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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.

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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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,

by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd, Pope Francis suggests we focus on three verbs: hear, know, and follow.

Firstly, we are called to 'hear the voice of the shepherd'. This, as the Pope points out, means being open to listening. Too often, the Pope says, 'we are overwhelmed by words and by the urgency to always have something to say or do.' We need to make time and space and effort for the good shepherd's voice to cut through our frenetic business and our own noisemaking.

Secondly, we are called to contemplate what it means to be known by the good shepherd. This knowing, the Pope points out, means more than knowing superficial facts about us like what we did yesterday. The sort of knowing Jesus speaks of is much more profound: God understands; He loves.

Thirdly, having heard the good shepherd's voice and accepting that we are known and loved, each one of us is called to follow the good shepherd. 'What do those who follow Christ do?', the Pope asks. 'They go where he goes, along the same path, in the same direction.' This means seeking the lost, giving practical aid to those in need, and being compassionate to all.

Ultimately, we are called to allow ourselves to be shepherded. Sometimes this means being called out of our wayward tracks, at other times it might mean moving on from familiar pastures. Either way, we are called individually, but not to travel alone.

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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, (*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: Holy Father, guide us in our lives as with faith we place our prayers on this Eucharistic table before You.

Prayer Leader

May the Light of Christ shine on Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, giving them the wisdom and love, to continue to spread the Good News of Jesus... We pray. . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer.**

For young men and women, that God may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, married or single life... We pray... **Loving Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those who are suffering from the devastation that has happened in our country during this past week, may we find forgiveness in our hearts for the perpetrators. We pray to our loving God for those who are left behind to grieve. . . We pray. . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer.**

For our defense personnel, past and present on this Anzac Day: we remember those who guard our country. May the Holy Spirit continue to send the message of Peace and Love, giving them the wisdom and courage they need to continue. . . . We pray. . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who are not well or are unable to be truly present at the Holy Eucharist: may they find the love of Jesus in their hearts and minds, through the prayers we offer for them. We Pray. . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for our relatives and friends who have returned to our Heavenly home including Jane Banfield, Leeann Lawrence and for those lives taken so suddenly in Sydney. May they now find the peace and love in the arms of our Saviour. . . We pray. . . **Loving Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Father in heaven, we thank you for the faith we share and the hope you give us. As we gather with your Son at the altar, we ask all our prayers in his 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 The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

We pray those who have died this week

Jane Banfield, Leeann Mary Lawrence

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Robert Andrews, Lynette Bisset, Craig Anthony Piper, Rev Ron Picken, Jack Saunders, Fr James Saunders, Leslie Sharkey, Suzanna Cooper-Stig, Rodney Taylor

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, 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, 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

Zeno Austin Breiner, Harvey James Craig, Sunni Bishop Ostler, Isaac William Ralph, Saxon Ted Walmsley

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

We pray for those who will be married

Jack Bishton and Kimberley Tate

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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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS See link below

[Message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2024 | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

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.

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.

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 on Sunday 28th April after the 9.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church Lochinvar.

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

Sacred Heart Market Day - Thank you to all those who contributed to the Market Day. A special thank you to those who dedicated their time over the weekend to make the market a success.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 25th April due to ANZAC Day.

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

✠ **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.

Couples for Christ choir will sing at the East Maitland Vigil this Saturday (20th April) followed by tea and biscuits after Mass.

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>

Please keep in your prayers the Victims of 2019 Easter Sunday Bomb Attack in Sri Lanka: "We pray for the victims of the 2019 Easter Sunday bomb attack in Sri Lanka. May the merciful Lord grant justice to the victims, healing to the injured, hope and strength to the disabled and paralysed, consolation to the bereaved families and eternal rest to the deceased.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 23rd April (*St George martyr, St Adalbert, bishop, martyr*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 24th April (*St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr*)
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 25th April ANZAC DAY
8.30am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 26th April (*St Mark, evangelist*)
10.00am Anointing Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 27th April (*St Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest*)
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 28th April
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 22nd April
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues 23rd April
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland Funeral

Wed 24th April
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 25th April
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 26th April
7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times