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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 Anhicad

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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.

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Sunday 21st July 2024

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Al

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

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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: We place our prayers before our God who sent his Son Jesus, to be the Good Shepherd to us. He laid down His life for us, in order to save and lead us to the green pastures of the Kingdom of heaven.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, who are God's Shepherds of this day. May they guide and lead your people with the same love and compassion as Jesus.

To the Good Shepherd we pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

We pray for the Church Communities of the Chisholm Region, that our faith and trust in Jesus be strengthened, and that those who no longer join us at the altar be renewed in their faith.

To the Good Shepherd we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

May the leaders of every Nation work together to discover ways to bring peace and justice into our world.

To the Good Shepherd we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

That our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle be guided by the goodness of God as we work together to build the Kingdom of God.

To the Good Shepherd we pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

We pray that for those who are not well, especially our Priests and Nuns, that the Holy Spirit will renew their trust in God and walk beside them in their journey. . .

To the Good Shepherd we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

For those who have died especially Peter Enright, Sr Jane Frances, Marie Peters and Warren Markham, that they may fully share in the glory of heaven with our loving Lord.

To the Good Shepherd we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant: Loving God, hear our prayers and pour on us Your Spirit, that we may make known to the world the depths of Your love. 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 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

We pray those who have died this week

Peter Enright, Sr Jane Frances rsj, Warren Markham, Marie Patricia Peters

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Damien Francis Brennan, Alexander Thomas Brown, Lily Doherty, Max Guy, Elizabeth Hoawerth, Frank Ingruber, Lionel (Alec) King, Gladys and Thomas Lantry, Louise Mungoven, Tom Murphy, Molly O'Brien, Addolorata Rega, Edith Saunders

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 Dagoock, 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, Colleen Nolan, Michael Nolan, 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

Vivienne Louise Clifford, Charlotte Maeve Gillan, Evie Kate Gillott, Oliver James Mackay, Hugh Patrick McFadyen, William Francis McFadyen

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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Thank you to all who attended Peter Kearney's Concert! Your presence made the evening special. A special thank you to Peter Kearney for the wonderful performance.

East Maitland Parish Gathering: Barbecue Breakfast and Olympics Telecast on Sunday **28th July** in the Therry Centre at 9.30am.

Are you interested in finding out what is involved in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is?

Becoming a Catholic is a spiritual journey that is firstly about developing a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. This journey, referred to as the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**, is highlighted by ceremonies or "rites" which help you to experience the love and support of a caring faith community. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process, there will be an Enquiry Evening on **August 7th 2024** at 7PM, in the THERRY CENTRE, East Maitland. If you would like to attend please register with the Parish Office at chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au, or 49338918 or a representative of the RCIA Team directly, either Margaret 0419 335 878 or Wayne 0448 924 771.



Bishop Michael Kennedy invites the People of the Diocese to join him in celebrating his 25th Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood at a concelebrated Mass commencing at 11am in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton on 14 August 2024. Other priest and deacon jubilarians will be acknowledged at the Mass. All are welcome.

Correspondence was received from Bishop Michael this week. The Acceptance and Announcement of Implementation Committee Report - Review of Pastoral Ministries and Religious Education & Spirituality. A copy was sent to those on the email distribution list and copies are in church porches.

If you would like to keep up to date with parish matters and receive the bulletin each week the parish office can add you to the email distribution list. Please email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

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.

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.

Bible Study for families & youth (18-35) at 6pm in the Prayer Room of the East Maitland Church. Tuesdays during school term. Sr Paula 0449656406

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.

Please join Chisholm Pastoral Region clergy and fellow parishioners on the **31st August 2024** at the Corcoran Centre Morpeth from 8:30 to 3:30 for a **Crossing Cultures: Hidden Histories** cultural awareness day where Bishop Michael will join us. Facilitated by Auntie Louise Campbell and Craig Duncan from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Wellbeing Unit CSO **Crossing Cultures: Hidden Histories** will take you on a 65,000-year journey from pre-contact to the present day. Participants will deepen their knowledge and understanding of the cultural perspectives and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, broadly and in our local communities. Cost is \$10 per person and includes a light lunch. Registration via Eventbrite **will open** on Monday 29th July. More information to follow.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

- Mon 22nd July** (*St Mary Magdalene*)
- Tues 23rd July** (*St Bridget, religious*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
- Wed 24th July** (*St Sharbel Makhluf, priest*)
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
- Thurs 25th July** (*St James, apostle*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
- Fri 26th July** (*Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland
- Sat 27th July**
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

- Mon 22nd July**
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Tues 23rd July**
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland **-Funeral**
- Wed 24th July**
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland **-Funeral**
- Thurs 25th July**
9.30-10.30am
7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland Marian Movement of Priests Rosary 2 Erin Close Ashtonfield
- Fri 26th July**
7.30am
9.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times

Sun 28th July
9.00am Mass - Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)