children, come and celebrate the State Schools Kids' Mass at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland.  
Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at 5.30pm.  
Stay afterwards for a party and games.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> December at St Paul's Church Rutherford OR

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

Thursday 6pm on 7<sup>th</sup> 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 [SOlchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:SOlchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

#### Mon 13th November

#### Tues 14th November

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### Wed 15th November (St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

#### Thurs 16th November (St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude, virgin)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

#### Fri 17th November (St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious)

10.00am Anointing Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### Sat 18th November (Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, apostles)

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

#### Sun 19th November

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

### 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

**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.

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, In the prayer room at St Joseph's East Maitland.  
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

**ENVELOPES** for the Holy Souls are available in church porches or in your planned giving box. Please place them on the plate so they can be distributed to our clergy. These envelopes will be then returned to your community and placed in a basket at the foot of the altar.  
Please **DO NOT** place any envelopes directly into these baskets.

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

Piety Stall will now be open after Saturday evening Mass as well as both Sunday Masses

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

#### Mon 13th November

9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

#### Tues 14th November

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

#### Wed 15th November

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

#### Thurs 16th 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 17th November

7.30am

Adoration, St Joseph's, EM Funeral

9.30am

Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield