



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2024

PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm
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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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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

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord. and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

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

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

What's in a Name?

What's in a name? A Lot, if it is God who confers the name. Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of God-for-us, knew the power of naming in relation to calling and destiny.

So, when Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, Jesus exercised the divine prerogative of changing Simon's name to 'Cephas' which in English is 'Peter'. Jesus gave Simon a nickname, 'rock-solid' which was the exact opposite of his character! Nevertheless, he did become the rock on which Jesus built his Church.

The tradition continues with the successor of Peter. So, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio took the name 'Francis' which indicates that he believes that the Holy Spirit inspired the Cardinals to choose him to be Pope to follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi.

Each one of us has a divinely ordained name (Rev 2:17) which we may not be aware of, but the Holy Spirit is always prompting us to live up to that name.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might so live as to reach Heaven to find that name which God has loved from and for all eternity.

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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.

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:

God, You know us by our name, help us to recognise Your personal voice in our life. Give us the trust to hear Your will as we place our prayers before You.

Prayer Leader

For, leaders of the Church, Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Deacons who break open the Word, in our Mass centres, for us to understand. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Long before his birth, Jesus was named as the Prince of Peace. We pray for the people the Middle East, who share the homeland of Jesus, that they come to know the peace and justice He came to proclaim.....
We pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We give prayers of thanks and ask for graces and blessings for Father Priyantha. May he find love and friendship in all those he meets in our region. . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for ourselves, that we all recognise the gifts of our Baptism, that God has given us, by using them to honour His Holy Name. . . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all our people travelling on the roads, that Mary Mother of Jesus joins her prayers to ours to bring them safely home again to join us at the altar of God. . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who care for the Elderly and those who are not well or are alone at this time, know that God sees all and their reward will be great in heaven. . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, especially those who have died recently including Francis Bernasconi, Margaret Clarke, Graham Huckstadt, Ronald Lenton and those whose anniversary occurs about this time. May the Lord welcome them into the peace of His Kingdom. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving Father, through the Holy Spirit, You gave us Your Son Jesus: In confidence we make our prayers through Jesus, who is Lord forever.

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 have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

We pray those who have died this week

Francis (Frank) Joseph Bernasconi, Margaret Clarke, Graham Benjamin Huckstadt, Ronald Lenton

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Cecil John Barrett, Maxine & Ted Cahill, James Cashmore

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, 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, Jaime Marquez, Simeon (Jaime) Marquez, 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

Alfie David Clark, Kash Jake Clark, Rayden Reajen, James Finlay Sturmer

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

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

The parish office will be closed on Friday 26th January for Australia Day. Please send all bulletin notices by 12pm Tuesday 23rd January.

Fr. Priyantha will commence his ministry in our region starting from 18th January 2024. We look forward to welcoming him.

Thank you for attending Fr John's farewell last Sunday. If you left your plate behind it can be collected from the parish office.

If you wish to be added to the parish **email distribution** list please email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au. You will then receive the bulletin each week plus other announcements.

If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of a stand and electronic votive candles for St Joseph's East Maitland church please contact the parish office 49338918 or chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

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

Prayer of the Church Beresfield

There will be no Prayer of the Church at Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield until February 3rd 2024.

Catholic Women's League Australia NSW Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, AGM Saturday, 20th January 2024. For further information please call the parish office 49338918.

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Currently closed and will re open
27/ 28 January 2024

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 16th January

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 17th January (St Anthony, abbot)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 18th January

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 19th January

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 20th January (St Fabian, pope, martyr, St Sebastian, martyr)

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

Sun 21th January

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

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

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PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 16th January

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Tues 17th January

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

Wed 18th January

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

Thurs 19th January

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

Fri 20th January

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