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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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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

How worthy is the Lamb who was
slain, to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for
ever and ever.

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

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and
sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look
after my flock myself and keep all of it
in view. As a shepherd keeps all his
flock in view when he stands up in the
middle of his scattered sheep, so shall
I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue
them from wherever they have been
scattered during the mist and
darkness. I myself will pasture my
sheep, I myself will show them where
to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I
shall look for the lost one, bring back
the stray, bandage the wounded and
make the weak strong. I shall watch
over the fat and healthy. I shall be a
true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says
this: I will judge between sheep and
sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there
is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want. Fresh and green
are the pastures where he gives me
repose. **(R.)**

Near restful waters he leads me, to
revive my drooping spirit. He guides
me along the right path; he is true to
his name. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes. My head you
have anointed with oil; my cup is
overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life. In the
Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever
and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the
Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first-fruits of all who have fallen
asleep. Death came through one man
and in the same way the resurrection
of the dead has come through one
man. Just as all men die in Adam, so
all men will be brought to life in Christ;
but all of them in their proper order:
Christ as the first-fruits and then, after
the coming of Christ, those who
belong to him. After that will come the
end, when he hands over the kingdom
to God the Father, having done away
with every sovereignty, authority and
power. For he must be king until he
has put all his enemies under his feet
and the last of the enemies to be
destroyed is death. And when
everything is subjected to him, then
the Son himself will be subject in his
turn to the One who subjected all
things to him, so that God may be all
in all.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the
name of the Lord! Blessings on the
coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners). Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non-Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'. We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way. We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

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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: Let us pray that we may be found worthy to be counted as true followers of Christ the King, as we place our prayer before Him in faith.

Prayer leader:

For Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, all Bishops and Priests who break open the words of the Gospels leading us with their love of Christ. . . We pray to the Lord. . . **Thy kingdom come.**

For the leaders of the nations in the world: may the Holy Spirit reach out to them with the wisdom to bring peace to the countries who are suffering the devastation of war and unrest especially in Middle East Countries. . . . We pray to the Lord. . . **Thy kingdom come.**

For the Chisholm Region Priests and our faithful office staff, we ask special blessings on them for their dedication and care, walking us through the recent 'Audit' of our Region. . . . We pray to the Lord. . . **Thy kingdom come.**

For our young people in our World, and the scattered sheep of the flock: through the power of the Holy Eucharist, may they encounter the love that our Heavenly King has for them and deepen their faith and trust in Jesus our Lord and God. . . . We pray to the Lord. . . **Thy kingdom come.**

We give thanks for the gift of rain that has watered our earth, and ask that more rain may fall especially in those places that are in desperate need for their livelihood in our country of Australia. . . . We pray to the Lord. . . **Thy kingdom come.**

Many people are unable to celebrate with us because of ill health: May our prayer be heard for them giving them the courage and strength to have faith in our Universal King. . . We pray to the Lord. . . **Thy kingdom come.**

For our loved ones, who have returned to our Heavenly home including John Bridge, Alma Hales and Maureen Paul, may they now dwell in the loving presence of our King and Saviour Jesus Christ. . . We pray to the Lord. . . **Thy kingdom come.**

Celebrant: God of love and mercy, Your Son so loved your people, that He gave His life for us. May we have the courage to practice that same love. 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 : The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

We pray those who have died this week

John Francis Bridge, Alma Mary Hales, Maureen Margaret Paul

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Neville Carmody, Sr Lynette Pearse RSJ, Therese Wilson, Sr Yvonne Wynn RSM

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

Callie Rose Clarke, Kayden Lucas Clarke, Riley Lee Clarke, Alayia Del Moro, Amelia Mae McCrae,
Lavina Ray Stanton - Cooke, Brom Paul Stanton - Cooke

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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
PASTORAL REGION**

DAY/DATE	TIME OF MASS	PARISH
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

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 Therry Centre East Maitland. Rsvp. Sr. Paula 0449 656 406

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

The Piety Stall is open after weekend Masses. Christmas items have arrived including Advent candles.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 28th November

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 29th November

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 30th November (*St Andrew, apostle*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 1st December

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 2nd December

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

Sun 3rd December

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

Hungry, anxious and desperate. CHRISTMAS WILL LOOK DIFFERENT THIS YEAR FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES. An invitation is extended to all parishioners throughout the Region to contribute towards the **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**, which will be conducted over this weekends of the 8th & 15th December. Envelopes will be available in parish churches. People can also donate by calling 131812 or visiting vinnies.org.au. This Christmas, more people are experiencing poverty and on the brink of homelessness. After struggling with the cost-of-living crisis for over a year, they barely have anything left to hold on to. As the crisis deepens, so does their desperation. This is an opportunity to think of others who are struggling in our community and make their Christmas a little brighter.

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

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

Next Date: Friday 1st December

All welcome.

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



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 27th November

9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Tues 28th November

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

Wed 29th November

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

Thurs 30th 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 1st December

7.30am Fri - 8am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield