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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 Anthonicad

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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**

When he calls on me, I will answer  
him; I will deliver him and give him  
glory, I will grant him length of days.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading** Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

*I will recall the covenant between myself and  
you... the waters shall never again become a  
flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons,  
'See, I establish my Covenant with  
you, and with your descendants after  
you; also with every living creature to  
be found with you, birds, cattle and  
every wild beast with you: everything  
that came out of the ark, everything  
that lives on the earth. I establish my  
Covenant with you: no thing of flesh  
shall be swept away again by the  
waters of the flood. There shall be  
no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the  
Covenant I make between myself  
and you and every living creature  
with you for all generations: I set my  
bow in the clouds and it shall be a  
sign of the Covenant between me  
and the earth. When I gather the  
clouds over the earth and the bow  
appears in the clouds, I will recall the  
Covenant between myself and you  
and every living creature of every  
kind. And so the waters shall never  
again become a flood to destroy all  
things of flesh.'

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

#### **Resp. Psalm** Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

**Your ways, O Lord, are love and  
truth to those who keep your  
covenant.**

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 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St  
Peter

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism  
which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he  
was, died once for sins, died for the  
guilty, to lead us to God. In the body  
he was put to death, in the spirit he  
was raised to life, and, in the spirit,  
he went to preach to the spirits in  
prison. Now it was long ago, when  
Noah was still building that ark which  
saved only a small group of eight  
people 'by water', and when God  
was still waiting patiently, that these  
spirits refused to believe. That water  
is a type of the baptism which saves  
you now, and which is not the  
washing off of physical dirt but a  
pledge made to God from a good  
conscience, through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ, who has entered  
heaven and is at God's right hand,  
now that he has made the angels  
and Dominations and Powers his  
subjects.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to  
you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!

#### **Gospel** Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels  
looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the  
wilderness and he remained there  
for forty days, and was tempted by  
Satan. He was with the wild beasts,  
and the angels looked after him.

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.'

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

## REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Discussing this Gospel, Pope Francis once said that 'Lent is a time of repentance, yes, but it is not a time of sorrow!'

The Pope wanted to remind Christians that Lent is a season of 'a joyous and serious commitment to strip ourselves of our selfishness ... and to renew ourselves according to the grace of our Baptism.' Note his emphasis on it being 'joyous.'

In one of his major teaching documents, *Evangelli Gaudium*, the Pope begins as follows: 'The Joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.' He goes on to say that 'With Christ joy is constantly born anew.' This is the kind of Lent we should all strive for: a joyful one.

Later in the same document the Pope expresses concern about joyless seriousness. 'There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter.'

The Pope then reminds us that 'Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved.' Our Lent should be a time of joyful response to that love. Fasts and penances should be helping us find joy in Christ, not misery.

After all, Jesus emerged from the desert proclaiming 'Good News'.

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**Nick Brodie** is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart. A graduate of the Australian National University, Flinders University, and the University of Tasmania, he is the author of several books on Australian history and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics. In 2017 he was awarded the Bruce Mansfield Prize for the best article in the Journal of Religious History. He is currently studying Theology.

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

**Celebrant:** My Dear friends, In this season of Lent we unite ourselves with Christ as He fasted in the desert and was tempted by the devil. Let us ask God for grace and perseverance in our life of penance.

We give thanks for those who are leading us in Faith: Pope Francis Bishop Michael, Priests and Deacons.  
May they be blessed with the light of the Holy Spirit as they Shepherd all your people in our Diocese. . .  
In Faith we Pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

For all co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord: we pray that the gifts and charisms of the people of God be recognised and welcomed in our faith communities. May the Holy Spirit work in us through us to rejuvenate and renew the Church with joy and gratitude. . . . In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

For our RCIA Catechumens who will sign their intentions at the Rite of Election this Sunday at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, as they continue their journey to full Communion in the Church and grow in their response to the call of Christ. . . In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

For all gathered here, that through our observance of Lent, we may deepen our understanding of Christ's death and resurrection and be better prepared to celebrate Easter. . . . In Faith we pray. . .  
**Lord hear us.**

We pray for those who live and work on the land and ask our God of Compassion for the gift of rain to water our dry and parched earth. . . .In Faith we pray. . **Lord hear us.**

We pray for our family and friends who are not well: that they may feel the touch of Jesus in their present trials and reach out for His hand to guide them through...In Faith we pray. **Lord hear us.**

For all those who have gone before us to the land of Promise especially Nancy Kennedy, we pray that the Lord will gather them into His Kingdom for a glorious Resurrection. . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, we praise You in Spirit and, we trust in Your great mercy and ask this prayer in Jesus' name 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:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

***We pray those who have died this week***

Nancy Kennedy

***We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including***

John Callaghan, Neville Chaloner, Sr. Rita Crowley RSM, Marguerite Jenner, Jean Montgomery, Terry Prouse, Robert Sattler, Robert Walker

***We pray for those who are sick at this time***

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Angeles Adapon, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Shari Maria Brewster, Marcia Callinan, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Timothy Clifton, Luke Crotty, Oneli Disaaynayake, Alfredo Doctor, James Edwards, Mary Ferry, 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***

Archer Anthony Gleeson, McKenzie Anna De Simone, Maddison Mae Feenstra, Indianna Rose Feenstra, Harrison Connor Wicklein

***We pray for the RCIA Catechumens & Candidates***

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

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This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*. Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines.

Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village. Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

### Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

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**Youth Group Volunteers needed** If you're interested in volunteering for the youth ministry, please contact Bec Piefke 49338918 or [rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)

**Bible Study for families & youth** (18–35) at 6pm in the Prayer Room of the East Maitland Church. Tuesdays during school term. RSVP Sr Paula 044 965 6406

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

#### **Tues 20th February**

**5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland**

**Wed 21st February** (*Collect of St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor*)

**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 22nd February** (*The Chair of St Peter, apostle*)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

**Fri 23rd February** (*Collect of St Polycarp*)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sat 24th February**

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

#### **Sun 25th February**

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

The Maitland Parish Community invite all people to come and join us in **praying the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother** on **Monday nights, 7pm** at **St Paul's Church, Rutherford**.

There will be a petition box available if you would like to place your own personal petition.

**A State School Religion Teacher** is needed for class 1/2 at Ashtonfield Public School, on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 to 2.30. This is an excellent class. Training and books are available. Phone Jan Healy 0411535882 or Sue O'Donohue 0414890813.

**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!

**STATIONS OF CROSS - Fridays during LENT - 7pm**  
St Joseph's Church, East Maitland. All welcome

### Introducing GenZ MuZos!

Are you a singer, guitarist, musician, reader, altar server, or just eager to lend a helping hand? Join our new GenZ MuZos group and be part of the music ministry for the 6pm Sunday Night Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Practice and preparation sessions will be held on Tuesdays during the 5:30pm Youth Mass at St. Joseph's.

We welcome your ideas, skills, and enthusiasm to enrich our worship experience.

For more information, please contact:

Bec at 0422 500 429

or Sue at 0414 890 813

Let's make beautiful music together!

**PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH** Open after weekend Masses. 'Daily Mass' books for this year 2024 available \$25

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

#### **Mon 19th February**

**9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **Tues 20th February**

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

#### **Wed 21st February**

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

#### **Thurs 22nd 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 23rd February**

**7.30am**  
**9.30am**

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

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times