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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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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

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15.  
17-19

A reading from the Acts of the  
Apostles

*You have killed the prince of life; God,  
however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are  
Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham,  
Isaac and Jacob, the God of our  
ancestors, who has glorified his servant  
Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over  
and then disowned in the presence of  
Pilate, after Pilate had decided to  
release him. It was you who accused  
the Holy One, the Just One, you who  
demanded the reprieve of a murderer  
while you killed the prince of life. God,  
however, raised him from the dead, and  
to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you  
nor your leaders had any idea what you  
were really doing; this was the way God  
carried out what he had foretold, when  
he said through all his prophets that his  
Christ would suffer. Now you must  
repent and turn to God, so that your sins  
may be wiped out.'

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

**(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O God of  
justice; from anguish you released me,  
have mercy and hear me! (R.)

It is the Lord who grants favours to  
those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.  
(R.)

'What can bring us happiness?' many  
say. Lift up the light of your face on us,  
O Lord. (R.)

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes  
at once, for you alone, Lord, make me  
dwell in safety. (R.)

#### Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St  
John

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away  
our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the  
sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he  
has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when  
you speak.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and  
on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had  
happened on the road and how they had  
recognised Jesus at the breaking of  
bread.

They were still talking about all this  
when Jesus himself stood among them  
and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In  
a state of alarm and fright, they thought  
they were seeing a ghost. But he said,  
'Why are you so agitated, and why are  
these doubts rising in your hearts? Look  
at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed.  
Touch me and see for yourselves; a  
ghost has no flesh and bones as you  
can see I have.' And as he said this he  
showed them his hands and feet. Their  
joy was so great that they could not  
believe it, and they stood dumbfounded;  
so he said to them, 'Have you anything  
here to eat?' And they offered him a  
piece of grilled fish, which he took and  
ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant  
when I said, while I was still with you,  
that everything written about me in the  
Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in  
the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then  
opened their minds to understand the  
scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you  
see how it is written that the Christ  
would suffer and on the third day rise  
from the dead, and that, in his name,  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins  
would be preached to all the nations,  
beginning from Jerusalem. You are  
witnesses to this.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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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:** Like the Apostles, may we come to the full belief in the Resurrection of Jesus as He is revealed to us in the breaking of the bread and drinking of the wine.

### Prayer Leader

We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops and all our Priests that as they continue to send out Your light and truth as messengers of Your word. We pray to the Lord. . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

For our Church throughout the world: especially in those countries where war and terrorism prevail and there is unrest, to be a good example to those who do not believe in God. . . We pray to the Lord. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

For those who are struggling from earthquakes and floods: help them to truly believe that Jesus is our special companion on our journey of life and that nothing is too hard for Him. . . We pray to the Lord. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have been received into the Catholic faith during the Easter celebrations, past and present, that they hear the words of God in their hearts as they continue on their journey and trust in His love for all. . . We pray to the Lord. . . . **Lord hear our prayer**

For the children in the Sacrament program that through their parents and guardians they come to know the true love of Jesus and invite Him into their hearts..... We pray to the Lord:. . **Lord hear our prayer**

For those of our community and our relatives and friends who cannot be with us this today, we ask Jesus to reach out to them in their time of suffering and give them strength to keep faith. . . .We pray to the Lord. . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all our parishioners and family members who have died, especially Andrew Adams, Joan Boyle, Maria Hawryluk, Fr Martin Larsen and Mary Sweeting. As they lived in the Easter hope, may they share the glory of everlasting life. We pray to the Lord . . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** All powerful God through the Resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have given us the hope of Eternal life. Guide us with your grace as we continue our journey to the Kingdom of Heaven. We ask this 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** Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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

Andrew Adams, Joan Boyle, Maria Hawryluk, Fr Martin Larsen (Archdiocese Brisbane), Mary Sweeting

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

Philomena Barrett, Mick Bourke, Emilia Carandang, William & Mary Doheny, Manel Gunasekara, Terry Killen, Elsy Mathew, Helen McCrohon, James Taylor, Frederick Thomas, Bruce Trappel, John Wickham

***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***

Lenix Regis Carmody, Emmett Michael Delphine, Elsie May Glenys Delphine, Jack Lucas Evans, Sophie Rey Evans

***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***

Cheuk Li & Jessica Song

**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**

**Regional Anointing Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield this Friday 19th April at 10am. All welcome.**

Please note - there will be no 7am Mass at East Maitland on this day.

**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.

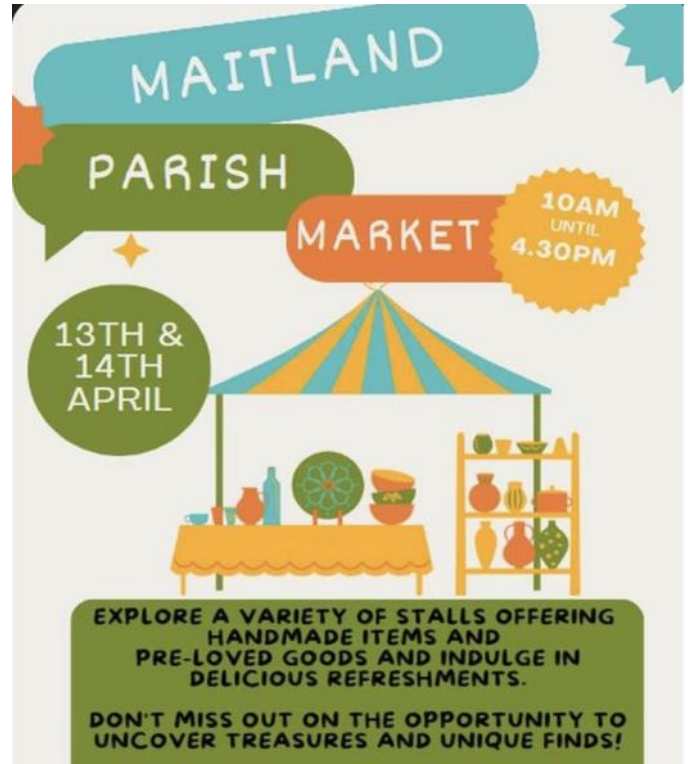
The Maitland Parish Community invite all people to come and join us in **praying the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother** on Monday nights, 7pm at St Paul's Church, Rutherford. There will be a petition box available if you would like to place your own personal petition.

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**  
is open this weekend. There is new stock including new bibles.



**ST JOHN'S HALL, 2 CATHEDRAL STREET MAITLAND**

**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](mailto:rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au)

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)

If you wish to be added to the parish **email distribution** list please email [chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au). You will receive the bulletin each week plus other announcements.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

- Tues 16th April**  
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Wed 17th April**  
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
- Thurs 18th April**  
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
- Fri 19th April**  
10.00am Anointing Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- Sat 20th April**  
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Sun 21st April**  
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

- Mon 15th April**  
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Tues 16th April**  
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland-Funeral
- Wed 17th April**  
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Thurs 18th April**  
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary Both at St Joseph's East Maitland
- Fri 19th April**  
7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM  
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times