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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

Cf Psalm 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have
received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving
justice.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
*The people are rebellious; they shall know
there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made
me stand up, and I heard the Lord
speaking to me. He said, 'Son of
man, I am sending you up to the
Israelites, to the rebels who have
turned against me. Till now they and
their ancestors have been in revolt
against me. The sons are defiant
and obstinate; I am sending you to
them, to say, "The Lord says this."
Whether they listen or not, this set of
rebels shall know there is a prophet
among them.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

**(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the
Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you
who dwell in the heavens: my eyes,
like the eyes of slaves on the hand
of their lords. (R.)

Like the eyes of a servant on the
hand of his mistress, so our eyes
are on the Lord our God till he
shows us his mercy. (R.)

Have mercy on us, Lord, have
mercy. We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of
Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of
these revelations, to stop me from
getting too proud I was given a thorn

in the flesh, an angel of Satan to
beat me and stop me from getting
too proud! About this thing, I have
pleaded with the Lord three times for
it to leave me, but he has said, 'My
grace is enough for you: my power
is at its best in weakness.' So I shall
be very happy to make my
weaknesses my special boast so
that the power of Christ may stay
over me, and that is why I am quite
content with my weaknesses, and
with insults, hardships, persecutions,
and the agonies I go through for
Christ's sake. For it is when I am
weak that I am strong.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of
the Lord is upon me; he sent me to
bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and
his disciples accompanied him. With
the coming of the sabbath he began
teaching in the synagogue and most
of them were astonished when they
heard him. They said, 'Where did
the man get all this? What is this
wisdom that has been granted him,
and these miracles that are worked
through him? This is the carpenter,
surely, the son of Mary, the brother
of James and Joset and Jude and
Simon? His sisters, too, are they not
here with us?' And they would not
accept him. And Jesus said to them,
'A prophet is only despised in his
own country among his own
relations and in his own house'; and
he could work no miracle there,
though he cured a few sick people
by laying his hands on them. He was
amazed at their lack of faith.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Home town crowds and 'mighty works'

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play. We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

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: With faith and trust in God, let us bring our prayers and petitions before Him.

Prayer Leader

Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, all priests and religious and laity, especially those who are working with First Nations Peoples. That we may stand firm in the teachings of Christ and strong in proclaiming the Gospel.

We pray **Lord hear us**

For world leaders, that they may govern with wisdom and compassion, fostering peace and justice for all.

We pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

We Pray for all peoples, both First Nations people and non Indigenous people, that we will all learn to walk together and serve and respect each other.

We Pray..... **Lord hear us.**

For all who face rejection or misunderstanding in their mission or daily life, that they may find comfort in knowing that Jesus too faced such challenges and remained steadfast in His purpose. We pray. . . **Lord hear us**

For the sick, the lonely, and those in need, that they may experience God's healing touch and the support of our community. We pray . . . **Lord hear us.**

We pray for our deceased family members, friends and parishioners, who have died recently especially Eric Bouchereau, Patricia Crooks, Marlene Hemsworth, Bernice Peters, Pamela Tobin and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We Pray.. . . **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we offer these prayers with confidence in Your loving care. Hear and answer them according to Your holy will. 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 Psalm 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

We pray those who have died this week

Eric Bouchereau, Patricia Evelyn Crooks, Marlene Ellen Hemsworth, Bernice (Bonnie) Peters, Pamela Tobin

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Nicholas Dilley, Ronald (Ron) Hungerford, Jack Locke, Robert (Lynn) McIntyre, Ernie Turner

