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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.



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Sunday 14th July 2024

Sea Sunday

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8
(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,

to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us

in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:

that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God. Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.

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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: God has chosen us in Christ to be spiritually blessed and to praise the glory of His name. Our prayerful petitions are placed before our God who knows and cares for each of us.

Prayer leader:

For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Religious: that they continue as Christ's co-workers in building the Kingdom of God on earth.

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

For the leaders of all Nations: That God may give them strength, wisdom and drive them to work for peace and justice for all Nations.

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

Lord, through our Baptism, make each one of us an instrument, giving us the courage to proclaim the words of the Gospel to those around us, in the building of Your Kingdom.

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

For those who are confused and questioning the presence of God in our world: may they learn God's plan for them.

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

During this week we celebrate the feast day of our Lady of Mount Carmel, let us ask our Blessed Mother to take special care of our people, who are now living in care homes especially those in our own Mount Carmel home.

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

For those who are unable to be celebrating Eucharist with us may they find the strength and good health to join us in our celebrations and be in the real presence of Christ.

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

That all who have died, especially Carmel O'Brien, Marie Peters and Patricia White, now enjoy Eternal happiness in Christ.

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

Celebrant: Lord may everything we do begin with Your inspiration and help so we too can be true messengers. 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 Cf Psalm 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

We pray those who have died this week

Carmel O'Brien, Marie Patricia Peters, Patricia Ann White

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Marie Breiner, Mary Goodwin, Ingrid Kaiser, Janina Orlowski, Sr Helen Rankin OP,
Evelyn Rosenberg, Brigitte Schaefer, Nita Small, Joan Toner, Henry Arthur Trappel (Bart),
Irene May Wynne,

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

Fox Lee Bergin, Jace Butler, Lucia Jane Hicks, Luka Raymond Sutton

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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Please consider attending our Volunteers and Parishioner thank you evening

Signs of Hope—People of Faith with Peter Kearney

It's our way of saying thankyou

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 .**

RSVP to Bec rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au or 0249338918

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

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.

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.**

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 15th July (*St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor*)

Tues 16th July (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 17th July

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 18th July

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 19th July

10.00am Anointing Mass, St Paul's Rutherford

Sat 20th July (*St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr*)

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

Sun 21st July

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

Regional Anointing Mass

St Paul's Rutherford

Friday **19th July** at 10am.

All welcome

We wish to thank Paul Cuskelly for his past service as a Special Religious Education teacher for the East Maitland parish. Paul will be presented with a certificate of appreciation at the 6pm Mass this Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the ACTiv8 Youth Movie night. A special shoutout to the amazing volunteers who made it all possible. We had young people from all three high schools from our region and many of the primary schools. Everyone had a fantastic time and we are all looking forward to another movie night in the near future.

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.

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.

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.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 15th July

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

Tues 16th July

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

Wed 17th July

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

Thurs 18th July

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 19th July

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

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times