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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

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of
Deuteronomy

*The Lord himself is God in heaven above and
on earth below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this
question to the ages that are past,
that went before you, from the time
God created man on earth: Was there
ever a word so majestic, from one end
of heaven to the other? Was anything
ever heard? Did ever a people hear
the voice of the living God speaking
from the heart of the fire, as you heard
it, and remain alive? Has any god
ventured to take to himself one nation
from the midst of another by ordeals,
signs, wonders, war with mighty hand
and outstretched arm, by fearsome
terrors – all this that the Lord your
God did for you before your eyes in
Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and
take it to heart: The Lord is God
indeed, in heaven above as on earth
beneath, he and no other. Keep his
laws and commandments as I give
them to you today so that you and
your children may prosper and live
long in the land that the Lord your
God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has
chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all
his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and
fills the earth with his love. (R.)

With his word the heavens were
made, by the breath of his mouth all
the stars.

He spoke; and they came to be.

He commanded; they sprang into
being. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere
him, on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as
we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Romans

*You have received the Spirit that makes you
God's own children, and in that Spirit we call
God: Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son
of God. The spirit you received is not
the spirit of slaves bringing fear into
your lives again; it is the spirit of sons,
and it makes us cry out, 'Abba,
Father!' The Spirit himself and our
spirit bear united witness that we are
children of God. And if we are children
we are heirs as well: heirs of God and
coheirs with Christ, sharing his
sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to
God who is, who was, and who is to
come.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for
Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus
had arranged to meet them. When
they saw him they fell down before
him, though some hesitated. Jesus
came up and spoke to them. He said,
'All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me. Go, therefore,
make disciples of all the nations;
baptise them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, and teach them to observe all
the commands I gave you. And know
that I am with you always; yes, to the
end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection by Nick Brodie

When Pope Francis instituted the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2015 he said the following: 'Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.'

'With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze,' the Pope went on to say, 'we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness.'

The Pope reminds us that Jesus showed us what mercy looks like. 'The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.'

Which shows us what kind of community our Merciful God calls us to be. 'Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life,' declared Pope Francis, reminding us that 'nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy.'

'All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers,' he stresses.

'From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God,' the Pope concludes, 'the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.'

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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, <i>(all bow)</i> 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.
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UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: As we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith, the Holy Trinity of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, let us raise our hearts in prayer to our God of Compassion and Love.

Prayer leader:

For those who lead us in our faith: Pope Francis, Bishop Michael, our Priests and Deacons: that they continue to share their love and faith in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We pray . . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

For those who do not understand the truth of the Trinity, one Holy God in three Divine persons; that the peace and love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit descend upon them and bear witness in their hearts. We pray. . . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

May the leaders of all Nations be touched by the Holy Trinity of one God and come to peaceful solutions in those countries who are suffering from war and unrest. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

We pray for all families participating in the sacrament program: that they may prepare well, and open their hearts to the reception of the Blessed Eucharist in the coming weeks.

We pray. . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

We ask the Holy Spirit for special blessings on all people who do volunteer work especially those of our community. May their lives be enriched with the love of the Holy Trinity, to continue in their good works. . . We pray. . . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

For those who are not well and cannot be in the real present of the Eucharist.

We pray. . . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

For those whose life on this earth has come to an end especially, Stephen Brokenshire, Jacqueline Kerrigan, David Rae, Brian Ward and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they now be in union with our loving Triune God in the Paradise of His love.

We pray. . . . **Lord hear us in Your love.**

Celebrant: Father, hear our prayer we make in the power of the Holy Spirit through your Son Jesus 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 Galatians 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

We pray those who have died this week

Stephen Brokenshire, Jacqueline (Jacqui) Kerrigan, David Rae, Brian Ward

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Troy Beavis, Eileen Bourke, Margaret Anne Camps, Mildread Gunasekara, Rev Thomas James Kennedy, Tom Morgan, William O'Connor (Bill), Rev Paul O'Neill, Eduvigis Prevendido, Ratnadore Sivakaran, James Skinner, Michael Stanwell, Evelyn Webeck, Kathryn (Kathy) June Zysek

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, Mecelenia De Chavez, 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

Milan John Covic, Amarni Jade Covic, Harrison Samuel Burgess, Harvey James Craig, Elle Vivienne Nicola Platt, Izaiah Anthony Turnbull-Little

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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Welcome to all those children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation.
Today is the Presentation of the Oils.

National Volunteer Week

Thank you for generously volunteering your time.
Your willingness to give your time and service is greatly appreciated.

The diocese would like to thank all **volunteers** who generously give their time to help others in our community, and invite you to some free events.

Movie Night "The Way, My Way" - 29 May, 5.30pm, Event Cinemas **Kotara** Westfield Rooftop (corner Northcott Dr and Park Ave, Kotara)

Morning Tea 24th May, 10.30am, Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West.

To RSVP please email talent@mn.catholic.org.au

PARISH VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Tuesday 18 June 2024 | Session - 9.30am to 12.30pm (Lunch Provided) Murray Room, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle 2302. All parish workers are required to attend Safeguarding Training in Parishes within 6 months of commencing in their role and every 6 years thereafter. To book please RSVP by 1st June 2024 to chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

This is the last week for **MASS COUNTS**. Thank you for your participation.

The Council for Women has relaunched the Magdalene Awards in 2024, to recognise and celebrate women who embody the spirit of Mary Magdalene within the Diocese of Maitland – Newcastle. **For those interested in participating or nominating someone nominations open on Monday 8 April and close on Monday 3 June.**

mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/mission-and-outreach/council-for-women/magdalene-award-2024/ For inquiries or further information, contact

Kate Crncevic (kate.crncevic@mn.catholic.org.au), or Council for Women Chair, Helene O'Neill (helene.oneill@mn.catholic.org.au)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be conducted throughout our Masses on the weekends of **2nd/9th June**. This is an opportunity to think of others who are struggling in our community. **Your donation can help rebuild lives.** Your support is greatly appreciated. Donations can also be made at vinnies.org.au or by phone 131812.

IMPORTANT PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE INFORMATION:

Anyone who uses planned giving envelopes will see that there is an extra envelope in your box this year. This envelope doesn't have your planned giving number, parish or the weekend date on it. This has been provided as there are 53 Sundays in this calendar year. It is really important that you write your **PLANNED GIVING NUMBER AND PARISH AS WELL AS THE DATE** on this envelope. As of this week we have received two of these envelopes one with no information at all and another with a planned giving number but no parish.

We are unable to allocate your contribution to your parish if the above information is not on the envelope.

Thank you for helping out with this.

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.**

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.

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.

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 27th May (*St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop*)

Tues 28th May

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 29th May (*St Paul VI (pope)*)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 30th May

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 31st May

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 1st Jun (*St Justin, martyr*)

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

Sun 19th May

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 27th May

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

Tues 28th May

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

Wed 29th May

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

Thurs 30th 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 31st May

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