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Angeles Adapon, Bonifacio Adapon, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Ron Bartlett, Lorraine Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Cloe Judith Carmody, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Brendan Cleaveland, Timothy Clifton, Luke Crotty, Angiela Dagook, Oneli Disaaynayake, Alfredo Doctor, Dianne Fryer, Rev Fr Joseph Selvan Fifarado, Barbara Filas, Annette & Pete Flood, Greg Grainger, Gregory Hurney, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Judy Massey, Marielle Munoz, Carlo Panlilio, Collin Perera, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Anthony Y Poblador (USA), Mary Pullin, Rohini Rajakaruna, Jenny Ribeyro, Olga Rusak, Biyatrise Samaratunga, Anne Standing, Bill Temperley, Nilda Walker, Gayle Williams, John Williams, Gary Wills, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Darcie Rose Bendeich, Dylan George Byrnes, Charlie Michael Bowe, Philippa Rae Lumsden, Lottie Maddox, Liam Peter Pilarski, Atlas John Unger

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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School Holiday Christmas in July Movie Night

Hosted by ACTiv8 Youth. Join us for a special screening of The Star on our new giant TV screen! Tuesday, 9th July, 6:15pm - 8.00pm, Therry Centre, East Maitland. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Optional fancy dress in Christmas clothes or ugly sweaters. We look forward to seeing you there for a festive and fun evening!

Volunteers and Parishioner thank you evening Signs of Hope—People of Faith with Peter Kearney

Dear Parishioners and Volunteers, we are excited to invite you to our upcoming free concert, a special event designed to be a source of nourishment and prayer time for you. We recognise the immense dedication you give to our community, and this concert is our way of offering something special just for you. It will also be a wonderful opportunity to build community and connect with fellow parishioners and volunteers.

Peter Kearney's concert will weave songs, stories, and reflections about faithful people who have lived out the Beatitudes and brought compassion, hope, and justice into our world. Subjects will include Mary MacKillop (St. Mary of the Cross) and Sr. Irene McCormack, an Australian Josephite nun who was killed in Peru in 1991. We hope you will join us for this enriching experience. **Thursday 18th July 2024, 6pm for a BBQ, 6.30pm for the concert at St John the Baptist Primary school Hall Maitland. Venue is heated .**

Bookings essential rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au or 0249338918 by 15th July 2024.

Annual Pilgrimage to MacKillop Place

This year's pilgrimage to MacKillop Place will be on Friday 23 August 2024. \$80.00 per person. Bus will leave Branxton at 6.15am and picking up at Greta, Lochinvar, Rutherford and East Maitland at 7am. Cost includes bus, morning tea, museum entry and Mass in the chapel at 12pm with Fr Thomas. You will need to buy your own lunch at North Ryde RSL. Bus will leave Sydney at 3pm. Numbers must be finalised by 12 July. Names to Mercia via the Branxton Parish Office 02 5507 4048 . We encourage everyone to join us for the trip as it is a spiritually rewarding day.

INTRODUCTION OF TAP & GO donations at East Maitland.

With the shift towards a cashless society we are introducing a Tap Donation facility at East Maitland church. This is consistent with many other parishes in the Diocese. The unit will accept donations electronically and securely using contactless card payments. It will be located on the side table inside the church. There will be preset amounts of \$5, \$10, \$20 and donors simply press the amount required then tap and GO. You are also able to setup a 'set and forget' donation via direct deposit. Please contact the parish office if you wish to set this up. Over the coming weeks we may also implement other alternatives for donating to the parish like QR Code donations.

Eucharistic and Marian Holy Hour Saturday 13th July 8.30am-9.30am, after 8am Mass at St Joseph's East Maitland. Our Lady calls us to pray for peace. All welcome.

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.

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.**

PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH EAST MAITLAND

The stall is opened after the 8.30am & 6.00pm mass on Sunday's. New stock with a great selection of Bibles and children's books.

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

Tues 9th July (*St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and companions, martyrs*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 10th July

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 11th July (*St Benedict, abbot*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 12th July

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 13th July (*St Henry*)

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

Sun 14th June

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 8th July

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

Tues 9th July

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

Wed 10th July

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

Thurs 11th July

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland
Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
7.00pm 2 Erin Close Ashtonfield

Fri 12th July

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

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times