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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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be
heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:25-
26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon
the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius
went out to meet him, knelt at his feet
and prostrated himself. But Peter
helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am
only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I
have now come to realise' he said, 'is
that God does not have favourites, but
that anybody of any nationality who
fears God and does what is right is
acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy
Spirit came down on all the listeners.
Jewish believers who had accompanied
Peter were all astonished that the gift of
the Holy Spirit should be poured out on
the pagans too, since they could hear
them speaking strange languages and
proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter
himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse
the water of baptism to these people,
now they have received the Holy Spirit
just as much as we have?' He then
gave orders for them to be baptised in
the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards
they begged him to stay on for some
days.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

**The Lord has revealed to the
nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord

for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm

have brought salvation. (R.)

The Lord has made known his
salvation; has shown his justice to the
nations.

He has remembered his truth and love

for the house of Israel. (R.)

All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth,

ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John
God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another since love
comes from God and everyone who
loves is begotten by God and knows
God.

Anyone who fails to love can never
have known God, because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed when
God sent into the world his only Son so
that we could have life through him; this
is the love I mean: not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his
Son to be the sacrifice that takes our
sins away.

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

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

*No one can have greater love than to lay down
his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,

so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love, just as I have
kept my Father's commandments and
remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy
may be in you and your joy be
complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I

command you, I shall not call you

servants any more, because a servant

does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made

known to you everything I have learnt

from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and

to bear fruit, fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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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:

Father You made us in Love , as You are Love. Hear our prayer of love for those who are in need throughout the world. .

Prayer leader

For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons: May they be the beacon of Love in Jesus and shine brightly on all Christian people as they lead us to our God. . . . In Your Love Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations: that they strive to rid the world of hatred and violence and work for peace and love. . . . In Your Love Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

For our own selves: that with the light of the Holy Spirit to guide us, may we recognise and resist temptation, and not allow anything to come between us and the love of Christ . . . In Your love Lord. . . **Hear our prayer.**

For the formation of men and women, religious and seminarians, that God may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, to keep our faith alive. . . .In Your love Lord. . . **Lord Hear our prayer.**

We pray that all Christian people be known by their love for one another. . . .In Your love Lord. . .
Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, especially our own families and friends..... May the touch of the Lord's
healing give them the strength and trust that is needed in their journey of life. . . In Your love Lord. . . .
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have gone before us to the promised land of Eternal life including Betty Creigh,
Warren Grant, Sr Bernadette Hoffman RSM, Most Rev Bishop Peter Ingram. May they now find rest in the pres-
ence of Jesus. . . . In Your love Lord. . . . **Hear our prayer**

Celebrant: Father, we thank you, you call us Your sons and daughters, and love us as You love Jesus. We make
our prayer in His name - through 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 [John 14:15-16](#)

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

We pray those who have died this week

Betty Creigh, Warren Grant, Sr Bernadette Hoffman RSM,
Most Rev Bishop Peter Ingram (Former Bishop of Wollongong)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Stephen Bartlett, Nicholas Black, Mollie Collins, Dave Cornish,
Brother William Doheny fms, Bernardita Cureton, Tom Cureton, Bill Hayter, Pat Hughes, Ronald Joseph Lawler,
Marian Lisowski, Stephen Lucas, Jessie Tobin, Bernadette McGrath, Eunice Morris, Edward O'Neill

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Angeles Adapon, Bonifacio 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,
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

Hannah Edith Berry, Evan Thomas Deal, Connor-John Keast, Piper Grace Nolan, Alice Margaret Towns,
Charlie Raymond Towns, Eli Oliver Villaruel

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

Dominic Cantarella and Lauren Biazzo

**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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MASS COUNTS during May The most recent Mass counts were undertaken in 2021 and the Council of Priests determined that these figures were significantly affected by COVID and do not accurately reflect current reality. Bishop Michael has requested that a current Mass count take place during the month of May throughout the Diocese. The count will take place for four consecutive weekends in May. This includes the Vigil Masses as well as Sunday Masses BUT not the Saturday morning Mass. It will take place around the time of Announcements. We thank you for participating in this very important gathering of information.

PROJECT COMPASSION donations for this years Project Compassion will need to be at the parish office by Tuesday 14th May as parishes are required to provide all donations to Caritas Australia by the end of May.

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.

NOTE CHANGE OF TIME: The Maitland Parish Community invite all people to come and join us in **praying the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother on Monday nights, 5.00pm 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

Vigil & Funeral Details for the Most Rev Bishop Peter W. Ingham AM DD – Fourth Bishop of Wollongong (2001-2017)

Thursday, May 9, 2024

6:30 PM: Reception of the body of Bishop Peter

7:30 PM: Vigil Liturgy

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong

A SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL .

Friday, May 10, 2024, 10:30am, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Interment will take place in the cathedral grounds at the conclusion of Mass **The funeral will also be livestreamed at <https://dow.sh/livestream>.**

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.

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 12th May.** Practice sessions Tuesdays during the 5:30pm Youth Mass at St. Joseph's. For more information, contact:

Bec 0422 500 429 or Sue at 0414 890 813

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, 9.30am at the Corcoran

Centre, Morpeth. RSVP - 11th May

Donation \$10. and all proceeds to House of Hospitality:

Contact: Colleen 0400 383 950 or Anne 0413489 129.

(If no answer please leave a message or send a text)

Chapel Jazz showcasing school bands spectacular, Sunday 19th May, 11.00am - 4.00pm in the grounds of Immaculate Conception church, Morpeth. All Welcome. See posters in your church porches—Enquiries contact 0414254230.

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

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

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.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 7th May

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 8th May

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 9th May

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 10th May (*St John de Avila, priest, doctor*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 11th May

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

Sun 12th May

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 6th May

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues 7th May

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

Wed 8th May

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

Thurs 9th May

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

7.00pm

Fri 10th May

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

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times