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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 Nwaha

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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

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

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 *Jonah 3:1-5. 10*

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

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

Resp. Psalm *Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4*

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

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

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 1:14-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receives* it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

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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:

Let us ask our great Lord of creation to bless us, to bless our families, our Church and our nation.

Prayer Leader.

We pray for Pope Francis, Michael, our bishop and all our Priests, that they serve the Church wisely. May they encourage men and women to serve their sisters and brothers by living their own special vocation from God. We pray. . . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer.**

Through the intercession of Mary" Help of Christians", we pray for our nation; may it be a beacon of justice and peace in our troubled world. . . We pray. . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer**

We ask you our Loving Father to send Your special Graces to Father Priyantha, and give him the wisdom and blessings as he prepares to take on his new position in the Chisholm region. We pray. . . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer.**

For those areas of the biblical lands where people still walk in the darkness of oppression and the loss of their land. We pray that peace and justice will dawn for them soon..... We pray. . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us remember that Jesus still stands among us as we journey in this life, we need only to say 'Yes' for Him to answer. . . We pray. . . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who are unable to celebrate Eucharist with us: may they find healing in our prayers for them. . . We pray. . . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer**

We give thanks for the faith of those who have taught us of God's love and now have returned to our loving God especially Steven Kelly, Gerard Pearce and Asuncion Pineda, may they now reap the fruits of their labours in this world. . . . We pray. . **Loving Lord hear our prayer**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father grant that we may help one another to grow in your love towards, what You have called us to be. 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: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

We pray those who have died this week

Steven Kelly, Gerard Pearce (Emerald QLD), Asuncion Pineda

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Patricia Day, Harold Doherty Snr, Ronald Morris, Maureen Reynolds, Harry Stace,
Margaret Anni Whiteley

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, 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, 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

Noah Crellin, Vera Crellin

We pray for those who will be Married this week

Damien John Loy & Emma Lee Dugley

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

A warm welcome to our new Assistant Priest
Fr Priyantha Fernando

We thank God for the gift of his
faith-filled life and dedicated service.

We Pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain and
strengthen Fr Priyantha as he serves in the
Parishes of the Chisholm Region.

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

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, the
approximate cost is \$4000-\$8000 (depending on
number of candles) for ready made and a different
price for custom made. Please contact the parish
office 49338918 or chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

It's that time of year where the parish office orders the
Lenten books for your group. Please contact the office
on 49338918 or chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au if you
would like an order placed.

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.

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

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

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.

Religious Education in State Schools, 2024

There is an urgent need for teachers, or teacher helpers,
to take Special Religious Education classes (SRE) in
state schools. No prior experience is necessary.
Lessons are for only thirty minutes a week, and books,
assistance and training are provided. It's a great
opportunity for trainee teachers. Without your help
many children will receive no religious education. For
further information, please phone Jan Healy
0411535882 or Sue O'Donohue 0414890813



ASH WEDNESDAY—14 FEBRUARY 2024

Masses will be celebrated at
St Joseph's East Maitland at 7am
Holy Family Largs at 7pm

Craft Group recommences 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.

Prayer of the Church Beresfield

There will be no Prayer of the Church at Our Lady of
Lourdes Beresfield until February 2nd 2023.

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Currently closed and will re open 27/ 28 January 2024

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 22nd January (St Vincent, deacon, martyr)

Tues 23rd January

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 24th January (St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 25th January (The Conversion of St Paul, apostle)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception,
Morpeth

Fri 26th January Australia Day

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 27th January (St Angela Merici, virgin, Sts Timothy and
Titus)

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

Sun 28th January

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 22nd January

9.30am-10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11.00am-12pm

Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 23rd January

9.30am-10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 24th January

9.30am-10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 25th January

9.30-10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
Both at St Joseph's East Maitland

7.00pm

Fri 26th January

7.30am

Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

9.30am

Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield