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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 Camillus Nwahia

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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

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

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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.

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, (all bow)
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: Almighty and most Merciful Father, we place our humble prayers before You. Look with compassion on those in our world who need our faith in You for whom we pray.

Prayer Leader:

For our Pope, all Bishops and Priests: May they be given true courage and wisdom to preach the word of the Gospel with authority, as Jesus did. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

Look with compassion on this troubled world where there is war and terror, strengthen the faith and bring a peaceful end, for those who are suffering. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

Give special Blessing to Father Priyantha as he moves around the Chisholm Region, may he find the love and friendship of Jesus among the communities. We Pray. . . .**Lord hear us.**

For those who have consecrated their lives to your Holy Name: May the Holy Spirit enrich them in their work here on earth. . . . We pray. . . .**Lord hear us.**

We pray for those who are affected by the drought in parts of our land, 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. . . .**Lord hear us.**

Let your blessing, O lord, rest upon those who are frail or have ill health and unable to attend Eucharist with us. . . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

For those who You have called to Yourself especially Kerrie Daly, Donald Flynn, Steven Kelly, Jaime Marquez, Ellen Ross may they now see Your Heavenly face and find rest in the promised land of love. . . . We pray. . . .**Lord hear us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move, we pray through Jesus your Son that You hear our prayer.

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: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

We pray those who have died this week

Kerrie Daly, Donald Flynn, Steven Kelly, Jaime Marquez, Ellen Ross

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Noel Christensen, Leo Dzus, Adelle Maree Grainger, James Jupp

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Angeles Adapon, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Marcia Callinan, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Timothy Clifton, Luke Crotty, Oneli Disaaynayake, Alfredo Doctor, James Edwards, John Fielding, Yvonne Mary Fielding, Dianne Fryer, Rev Fr Joseph Selvan Fifarado, Barbara Filas, Annette & Pete Flood, Greg Grainger, Leanne Hardy, Gregory Hurney, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Nonette Mase, Judy Massey, Marielle Munoz, Carlo Panlilio, Collin Perera, Jen Phillips, Anthony Y Poblador (USA), Mary Pullin, Rohini Rajakaruna, Olga Roberts, 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

Sebastian Ferencz, Hattie Fyfe, Saaris Fyfe, Jake Potoczko, Leo Potoczko, Sadie Stoneman

We pray for the RCIA Catechumens & Candidates

John Garland, Steven Good, Hayley Grosveld, Kyle Haines, Rebecca Haines, Melissa Haley, Lachlan Jones-Mashman, Jamie Kent, Luke Kent, Kylie Murray, Belinda Shaw, Chris Shaw

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390

Prayer of the Church Beresfield will recommence this coming Friday 2nd February commencing at 9.30am. All are welcome

Bible Study for families & youth (18–35) will commence this Tuesday 6/2 at 6pm in the Prayer Room of the East Maitland Church. This will be held every Tuesday during school term.

You are welcome!
RSVP Sr Paula 044 965 6406

2024 Project Compassion Launch—13 February
Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West
commencing 10.30am. You are invited to attend this launch. This year the appeal is themed “For All Future Generations”.

RCIA Rite of Election of Catechumens
18 Feb 2024 2.30pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
Our region has Catechumens who will be attending the Rite of Election. You are invited to support these people on the first Sunday of Lent. Everyone is welcome!

ANOINTING MASS CHANGES FOR 2024

After requests from communities in our area the Liturgy Team have worked out a schedule which provides each Parish an opportunity to hold an Anointing Mass. All parishioners are most welcome to attend. Below are the first three months dates and churches. The Masses will all be on **Fridays at 10am**

16 February – Morpeth
15 March – Rutherford/Campbells Hill
19 April – Beresfield

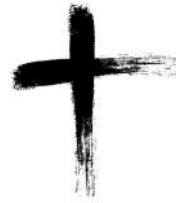
Please mark these dates in your calendar
The Liturgy Team would like to thank the CWL—East Maitland for their support of the Anointing Mass over the years.

Craft Group is held from this Monday 29th January. All are welcome to join the weekly craft group on Monday's in the Therry Centre, East Maitland from 9.30am - 12pm.

The Maitland Parish Community invite all people to come and join us in **praying the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother on Monday nights beginning 5th**

Feb. 7pm at St Paul's Church, Rutherford.

Some of our planned petitions will be: An end to the War and devastation in the Middle East, the continued welfare of our Priests and the welfare of the Maitland Parish Community. There will be a petition box available if you would like to place your own personal petition.



ASH WEDNESDAY
14 FEBRUARY 2024
Masses will be celebrated at
St Joseph's East Maitland at 7am
St Paul's Rutherford 9am
Holy Family Largs at 7pm

POSITION VACANT: There is a position available at the John Hunter Hospital for a Catholic Hospital Chaplain. Full position description and application information can be found on this link:

<https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/2945>

If you or a loved one would like **Home Communion** please call the parish office on 49338918 or email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

Volunteer Opportunity ACTiv8 Youth Group are seeking dedicated volunteers for our Youth Group on Wednesday's at Largs in 2024. If interested, please reach out to Bec Piefke 0249338918 or rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Is opened from this weekend onwards. There is a great selection of gifts and religious items.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 30th January

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 31st January (St John Bosco, priest)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 1st February

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 2nd February (The Presentation of the Lord, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 3rd February (St Blaise, bishop, martyr, St Ansgar, bishop)

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

Sun 4th February

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 29th January

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues 30th January

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

Wed 31st January

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

Thurs 1st February

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
Both at St Joseph's East Maitland

Fri 2nd February

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