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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, Gweagui,  
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 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones  
for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who  
seek you.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the  
mountain of the Lord.*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's  
journey, and sitting under a furze bush  
wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I  
have had enough. Take my life: I am no  
better than my ancestors.' Then he lay  
down and went to sleep. But an angel  
touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.'  
He looked round, and there at his head  
was a scone baked on hot stones, and a  
jar of water. He ate and drank and then  
lay down again. But the angel of the  
Lord came back a second time and  
touched him and said, 'Get up and eat,  
or the journey will be too long for you.'  
So he got up and ate and drank, and  
strengthened by that food he walked for  
forty days and forty nights until he  
reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of  
the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, his  
praise always on my lips; in the Lord my  
soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

Look towards him and be radiant; let  
your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard  
him and rescued him from all his  
distress. **(R.)**

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue  
them. Taste and see that the Lord is  
good. He is happy who seeks refuge in  
him. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Ephesians

*Walk in love, just as Christ.*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who  
has marked you with his seal for you to

be set free when the day comes. Never  
have grudges against others, or lose  
your temper, or raise your voice to  
anybody, or call each other names, or  
allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends  
with one another, and kind, forgiving  
each other as readily as God forgave you  
in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of  
his that he loves, and follow Christ by  
loving as he loved you, giving himself up  
in our place as a fragrant offering and a  
sacrifice to God.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** John 6:51

I am the living bread from heaven, says  
the Lord; whoever eats this bread will  
live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

#### Gospel

John 6:41-51

A reading from the gospel according to  
John.

*I am the living bread come down from heaven.*

The Jews were complaining to each  
other about Jesus, because he had  
said, 'I am the bread that came down  
from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son  
of Joseph' they said. 'We know his  
father and mother. How can he now  
say, "I have come down from heaven"?'  
Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to  
each other.

'No one can come to me  
unless he is drawn by the Father who  
sent me, and I will raise him up at the  
last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,

and to hear the teaching of the Father,  
and learn from it, is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,  
except the one who comes from God:

he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,

everybody who believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert  
and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down  
from heaven,

so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come  
down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for  
ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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

## 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 of Love, you are our Shepherd, whose goodness and kindness touches us all the days of our lives. Listen now to the prayer of your people gathered here in your name.

For Pope Francis, Michael our Bishop and all Church leaders. May they be faithful to their vocation of loving service among the people of God, and spread the good news to all.

For this we Pray. . . **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our Priests, Deacons and Consecrated people who have answered the call to continue the work of the Good Shepherd, may the Holy Spirit give them the courage and wisdom to lead people to God.

For this we pray. . . **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For peace in our world, that the Spirit of Peace may be poured out to soften the hardness of hearts of all who seek to control by violence and bloodshed.

For this we pray. . . **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those preparing for first Holy Communion among us: that they come to the Sacred Banquet with hearts ready to know the presence of their Lord and Saviour.

For this we pray. . . **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who are not able to be with us at this Eucharist, we ask our Blessed Mother to guide them in their life that one day they may once again join us in the true presence of Christ.

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

May those who have died recently especially Marie Euston, Beryl Hatch, John Johnson, June Macleod and Patricia Morgan. Also, our family and friends who have reached the promised land: May they continue to lead us forward to find the love they now embrace with our Loving God.

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

**Celebrant:** Father of heaven, You sent Your Son, as the living bread from heaven. May you accept all our prayers. 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 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son.

Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. Perhaps the most dramatic of these themes is that of the celestial woman from the vision found in the Book of Revelation. It is because of the cosmic significance of Jesus that this tradition has been applied to Mary.

Though the first reading depicts a cosmic woman, the gospel reading characterises Mary as a simple peasant woman intent on offering service to another. However, the words that are placed in her mouth are words of prophetic challenge. She announces the great reversals of God's good news. The greatness of Mary is a reflection of the greatness of the Son of God whom she bore. He was the first fruits of salvation. He was the victor who won the kingdom. Her part in this victory was to bring him to birth and into maturity.

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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.

### ***We pray those who have died this week***

Marie Euston, Beryl Maud Hatch, John Johnson, June Margaret Macleod, Patricia (Tish) Morgan

### ***We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including***

Thomas Bourke, Elizabeth Crittenden, Lawrence Douglas, Ella Henderson, Bert Humphreys, Joan Kealy, Peter Kearney, Rita Marquez, Shirley Edna Mills, Margaret O'Neill, Victor & Doreen Porter, Thomas Redgrove, Elizabeth (Peta) Saunders, Ethel Sell, Eileen Shaw Sharkey, Joyce Turner

### ***We pray for those who are sick at this time***

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Angeles 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, 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***

Havanah Dream Bates, Kove Craig Bates, Oceanah Grace Bates, Lainey Tiarni Hawkins, Caleb Graeme Holmes, Charlotte Jean Holmes, Ellie Rose Morris, Heath Robert Smith, Alister Kevin Swilks, Douglas Allen Swilks, Elizabeth Alison Swilks

**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** Mass times - see Mass roster below.

### Forming the Sacramental Life of the Church

Everyone is warmly invited to come together to renew our sacramental life as part of our preparation for and celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025.

Our first step in formation will focus on Sacrament and Liturgy.

Friday 6th September 4.00pm - 6.30pm or Saturday

7th September 9.30am - 12.00pm, The Library, ASC

St Peter's Campus, 9 Free Church

St Maitland. RSVP by Monday 2nd

September via Phone 0249338918 or scan

the QR code



**Regional Anointing Mass** will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield, Friday 16th August at 10am.

All welcome

### EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR

St Joseph's East Maitland Saturday August 17th 2024

8.30AM-9.30AM (FOLLOWING 8AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S)

EXPOSITION, BENEDICTION, ROSARY AND CONFESSION

JOIN US IN INTERCEDING FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD

**Review of bulletin Sick List.** We are 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](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)

**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

Marion will be away Sundays 18th & 25th August, then Sundays 4th, 21st & 28th September. Marion is seeking people who could be at the Piety stall after these masses, please. No need to get things out, just be there, if someone wants a medal, rosary beads etc. Everything is priced. A roster could be drawn up if interested people would like to contact Marion 0412811759

**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.

**ACTiv8 Youth Group** runs weekly during the school term at St Joseph's, East Maitland, from 5pm to 7pm and Wednesdays: Holy Family Church Hall, Largs, from 5.30pm to 7pm. Contact [rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au) for more info.

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Tues 13th August** (*Sts Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest, martyr*)

**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

**Wed 14th August** (*St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest. martyr*)

**7.00pm** Vigil Mass Feast of the Assumption, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 15th August** (*The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**10.30am** Mass, All Saints College, St Mary's Chapel

**5.30pm** Mass, St Paul's Rutherford

**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

**Fri 16th August** (*St Stephen of Hungary*)

**10.00am** Anointing Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

**Sat 17th August**

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

**Sun 18th August**

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

**9.30am** Latin Mass - St John the Baptist Oratory (Cathedral St Maitland).

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY

**Mon 12th August**

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

**5.00pm** Rosary, St Paul's, Rutherford

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**7.00pm** Marian Movement of Priests Rosary 2 Erin Close Ashtonfield

**Fri 16th August**

**7.30am** Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

**9.30am** Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

**Sat 17th August**

**5.30pm** Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times