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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

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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 Job 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,

and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving:

to him our praise is due. (R.)

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and

those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Divine Touch

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

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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: Let us bring our prayers before our God who is loving and compassionate to all of His children.

Prayer leader:

For Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, Priests and Deacons: may the grace of the Holy Spirit rest upon them, giving them the wisdom to renew in us the words of the Gospel and keep Jesus alive in our hearts. We pray.
. . **Loving Lord, hear our prayer.**

For peace in the countries who are suffering from the devastation of war and unrest. May the Holy Spirit spread the love of our God on the leaders of nations and bring peace to all people. We pray. . .

Loving Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy One take us by the hand, help us to become friends of Jesus and be moved, and live by the Gospel, to change our ways and be more loving as He is . . . We pray. . . . **Loving Lord, hear our prayer.**

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. . . We pray. . . **Loving Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who are not well in mind and body: we pray for healing in mind, body and spirit . . We pray. . . **Loving Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died especially Michael Barry, Wendy Anne Fuller, Paul Radimey, Sr Rosemary Jackson rsj and Judith Kuskunovic, grant to them the grace of Eternal life. . . We Pray. . . **Loving Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O God, our Father, we thank You for all the bright things of life, help us to see them and remember that our lives may flow in ceaseless praise and love for the sake of Jesus 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: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

We pray those who have died this week

Michael Barry, Wendy Anne Fuller, Paul Radimey, Sr Rosemary Jackson rsj, Judith Kuskunovic

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Coral Dow, Ramon Eugenio, John (Jack) Farrelly, Frances Grosser, Mysie Hungerford, Sr Rosemary Jackson rsj, Florencia Landayan, Normandy Landayan, Waclaw (Wally) Palmowski, Amelita Ramos, Arthur Turnbull, Denise Wade

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Angeles Adapon, Teresa Almanza, 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

Grace Susan Every, Adaline May Hyatt

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

**Join us for a Shrove Tuesday Celebration on
13th February at
St. Joseph's East Maitland Church**

4:30 PM - Youth Mass

5:20 PM - Burning of Palms

5:30 PM - Pancake Supper

Bring your family and friends for a joyful gathering filled with fellowship and delicious pancakes.

See you there!

Please note the change of Mass time.

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 each Monday
All are welcome to join the weekly craft group on Monday's in the Therry Centre, East Maitland from 9.30am - 12pm.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 5th February (*St Agatha, virgin, martyr*)
Tues 6th February (*St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 7th January
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 8th February (*St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita, virgin*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 9th February
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 10th February (*St Scholastica, virgin*)
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 4th February
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

ACTiv8 Youth Group - East Maitland Youth Group will reconvene on Tuesday, February 6th at 5pm, gathering at St Joseph's Church. Largs Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, February 14th at 5:30pm at Holy Family Church Hall. If you're interested in volunteering for the youth ministry, please reach out to Bec Piefke on 49338918 or rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au

Youth Adoration is anticipated to commence in March 2024. If you're interested in contributing to music or planning, please get in touch with the parish office on 49338918 or chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

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

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

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 5th February
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues 6th February
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 7th February
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 8th 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 9th February
7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield