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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

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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,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John
His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us

by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

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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 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, (*all bow*)
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: Jesus said 'I am the vine, and you are the branches' With confidence let us place our prayers before the Lord.

Prayer leader

For the Leaders of our Church: may they feel the presence of Jesus in their lives as they guide our communities to the fruits of love. . . . **in Faith we pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.**

For the civil leaders: that they may help to create a society that all may enjoy the fruits of freedom and justice. . . . **in Faith we pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those who do not attend Holy Eucharist: may they soon find a way to be in unity with our communities, becoming part of the vine of Jesus, to bear much fruit in the real presence of Christ. . . . **in Faith we pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children and their families who are preparing to receive the Sacraments. May they learn to live by the Gospel and keep Jesus alive in their hearts. . . . in Faith we pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

May we be the light of Christ to our neighbours who are finding times difficult, showing them that God is walking beside them when times are tough. . . . in Faith we pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For those who have died recently including Christine Young, Veronica Pannowitz, Jennifer Van Wyck may they find the glorious welcome that we believe awaits us in the kingdom of God. . . in Faith we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord God, help us to be conscious of our calling to produce the fruits of justice, love and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

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 Cf John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

We pray those who have died this week

Christine Young, Veronica Pannowitz, Jennifer Van Wyck

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Margaret Burgess, Gerard Saunders, Fay Tobin (Gosford), Ivan Wilkes, Kathleen Anne Woodhead

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Angeles Adapon, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Bonifacio Adapon, Patrick Brennan, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Brendan Cleaveland, Timothy Clifton, Luke Crotty, Oneli Disaaynayake, Alfredo Doctor, James Edwards, 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, 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, Gayle Williams, John Williams, Gary Wills, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Lennie Dohnt, Otis Jye Hutton, Gemma Victoria Francesca Marie Lautaimi, Quentin Rupert Alistair Matulewicz, Kiel Elijah Valencia Santos, Adelaide Lara Stace, Jack Elliott Stace,

We pray for the RCIA Neophytes

Steven Good, Hayley Grosveld, Kyle Haines, Rebecca Haines, Melissa Haley, Lachlan Jones-Mashman, Jamie Kent, Luke Kent, Kylie Murray, Belinda Shaw, Chris Shaw

Neophyte

Melinda Walls

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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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.

- ✠ **CENACLE ROSARY OF THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER MEETING** every Thursday (except 1st Thursday) 7pm at 2 Erin Close, Ashtonfield.
- ✠ **APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH OF THE ETERNAL FAMILY PRAYER MEETING** on the 1st Thursday of the month. 7pm at 2 Erin Close, Ashtonfield.

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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open Days

Have you heard of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? Operating out of the parish hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield in the Chisholm Parish region, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers a child-focused program that meets in the specially prepared environment called "The Atrium". Following the Montessori philosophy, The Atrium is currently open on Wednesdays during the school term, with sessions for 3–6-year-olds in the morning and 6–12-year-olds in the afternoon after school. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are holding open days during Term 2. If you would like the opportunity to visit and learn more, please register at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9KMf55C5nz>

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

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.

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH EAST MAITLAND

Great selection of Bibles, children's books, all new in and a variety of First Communion/Confirmation gifts etc.

Lochinvar Pastoral Planning Meeting will be held this Sunday 28th April after the 9.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church Lochinvar.

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 receive the bulletin each week plus other announcements.

ACTiv8 Youth Group sessions run weekly during the school term at the following locations:

- Tuesdays: St Joseph's, East Maitland, from 5pm to 7pm
- Wednesdays: Holy Family Church Hall, Largs, from 5.30pm to 7pm

For more information or to volunteer please contact rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au

CWL EAST MAITLAND Invite everyone to morning tea and a talk by Sr Carmel Hanson rsj Co-Ordinator of the House of Hospitality and Newcastle Woman of the year. On Saturday 18th May 2024, At Corcoran Centre. - Immaculate Conception, Church at 9.30am Donation \$10. and all proceeds to House of Hospitality: RSVP - 11th May. Colleen 0400 383 950 or Anne 0413489 129. (If no answer please leave a message or send a text)

EAST MAITLAND CWL meets each month on the first Thursday in the Therry Centre, East Maitland, 11.30am. Next meeting Thursday 2nd May. All welcome

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month - from after Mass at 7am till 8.00am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's East Maitland. Next Date: Friday 3rd May 2024. All are welcome.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 30th April (*St Pius V, pope*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 1st May (*St Joseph the Worker*)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 2nd May (*St Athanasius, bishop, doctor*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 3rd May (*Sts Philip and James apostles*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 4th May

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

Sun 5th May

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 29th April

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues 30th April

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

Wed 1st May

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

Thurs 2nd May

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary 2 Erin Close Ashtonfield

Fri 3rd May

7.30am - 8am Sat 4th May Adoration, St Joseph's, EM **(Funeral 1pm Friday)**

9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times