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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

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the
stronghold of my life; whom should I
dread? When those who do evil draw
near, they stumble and fall.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 3:9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

*I will make you enemies of each other: your
offspring and her offspring.*

The Lord God called to the man after he
had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?'
he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the
garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because
I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that
you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you
been eating of the tree I forbade you to
eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman
you put with me; she gave me the fruit,
and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked
the woman, 'What is this you have
done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent
tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent,
'Because you have done this,
'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat
dust every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

**With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:

for this we revere you. (R.)

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word. My soul is longing for
the Lord more than watchman for
daybreak. (R.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed
he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from the second letter of St
Paul to the Corinthians

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is
mentioned in scripture – I believed,
therefore I spoke - we too believe and

therefore we too speak, knowing that he
who raised the Lord Jesus to life will
raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put
us by his side and you with us. You see,
all this is for your benefit, so that the
more grace is multiplied among people,
the more thanksgiving there will be, to
the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our
part, and instead, though this outer man
of ours may be falling into decay, the
inner man is renewed day by day. Yes,
the troubles which are soon over, though
they weigh little, train us for the carrying
of a weight of eternal glory which is out of
all proportion to them. And so we have
no eyes for things that are visible, but
only for things that are invisible; for
visible things last only for a time, and the
invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we
live in on earth is folded up, there is a
house built by God for us, an everlasting
home not made by human hands, in the
heavens.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this
world will now be cast out, and when I
am lifted up from the earth I will draw all
to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 3:20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and
such a crowd collected that they could
not even have a meal. When his relatives
heard of this, they set out to take charge
of him, convinced he was out of his mind.
The scribes who had come down from
Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in
him,' and, 'It is through the prince of
devils that he casts devils out.' So he
called them to him and spoke to them in
parables, 'How can Satan cast out
Satan? If a kingdom is divided against
itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a
household is divided against itself, that
household can never stand. Now if Satan
has rebelled against himself and is
divided, he cannot stand either - it is the
end of him. But no one can make his way
into a strong man's house and burgle his
property unless he has tied up the strong
man first. Only then can he burgle his
house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be
forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but
let anyone blaspheme against the Holy
Spirit and he will never have forgiveness:
he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was
because they were saying, 'An unclean
spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on today's Gospel, Pope Francis says that 'Jesus' response was not a lack of respect for his mother and his brethren.' He was not turning away from family, but rather widening the very concept.

'Jesus formed a new family,' the Pope explains, 'no longer based on natural ties, but on faith in him, on his love which welcomes us and unites us to each other, in the Holy Spirit.'

This is especially poignant when we remember that Jesus was just accused of being devilish. While Jesus' clever riposte turns the logic of the scribes upside down and puts them on the backfoot, the Pope suggests that 'this episode contains an admonishment which is useful to all of us.'

He points out that 'it can happen that deep envy of a person's goodness and good works can drive one to falsely accuse him or her.' This, after all, was the root of the accusation against Jesus. We must be alert to this temptation ourselves, especially in the Church.

We should also be alert to a little detail in this Gospel which is easily overlooked. Pope Francis draws our attention to it, because it highlights why Jesus attracted both accusations and concerns in the first place. Jesus, the Pope points out, 'did not even have time to eat.' He was too busy encountering people and encouraging them. 'Jesus,' the Pope says, 'was like that: people first; serving people; helping people; teaching people; healing people. He was for the people. He did not even have time to eat.'

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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: Let us bring our needs before God, confident that He will listen to us as we pray in the name of His Son.

Prayer Leader

For the Church and her leaders: that we may be a sign of unity and an Instrument of peace, keeping us true to our faith, in this divided world.

We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer

For the parishes of our Chisholm region on this feast day of St Columba, that we may follow the example of St. Columba in our daily lives, fostering a spirit of charity, service, and prayer.

We pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for peace in our world, that the Spirit of Peace may be poured out to soften the hardness of hearts of all who seek to control by violence or war or bloodshed.

We pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer

For the people of God: May they listen to the Holy Spirit and say 'No' to go against Gods will, when they are tempted by the bad spirits.

We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer

For those who are preparing to receive the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation: that they be filled with the fullness of God in their journey of life.

We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer

For all those who are sick and those who suffered serious injury of body and mind in the Hunter Valley bus accident last year, will find attentive ears, open hearts and practical assistance as with courage they continue to take one day at a time.

We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who have entered into Eternal rest recently including Mecelenia De Chavez, Dr Siri Kannagara, Marie Mungoven, Pat Pearce and those whose anniversary occurs. May they now rest in the Love and Joy of our Loving God.

We Pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant: Father in heaven, You have placed us in a world that gets twisted out of shape by the evil we do. Help us to become holy and remake our world in the image of Christ. Who lives and reigns 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 The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

We pray those who have died this week

Mecelenia De Chavez, Dr Siri Kannagara, Marie Therese Mungoven, Pat Pearce

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Shelagh Callinan, Leone Anne Clifton, Sr Anita Conroy rsj, Angie Cornish, Pauline Geyer, Martin Hughes, Cyril Kealy, Gisela Kirsten, Fr Lex Levey, Pat McGilvray, Pio E. Villaver

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, Dianne Fryer, Rev Fr Joseph Selvan Fifarado, Barbara Filas, Annette & Pete Flood, Greg Grainger, Leanne Hardy, Gregory Hurney, Jim Jackson, 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

Rose-Marie Suzanne Baker, Liana Carrall, Ruby Elaina Lyon, Josephine Goldie Marshall, Kyree Robert McKenzie, Keira Mae Miller, Hallie Ann Streat, Oscar James Terranova

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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This Sunday, St Columba's Church Paterson celebrates the Patronal feast of St Columba of Iona.

Be Thou abright flame before me.
 Be Thou a guiding star above me.
 Be Thou a smooth path below me.
 Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me.
 Today, tonight, forever.
 St Columba

SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER

Supporting ST VINCENT DE PAUL, Wednesday 19th June Holy Family Largs, 7PM Mass Followed by Supper in the Hall. Entry by Donation (\$10 suggested) For catering purposes, if possible, notify Mick Daffy at mickdaffy@bigpond.com or mobile 0413 047 203 Or just turn up and we will share

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

PARISH OFFICE Will be closed to the public on Tuesday 11th June due to the public holiday occurring on the usual Monday office administration day. Have a happy and safe long weekend.

Eucharistic and Marian Holy Hour Saturday 15th June 8.30am-9.30am, after 8am Mass at St Joseph's East Maitland. A call to pray for the needs of the Church and the World. All welcome.

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH EAST MAITLAND Opened after the 8.30am & 6.00pm mass on Sunday's. New stock with a great selection of Bibles, children's books.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 11th June (*St Barnabas, apostle*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 12th June
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 13th June (*St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 14th June
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 15th Jun
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 16th Jun
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be conducted throughout our Masses this weekend. 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:

- Those using the EXTRA 53rd week planned giving envelope please ensure you write the week of your donation, your planned giving number AND the parish. We are unable to correctly record your donation if this information is not provided. Anyone who has used one of these envelopes in the past could you please contact the parish office to advise us. We have three that do not have any details on them.
- Planned Giving Boxes for the new financial year will commence Sunday 7 July. Please collect them at your church.
- Tax Receipts will be available this year. Tax Receipt request forms are in the church porches and emailed out through our parish bulletin emails. Alternately please email or call the parish office. The information needs to be recorded.

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

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.

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

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 10th June
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 11th June
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 12th June
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 13th June
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 14th June
7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield