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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

Asst Priests: Fr John Vo Vien

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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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Gloria

Glorify 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

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

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

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters, we are chosen and blessed by God who wants to fill us with His gifts and entrusts to each of us a mission.

Prayer leader:

For the Church leaders: Pope Francis, Bishops and Priests, with their talents, may they help all our communities to develop and use all the talents that God has given them. Lord we pray. . .

Lord graciously hear us.

For the leaders of all Nations: may they come together and bring peaceful solutions to overcome war and devastation, especially in the middle East Countries. Lord we pray.

Lord graciously hear us.

For all in our Community, that we use our talents for special ways to the benefit of those who are poor in our Society and finding life difficult. Lord we pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

For our young people who are preparing to venture into the adult world: may they discover their own special talents and remember that God is walking with them in their journey. **Lord we pray. . . Lord graciously hear us.**

We ask the Holy Spirit to give comfort and hope, to those who work on the land and send more rain to water our dry land. Lord we pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

Many of our communities are unable to celebrate in the true presence of the Eucharist, Lord God, keep their faith alive in their hearts in their times of need. Lord we pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

May our Loving Father hold those close to His heart, our friends and family who have left this earth, especially Sr Margaret Mary Birgan, Anthony Davis and Tim McMahon. Lord we pray. . . **Lord graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly father, help us to use well the gifts of grace and nature which You have given us, so one day we may hear those happy words 'Well done, good and faithful servants'. We ask this 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 : To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

We pray those who have died this week

Sr Margaret Mary Birgan OLN, Anthony Davis, Bede (Tim) McMahon

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Greg Bourke, Tom Bourke, Kevin Collins, Mary Clare Healey, Peter & Stefania Nowik, Joseph Arnold Palmer, Len Smith, Patrick Tobin, Dorothy Turnbull, Lex Warby

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

Laith Tyler Ariti, Elke Hagen, Odie Cairo Clement Meehan, August Vittorio Vesnaver, Forrest Hugh Y Wilson

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The parishioners, clergy, religious and staff welcomes Bishop Michael Kennedy to our Masses over the next 3 weeks. For Mass times and locations please see the table below.

BISHOP'S VISITATION SCHEDULE - 2023 MAITLAND PARISHES OF THE CHISHOLM

DAY/DATE	TIME OF MASS	Church
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 at Rutherford
Sunday 3/12	8am	Largs
	9.30am	Paterson
	6pm	East 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 SOlchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Piety Stall will now be open after Saturday evening Mass as well as both Sunday Masses.
Advent candles are now available.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 21st November (*The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 22nd November (*St Cecilia, virgin, martyr*)
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 23rd November (*St Clement I, pope, martyr, & St Columban, abbot*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 24th November (*Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, & companions, martyrs*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 25th November (*St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr*)

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

Sun 26th November

9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St 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, 21st November at 5.30pm.

Stay afterwards for a party and games.

The safeguarding audit was completed last Friday 10th November. The office staff and clergy wish to thank everyone for their participation.

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.**

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

As the COVID restrictions have changed 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 information.



PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 20th November

9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Tues 21st November

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

Wed 22nd November

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

Thurs 23rd 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 24th November

7.30am

Adoration, St Joseph's, EM Funeral

9.30am

Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield