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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.

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All baptised members of the community

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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.



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B Sunday 28th July 2024 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his
house; he himself gives might and
strength to his people.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the
Kings

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah,
bringing Elisha, the man of God,
bread from the first-fruits, twenty
barley loaves and fresh grain in the
ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,'
Elisha said. But his servant replied,
'How can I serve this to a hundred
men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he
insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They
will eat and have some left over."' He
served them; they ate and had some
over, as the Lord had said.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O
Lord, and your friends shall repeat
their blessing. They shall speak of the
glory of your reign and declare your
might, O God. **(R.)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due
time. You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways and
loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Ephesians

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one
baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you
to lead a life worthy of your vocation.
Bear with one another charitably, in
complete selflessness, gentleness
and patience. Do all you can to
preserve the unity of the Spirit by the
peace that binds you together. There
is one Body, one Spirit, just as you
were all called into one and the same
hope when you were called. There is

one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and
one God who is Father of all, through
all and within all.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among
us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

*He distributed to those who were seated as
much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the
Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a
large crowd followed him, impressed
by the signs he gave by curing the
sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and
sat down there with his disciples. It
was shortly before the Jewish feast of
Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds
approaching and said to Philip,
'Where can we buy some bread for
these people to eat?' He only said this
to test Philip; he himself knew exactly
what he was going to do. Philip
answered, 'Two hundred denarii
would only buy enough to give them a
small piece each.' One of his
disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's
brother, said, 'There is a small boy
here with five barley loaves and two
fish; but what is that between so
many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the
people sit down.' There was plenty of
grass there, and as many as five
thousand men sat down. Then Jesus
took the loaves, gave thanks and
gave them out to all who were sitting
ready; he then did the same with the
fish, giving out as much as was
wanted. When they had eaten enough
he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the
pieces left over, so that nothing gets
wasted.' So they picked them up, and
filled twelve hampers with scraps left
over from the meal of five barley
loaves. The people, seeing this sign
that he had given, said, 'This really is
the prophet who is to come into the
world.' Jesus, who could see they
were about to come and take him by
force and make him king, escaped
back to the hills by himself.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A young lad and the hungers of humanity

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

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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: Jesus fed the five thousand with the bread of life. May our love of the Eucharist in the real presence, sustain us in faith and love, as we place our prayers before our God whose Son Jesus gave us the bread of life.

Prayer Leader:

For Pope Francis, all Bishops and Priests who perform every day, the miracle of the multiplication of the bread of life and the word of salvation. May no one lack nourishment for the body or the lack of hope that is born in faith. Let us pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

For all older people to live in a manner worthy of the call we have received with humility, gentleness and generosity. May our frailty never prevent us from being strong in love, nor from being consolation for the poor and support for the young. . Let us pray. . . **Lord hear us**

For the young people when they come face to face with hunger for bread and a hunger for peace in this world. May they never be discouraged by how little they have, but they obey the Lord's invitation to help feed everyone else. . . . Let us pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

For those of us who are grandparents, may we know how to accompany our families with wisdom, and learn to pass on the treasure of faith to our grandchildren and to the younger generations.
Let us pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

Through the inspiration of St Dominic: may our Dominican sisters be given strength and wisdom as they continue in their role as teachers among our Diocese. . . Let us pray. . . **Lord hear us.**

For those who are not well: our priests, nuns, family and friends: we offer our prayers to you Almighty God, that they find comfort and strength in their faith as they continue their journey of life.
Let us pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

Dear God, we remember all our elderly who have died, including those who are not remembered by anyone. We pray also for our friends and relatives who have died recently especially Paula Brown, Sr Frances Gannon, William Harrison, Shanon Moore and George Mulder. Welcome them into your Kingdom of Joy and Peace. . . Let us pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant: Loving God, we know You are always with us, that we are your people and You are our Father, so we join our prayers together with 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 Psalm 102:2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

We pray those who have died this week

Paula Browne, Sr Frances Gannon rsm, William (Billy) Harrison, Shanon Moore, George Winardus Mulder

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Anthony Aisbett, Donna Marie Dobosz, Patrick John Hughes, Mark and Johan Lantry, Hope and Joel Lawrence, Eileen Martin, Margaret McCarthy, Ida and Bob Porter, Helen Ward

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, Chloe 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, 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, Crystal Towers, Nilda Walker, Gayle Williams, John Williams, Gary Wills, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Noah James Bashford, Ollie Isaiah Bashford, Zara Annabel Kauter, Liam Peter Pilarski, Harper Gwen Whitbread, Maggie Lea Whitbread, Lara Jaye Wunderwald

A Blessing Prayer for Grandparents by Greg Sunter

God of all the generations Your gift of faith and gift of love have been handed down to us through parents, grandparents and great-grandparents for all of time. Look with favour on all our grandparents and bless them. Bless their eyes that look on us with love and affection. Bless their ears that listen to our questions and our stories. Bless their knees and laps we sit on. Bless their arms that hold us and their hands that help us. Bless their legs that walk beside us. Bless their hearts that swell with pride for us. And bless their faces that bring us joy. Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.

We make this prayer through Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Amen.

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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Fr George will be on holiday's for the month of August. We wish him a restful and enjoyable break. During his absence, we will have support clergy assisting in our parish, please make them feel welcome.

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

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE IV WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

[IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 2024: – “Do not cast me off in my old age” \(cf. Psalm 71:9\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

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.

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 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) team has 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 a representative of the RCIA Team directly, either Margaret 0419 335 878 or Wayne 0448 924 771.

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

Review of bulletin Sick List. We are currently reviewing the list of individuals in our community who are in need of prayers due to illness. If you have a loved one who should be added or removed from the sick list, please contact the parish office. chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

Crossing Cultures: Hidden Histories Day 31st August 2024 at the Therry Centre from 8:30am to 3:30pm for a Crossing Cultures: Hidden Histories cultural awareness day where Bishop Michael will join us. Facilitated by Aunty Louise Campbell and Craig Duncan from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Wellbeing Unit CSO Crossing Cultures: 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. \$10 per person and includes a light lunch. Registration via Eventbrite <https://CCHH24.eventbrite.com.au> opens Monday 29th July until Monday 26th August. Bookings essential. For more information contact Helen on 043 933 4000.

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
Closed this weekend, Sunday 28th July.

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

Please be advised the **parish office will be closed** on Wednesday 31st August from 12.00pm - 1.30pm due to staff attending a meeting.

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 29th July (*Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus*)
Tues 30th July (*St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
Wed 31st July (*St Ignatius of Loyola, priest*)
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
Thurs 1st August (*St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
Fri 2nd August (*St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop, St Peter Julian Eymard, priest*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland
Sat 3rd August (*St Dominic, priest*)
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Sun 4th August
9.00am Mass - Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 29th July
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Tues 30th July
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Wed 31st July
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Thurs 1st August
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 2nd August
7.30am - 8.00am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Sat 3rd August Prayers of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times