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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

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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.

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Sunday 4th August 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who

gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;

he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

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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 our father, You gave Your people in the desert: 'Bread from Heaven'. Your gift to us through Jesus Your Son, was the 'Bread of Life'. Through this Eucharistic Faith we place our prayers before You.

Prayer leader:

For Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Deacons, we pray to the Holy Spirit that they may be strengthened in their teaching of God's Word, the food, that gives life to the world.
We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the Leaders of all Nations in the World: may they find answers through the Holy Spirit to bring Peace and Justice to all countries especially where there is war and unrest.
We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us turn to our Loving Saviour as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus and say also, 'Lord it is good to be with You' in the real presence of the Eucharist.
We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord, You have chosen special people to preach the Good News of Salvation, give strength to those whose vocation it is to do so, as they answer Your call with generous hearts.

We Pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For ourselves: as we remember St Mary of the Cross, help us to be like her and accept bravely all our troubles, remembering whom we are trying to follow, in our journey of life and love one another as You have loved us.

We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who are unable to be with us because of ill health, especially our Priests and Religious Sisters: May they feel the presence of Jesus in their lives and have comfort in the promises of Christ.

We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have died recently especially Anne Goldman, Michael Truong and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they find the peace in Eternal life.

We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Most Loving Father, You have given us Your Son as the Bread which gives life to the world. He is our way, our Truth and our Life. We ask all things in His name through Christ the 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 *Wisdom 16:20*

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

We pray those who have died this week

Anne Goldman, Michael Truong

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

John Funnell, Lorrie McCarthy, Margaret Sawyer

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Angeles Adapon, Bonifacio Adapon, Teresa Almanza, Phillip Appleby, 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, Tish Morgan, 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

Lennon Leti Eneliko, Lila James Eneliko, Ayla Belle Fernie, Lily Anne Frost, Harlow J Robinson, Camilla Ann Wills

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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The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass to be held on Wednesday 14th August at Holy Family Largs at 7pm.

Thursday 15th August Mass will be celebrated at;

- St Joseph's, East Maitland, 7.00am Mass
- All Saints College – Maitland, 10.30am School Mass
- St Paul's, Rutherford (to be organised jointly by the Rutherford/Campbell's Hill communities), 5.30pm Mass
- Immaculate Conception, Morpeth, 6pm Syro-Malabar Mass

TAP & GO donations at East Maitland Church Have been successful. The machine is located on the side table inside the church. There are preset amounts of \$5, \$10, \$20 and donors simply press the amount required then tap and GO.

If you or a loved one would like **Home Communion** please call the parish office on 49338918 or email 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.

Craft Group each Monday in the Therry Centre from 9.30am - 12pm. All are welcome. Not just craft, we have fun and donate some items to charities. Phone: Marie 4933 5840 or Jo 4936 1326.

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.

Mass to be Celebrated in the Latin Tridentine Rite every Sunday, starting 18 August 2024 at 9.30am at St John the Baptist Oratory, Cathedral St Maitland. Fr Richard Wallace, FSSP is being appointed as the Latin Mass Chaplain for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The letter from Bishop Michael is on noticeboards.

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 contact the Parish Office at chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au, or Margaret 0419 335 878 or Wayne 0448 924 771.

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 remain on the sick list, please contact the parish office. chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

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.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 5th August (*Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major*)

Tues 6th August (*The Transfiguration of the Lord*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 7th August (*St Sixtus II, pope, martyr and companions, martyrs, St Cajetan, priest*)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 8th August (*St, MARY OF THE CROSS, virgin*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 9th August (*St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 10th August (*St Lawrence, deacon, martyr*)

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

Sun 11th August

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 5th August

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

Tues 6th August

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

Wed 7th August

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

Thurs 8th 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 9th August

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

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times