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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

Like newborn infants, you must long for
the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation,
alleluia.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was
united, heart and soul; no one claimed
for his own use anything that he had, as
everything they owned was held in
common.

The apostles continued to testify to the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great
power, and they were all given great
respect.

None of their members was ever in
want, as all those who owned land or
houses would sell them, and bring the
money from them, to present it to the
apostles; it was then distributed to any
members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is
good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the
Lord, but not doomed to die. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St
John

*Anyone begotten by God has already
overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the
Christ has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot
him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's
children if we love God himself and do
what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been
begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is
the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and
blood, not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because
you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me,
but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood
among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first
day of the week, the doors were closed
in the room where the disciples were, for
fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood
among them. He said to them, 'Peace
be with you,' and showed them his
hands and his side. The disciples were
filled with joy when they saw the Lord,
and he said to them again, 'Peace be
with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them
and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one
of the Twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came. When the disciples said,
'We have seen the Lord', he answered,
'Unless I see the holes that the nails
made in his hands and can put my
finger into the holes they made, and
unless I can put my hand into his side, I
refuse to believe.' Eight days later the
disciples were in the house again and
Thomas was with them. The doors were
closed, but Jesus came in and stood
among them. 'Peace be with you' he
said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put
your finger here; look, here are my

hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

‘In reality,’ Pope Francis points out, ‘Thomas is not the only one who struggles to believe. In fact,’ the Pope adds, ‘he represents all of us a little bit.’

But Thomas does not only represent us with his explicitly articulated doubt. Rather, Thomas highlights our tendency to walk away. Thomas had absented himself from the community. Returning, he seems a touch transactional: Show me the proof, then I’ll commit!

As Pope Francis highlights, Jesus answers Thomas’ doubt ‘in front of everyone, in the community.’ It was, the Pope suggests, as if Jesus was telling Thomas that ‘if you want to meet me, do not search far away; remain in our community, with the others, and don’t go away. Pray with them. Break bread with them.’ Be open to encounter, not closed to possibilities.

This, evidently, is a lesson for us too. Every Christian generation is called to find the Risen Christ together. We belong with each other, with Christ forming a mystical unity out of our diversity.

In this, the story of Thomas has another lesson for the Church. We Christians are called to be a welcoming people. ‘Let us ask ourselves,’ the Pope suggests, ‘if in the name of Jesus’ wounds, we are willing to open our arms to those who are wounded by life, excluding no one from God’s mercy but welcoming everyone.’

After all, despite his attitude Thomas was still included and welcomed by the community whose testimony he doubted. Even more pointedly, Our Lord opens his exchange with the doubter with some clearly welcoming words: ‘Peace be with you.’

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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: We as a community of people who have not seen yet, have professed our faith and believe in the risen Christ. We turn to Him with the needs of our church and our world.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for the whole Church, Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious and all our Communities: that like the earliest Christians, we may be faithful to the teaching of the Apostles. . . . We pray to the Lord . . .
. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

As we bring to mind the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord Jesus, we give thanks to our blessed Mother Mary for her ‘Yes’ to God and ask for the strength for our ‘Yes’ to God in our lives. . . . We pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

We pray to God to help all Christians deepen their faith in the risen Lord, and especially for all the men and women baptised at Easter and received into our faith, and for the children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments. . . We pray to the Lord. . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray to God on this day of Divine Mercy, to help our world in its efforts to make peace: to abolish the horrors of war and violence especially in the lands of Christ's birth and life, and of his death and resurrection . . . We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for all who are not well, especially Pope Francis, and those of our community who are not able to be with us this night, that they share in the touch of joy and healing of the risen Lord. . . . We pray to the Lord. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

For all those who have died with faith in the risen Lord. We pray for those who died recently including Margaret Bate, Heather Gebhard, Christine Kay, Gloria Kelly, Patricia Lancaster, Nonieza Mase, Kathryn Warner and relatives and friends, that they share the life of the risen Lord Jesus. . . . We pray to the Lord . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

Celebrant: Father, we believe, without seeing or touching, that your Son has conquered death and stands among us. We ask you to hear these prayers, for we make them through your Son Jesus, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

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 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

We pray those who have died this week

Margaret Ann Bate, Heather Gebhard, Christine Kay, Gloria Yvonne Kelly, Patricia Mary Lancaster, Nonieza Mase, Kathryn Marie Warner

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Rita Bridge (Branxton), Dionisia Endaya, Greg Grant, Carol Johnson, Jean Lear, Marcelina Manalo, Tony Murray

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, 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

Ashton Davies, Eli Joseph Harris, Maddison Jane Kostyk, Lilah Kate Leonard, Reed Bailey Leonard, Cooper John Lodge, John Victor Lodge, Marcella Dawn Moore, Karson Geordie Perkins, Maxwell Luke Wilson

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



Thank you to our many parishioners, including our youth ministry, who so generously gave of their time and talents to assist us to celebrate our Holy Week and Easter liturgies prayerfully and enabling us to be immersed in the beauty of these great liturgies.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal

Please return your Project compassion boxes or envelopes as soon as possible to your church or parish office.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - today 7TH April 2024
 St Joseph's Church, East Maitland - 2.30pm to 3.30pm
 Relic of St Faustina—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Divine Mercy Chaplet—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament—Confessions
 Enquiries : Maree 0418 641 096

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 Closed this weekend.

We welcome the children and their families who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation for the Presentation of the Our Father this weekend.

Sacred Heart Market Day - St. Johns Hall Maitland during the **Steamfest weekend on April 13th & 14th**, from 10am to 4:30pm. A variety of stalls offering handmade items and pre-loved goods and delicious refreshments. To apply for a space email stevenbcampbell@yahoo.com.au

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. **Next Date Sunday 14th April.** Practice and preparation sessions 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, contact: Bec 0422 500 429 or Sue at 0414 890 813

Catholic Mission is proud to be part of the Hunter Community Alliance, a coalition of agencies, community groups and charities that champion the cause of social justice, equality and advocacy for the people of the Maitland, Newcastle and surrounding regions.

Principles of Social Teaching (Pre-Assembly Opt-in Seminar)

As part of our participation in the Hunter Community Alliance Founding Assembly, we are providing a seminar on Principles of Social Teaching.

Come along and learn why we do what we do and then be a part of the historical gathering at the University Great Hall.

The seminar will be followed by the celebration of Mass before walking on pilgrimage to the university.

Workshop

When: Wednesday, 10th April

Time: Gather from 2.30pm for a 3pm start. Mass at 4.30pm.

Where: Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, Shortland (enter parking from Lovell Pde)

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/5C3pY78tsw>

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 8th April *The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD*

Tues 9th April

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 10th April

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 11th April *(St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr)*

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 12th April

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 13th April *(St Martin I, pope, martyr)*

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

Sun 14th April

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 8th April

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues 9th April

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

Wed 10th April

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

Thurs 11th April

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-Funeral
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
 Both at St Joseph's East Maitland

Fri 12th April

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times