



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A Readings Sunday 17th March 2024

Since the Year A gospels for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are of major importance in regard to Christian initiation, the readings of Year A can be used on these three Sundays. The Year A readings are particularly appropriate where there are Elect (Catechumens).

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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**

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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

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation
that is faithless. From the deceitful and
cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are
my strength.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to
open your graves; I mean to raise you
from your graves, my people, and lead
you back to the soil of Israel. And you
will know that I am the Lord, when I
open your graves and raise you from
your graves, my people. And I shall put
my spirit in you, and you will live, and I
shall resettle you on your own soil; and
you will know that I, the Lord, have said
and done this – it is the Lord who
speaks.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

**With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be
attentive to the voice of my pleading.
(R.)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive? But with you
is found forgiveness: for this we revere
you. (R.)

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count
on his word. My soul is longing for the
Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption, Israel
indeed he will redeem from all its
iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Romans

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the
dead is living in you, then he will give life to
your own mortal bodies.*

People who are interested only in
unspiritual things can never be pleasing
to God. Your interests, however, are not
in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual,
since the Spirit of God has made his
home in you. In fact, unless you
possessed the Spirit of Christ you would
not belong to him. Though your body

may be dead it is because of sin, but if
Christ is in you then your spirit is life
itself because you have been justified;
and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus
from the dead is living in you, then he
who raised Jesus from the dead will give
life to your own mortal bodies through
his Spirit living in you.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ! I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord; whoever believes in me
will not die for ever. Glory and praise to
you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 11:1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who
lived in the village of Bethany with the
two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he
was ill. – It was the same Mary, the
sister of the sick man Lazarus, who
anointed the Lord with ointment and
wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters
sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the
man you love is ill.' On receiving the
message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will
end not in death but in God's glory, and
through it the Son of God will be
glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her
sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard
that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he
was for two more days before saying to
the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The
disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since
the Jews wanted to stone you; are you
going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are
there not twelve hours in the day? A
man can walk in the daytime without
stumbling because he has the light of
this world to see by; but if he walks at
night he stumbles, because there is no
light to guide him.' He said that and then
added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I
am going to wake him.' The disciples
said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he
is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus
used referred to the death of Lazarus,
but they thought that by 'rest' he meant
'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus
is dead; and for your sake I am glad I
was not there because now you will
believe. But let us go to him.' Then
Thomas – known as the Twin – said to
the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and
die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found
that Lazarus had been in the tomb for
four days already. Bethany is only about

two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of

her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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

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: As we continue our Lenten journey let us bring to mind through the resurrection of Jesus we will have our own glorious resurrection.

Prayer leader:

As we celebrate the feast day of St Joseph, we ask his intercession to guide the leaders of our Church, Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons: that they be strengthened by the example of St Joseph. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the Leaders of all Nations: We ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten them with wisdom to bring peaceful solutions to the conflicts happening in the world and give respite to those who are suffering. . . .We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who are joining our faith circle, especially the Elect and the Candidates in RCIA, and our young people in the Sacramental program. May they know how our loving Jesus is a trusting friend forever walking with them at all times. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer the injustice of poverty, that our Project Compassion gifts may help them achieve dignity. . . .We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who are not well and unable to join us in Eucharist: may they feel the love of Jesus in the prayers we offer for them: . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have followed Jesus in life and death, especially Elizabeth Foy, James O'Brien, Ella Rusak, Sussanne Westbury, Terry Wynne and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they know the Risen Lord of Life, face to face. . . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father, we thank you for the great hope you give us in Christ, your Risen Son. We make our prayers - through Jesus, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the 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.

We pray those who have died this week

Elizabeth Lillian Foy (Boyle), James O'Brien (Brisbane), Geoffrey Joseph Pisani, Ella Rusak, Sussanne Westbury, Terry Wynne

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Darren Bailey, Catherine Blake Bartier, Leo Bunt, Kerrie Callaghan, Jonathan Cervený, Paul Dever, Janet Gamble, Mary Anne Gillis, Belinda Hamilton, Stanley John Shaw

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Angeles Adapon, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Brendan Cleaveland, 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, Olga Rusak, Biyatrise Samaratunga, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Bill Temperley, Nilda Walker, John Williams, Gary Wills, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Ivy Maria George, London Neve Inskip, Cali Muller, Frankie Muller, Oakley Muller, Arthur Kairo Ryan, Henry Stephen Smith, Indiana Olive Thompson, William James Walker

We pray for the RCIA Elect & 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

We extend a warm welcome to all kindergarten families who are joining our parish community this weekend at the Chisholm Regional Youth Mass.

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *for all future generations*. You can also donate by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Tuesday East Maitland 19th March—Feast of St Joseph
Mass at 7am & liturgy at 5.30pm as the priests will be at a Bishop's workshop.

Wednesday Largs Mass 20th March will be a liturgy as our clergy are required to attend the Reconciliations at Rutherford.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be at 6.00pm

✠ St Paul's Rutherford (Campbell's Hill community)

Wednesday 20th March.

✠ St Joseph's East Maitland 21st March

These are our Reconciliations for Easter AND the children going through the Sacraments of Initiation.

PALM SUNDAY 24th March

Please bring along your own greenery to supplement the small number of palms which each community have for blessing.

STATIONS OF CROSS - Friday's during Lent

6pm. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Beresfield.

7pm St Joseph's Church, East Maitland.

Chrism Mass Each year during Holy Week all the faithful of the Church of Maitland-Newcastle are invited to gather with Bishop Michael Kennedy for the Chrism Mass. Join us on Tuesday 26/3/24, 7pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West There will be no Mass or Youth Group on the 26/3/24.

ACTiv8 Youth are holding a re-enacted Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10am. We are seeking youth to take part in the re-enactment. To take part, email your details asap to rebecca.piefke@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, 7pm at St Paul's Church, Rutherford**. There will be a petition box available if you would like to place your own personal petition.

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

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL ACIES St Joseph's East Maitland, Sunday 24th March 2024, 2pm followed by Afternoon Tea in the Therry Centre.

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 0449656406

Sacred Heart Market Day - At St. Johns Hall Maitland during the Steamfest weekend on April 13th & 14th, from 10 am to 4:30 pm. A variety of stalls offering handmade items and pre-loved goods and delicious refreshments. Don't miss out on the opportunity to uncover treasures and unique finds! To apply for a space to sell your goods or for information about dropping goods off to sell please email stevenbcampbell@yahoo.com.au



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Community pray the Rosary together each Saturday night before Mass, commencing at 5.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM - 2024

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, BERESFIELD

ST JOSEPH'S, EAST MAITLAND

ST PAUL'S, RUTHERFORD & ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHES

HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY of The Passion of the Lord @ 3.00pm

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT @ 7.45pm

For Easter Mass times please see the flyer in the church porches

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH EAST

Closed this weekend.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 19th March (*St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

5.30pm Liturgy, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 20th March

7.00pm Liturgy, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 21st March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 22nd March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 23th March (*Collect of St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop*)

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

Sun 24th March

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 18th March

9.30am-10.30am—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues 19th March

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

Wed 20th March

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

Thurs 21st March

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

Fri 22nd March

7.30am
9.30am

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

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times