



# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

## Sunday 24th March 2024

PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland  
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm  
Closed for lunch 1.00pm - 1.30pm  
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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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### Support Clergy

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at home:** Phone office 49338918

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### Safeguarding Promotors

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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

### Gospel 11:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord"*

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to  
Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of  
Olives,

Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> and  
said to them,

'Go into the village opposite you,  
and immediately as you enter it  
you will find a colt tied, on which no one  
has ever sat;

untie it and bring it.

If anyone says to you,

"Why are you doing this?" say,

"The Lord has need of it

and will send it back here immediately"

And they went away,

and found a colt tied at the door out in  
the open street;

and they untied it.

And those who stood there said to them,

'What are you doing, untying the colt?'

And they told them what Jesus had said;  
and they let them go.

And they brought the colt to Jesus and  
threw their garments on it;

and he sat upon it.

And many spread their garments on the  
road, and others spread leafy branches  
which they had cut from the fields.

And those who went before and those  
who followed cried out, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father  
David that is coming!

Hosanna in the highest!'

### First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I  
know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me

a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the  
wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck  
me, my cheeks to those who tore at my  
beard; I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

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

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

**My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their  
heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his  
friend.' (R.)

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my  
feet. I can count every one of my bones.  
(R.)

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

I will tell of your name to my  
Brethren and praise you where they are  
assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give  
him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him  
glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

### Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and  
God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are,

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the

underworld, should bend the knee at the

name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to  
death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other  
names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus

Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Due to the length of the Gospel a separate booklet has been printed. Below is the shorter form.

### Gospel Mark 15:1-39 (Shorter Form)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*All kneel and pause a moment.*

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

### 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 begin this week of the Saviour's passion, death and resurrection, let us know that God gave his Son will refuse us nothing.

### **Prayer leader:**

For the Church, for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for our bishop Michael, our Priests Deacons and for all God's people, that we embrace the cross with courage and joy...Let us pray...**Lord hear our prayer.**

For our parish community, we pray for blessing on all who have supported the call of Project Compassion during this holy season... Let us pray....**Lord hear our prayer**

For all those people who will be travelling at Easter, that they return to us safely to worship at your altar of praise...Let us pray...**Lord hear our prayer.**

For all our sick and suffering: that the Lord may strengthen and console them with his healing touch...Let us pray.....**Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have died recently including Max Thomson and Geoffrey Pisani and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. . Let us pray....**Lord hear our prayer**

**Celebrant:** We proclaim your mercy before all peoples, O good and loving God. Into your hands we entrust our hopes, and we make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

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

Max Thomson (Biegara), Geoffrey Joseph Pisani

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

Constancia Beldad, Victoriano Beldad, Norma Pondang, Lynette Pam Schumaker

### ***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***

André Adamson, Amelia Hellyer, Ava Hellyer, Jordan Morris, Layla Morris, Tyler Morris, Theodore Nicholas, Joseph Reynolds, Aria Skinner, Piper Warham, Harry Wilson, Charlotte Woods, Eloise Woods, Albie Williamson

### ***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

Please donate to Project Compassion 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](http://caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or 1800 024 413. Please return your project compassion box.

**Sacred Heart Market Day** - 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. To apply for a space email [stevenbcampbell@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stevenbcampbell@yahoo.com.au)

The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday, 29th March and Easter Monday, 1st April. The parish office will be closed to the public on Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

St Paul's Primary School Rutherford invites parishioners to join them for Mass in the church on Tuesday 26th March 9.30am.

**Good Friday and Holy Land Collections** - Your donations help to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land. Donations can be made through the envelopes in your church or through the Commissary of the Holy Land. Tel: (02) 93699300

**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, St Joseph's East Maitland. We are seeking youth to take part in the re-enactment. To take part, email your details asap to [rebeca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rebeca.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](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.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.

It's been one year since Bishop Michael Kennedy was installed as the ninth Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle on Friday 17 March 2023 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. To read about Bishop Michael's journey so far click on the link below. [One year on | Maitland-Newcastle Catholic News \(mnnews.today\)](http://One year on | Maitland-Newcastle Catholic News (mnnews.today))

**PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH EAST MAITLAND**  
Open this weekend. Easter books for sale.

**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

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

#### Tues 26th March

7.00pm Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West

#### Wed 27th March

9.30am School Mass, St Paul's Rutherford

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

#### Mon 25th March

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Tues 26th March

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

#### Wed 27th March

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

### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM - 2024

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES, BERESFIELD

#### ST JOSEPH'S, EAST MAITLAND

#### ST PAUL'S & ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHES

#### AT RUTHERFORD

**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**

#### HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper 28<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

7.00pm St Paul's, Rutherford

7.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### WATCH AND PRAY – PRAYER AND ADORATION VIGIL COMMENCING AFTER HOLY THURSDAY NIGHT MASS

Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield concluding at 9pm

St Paul's, Rutherford concluding at 9.30pm

St Joseph's, East Maitland concluding at 10am Good Friday

#### GOOD FRIDAY - Stations of the Cross 29<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

10.00am St Paul's, Rutherford

10.00am St Joseph's, East Maitland (outdoor Youth dramatisation)

10.00am St Patrick's, Lochinvar

10.00am St Columba's, Paterson

2.00pm Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

#### GOOD FRIDAY – The Passion of the Lord

3.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

3.00pm St Paul's, Rutherford

3.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (MORNING PRAYER) 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

9.00am St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### EASTER VIGIL 7.45PM

Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

St Paul's, Rutherford

St Joseph's, East Maitland

#### EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

7.15am Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

8.00am St Paul's Rutherford

8.00am Holy Family, Largs

8.30am St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.30am St Patrick's Lochinvar

9.30am St Columba's, Paterson

6.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland Youth Mass