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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.

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed
one; one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

*Come and eat my bread; drink the
wine I have prepared.*

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts,
prepared her wine, she has laid her
table. She has despatched her
maidservants and proclaimed from the
city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let
him step this way.' To the fool she
says, 'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. 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.)

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere
him. Strong lions suffer want and go
hungry but those who seek the Lord
lack no blessing. (R.)

Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the
Lord. Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his
prosperity? (R.)

Then keep your tongue from evil and
your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Ephesians

*Be watchful that you may know the
will of God.*

Be very careful about the sort of lives
you lead, like intelligent and not like
senseless people. This may be a
wicked age, but your lives should
redeem it. And do not be thoughtless
but recognise what is the will of the
Lord. Do not drug yourselves with
wine, this is simply dissipation; be
filled with the Spirit. Sing the words
and tunes of the psalms and hymns
when you are together, and go on
singing and chanting to the Lord in
your hearts, so that always and
everywhere you are giving thanks to
God who is our Father in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my
flesh and drink my blood live in me
and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

*My flesh is real food and my blood is
real drink.*

Jesus said to the crowd: '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.'

Then the Jews started arguing with
one another: 'How can this man give
us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus
replied: 'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son
of Man and drink his blood, you will
not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and
drink my blood has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last
day. For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my
blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father, so
whoever eats me will draw life from
me. This is the bread come down from
heaven; not like the bread our
ancestors ate: they are dead, but
anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.'

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

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'The Eucharist', Pope Francis famously said, 'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, the Pope encourages us to avoid becoming 'arbiters of grace'. Rather, he says, we should be 'its facilitators'.

As the Pope points out, Jesus gives us the Eucharist 'with a specific purpose: that we may become one with him.'

'The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us', the Pope reminds us, which helps us to become a living 'gift to God and to our brothers and sisters.'

In one sense, we do this individually. Being nourished by the Eucharist, the Pope explains, 'means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour.' Each of us therefore seeks to become what we consume.

But we do not do so alone. Communion is a celebration of the Body of Christ – the Church – which means we are being transformed together as the pilgrim People of God. Communion, the Pope says, 'means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity.'

What this all means is that we should approach the Eucharist with openness to being changed, individually and collectively, into the Bread of Life for all.

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Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart. A graduate of the Australian National University, Flinders University, and the University of Tasmania, he is the author of several books on Australian history and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics. In 2017 he was awarded the Bruce Mansfield Prize for the best article in the Journal of Religious History. He is currently studying Theology.

The Nicene Creed

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| 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, <i>(all bow)</i> 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. |
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UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters let us entrust our needs to our God who comforts us with the promise of salvation.

Prayer leader:

For the leaders of our Church throughout the world: may the Holy Spirit inspire them with the grace to bring all God's people together to worship Him in unity.

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

For ourselves: as we receive this Eucharistic food of the true Body and Blood of Christ may we always be hungry for the love of Jesus in our daily lives.

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

This land of ours is called the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. May the same Spirit, touch the hearts of our leaders so they work for peace, truth and justice for those who are finding life hard at this time. . . . We pray. . . . **Lord graciously hear our prayer.**

For those who are receiving their first communion in the coming weeks: may they find the true Spirit of Jesus and learn of the love He has for them.

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

For those who are enquiring about our Faith through RCIA: may they listen to the voice of God and gain strength in the belief of one God among all.

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

Lord Jesus, bless those who are not well and give them the courage and strength to believe in Your love. May they have blessings through the prayers that we offer for them.

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

Father, you exalted the Virgin Mary and crowned her Queen of Heaven; may the dead enter your kingdom and rejoice with her and Your saints forever, especially Allan Anderson, Elizabeth Crittenden, Colin Gissane, Mary Kerr, Paul Orłowski and Sr Paula Redgrove.

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

Celebrant: Holy God, we thank you for the great gift of sharing the Eucharist with you, and we place these prayers through our Loving Lord - who lives for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon Psalm 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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.

We pray those who have died this week

Allan Jason Anderson, Elizabeth Crittenden, Colin Vincent Gissane (Col), Mary Kerr, Paul Orłowski,
Sr Paula Redgrove RSM

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Thomas Bourke, Joan Baxter, Daniel Charnock, Terry Chipperfield, Sr Norah Creigh rsj,
Clare Fitzpatrick, Bert Humphreys, Amy (Dolly) Keating, Nick Kwiatkowski, Marie Lamoury,
Kathleen Markham, Peter Markham, Sheelah Markham, Veronica Markham, Nell Rowan, Susan Sawyer,
Ida Stace, Mary Margaret Trappel, Peggy Turnbull, Les White, Joyce White,

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Patrick Brennan, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Anne Standing,
Crystal Towers, Maureen Wilson

(If you would like your sick notice to be reinstated please email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Elena Molly Benn, Tanner Phillip Bone-Langdon, Nixon Dundas, Ezra Tyler Daryl Holt

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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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



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. Bookings essential via Eventbrite

<https://CCHH24.eventbrite.com.au>

For more information contact Helen on 043 933 4000.

Church/Faith Crawl

Next month the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is excited to be hosting our third Church/Faith Crawl in Maitland. We'll be exploring four different faith communities and will be encouraged to ask questions and get to know our neighbours. It's on Wednesday 11 September from 9.30am. For more info or to register, visit <http://mn.shor.tn/ChurchCrawl24>

Welcome to all those children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. Today is the Presentation of the Gifts.

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

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

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 in 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 for more info.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 19th August (*St John Eudes, priest*)

Tues 20th August (*St Bernard, abbot, doctor*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 21st August (*St Pius X, pope*)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 22nd August (*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 23rd August (*St Rose of Lima, virgin*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 24th August (*St Bartholomew, apostle*)

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

Sun 25th 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 19th August

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

5.00pm

Rosary, St Paul's, Rutherford

Tues 20th August

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7.00pm

Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
2 Erin Close Ashtonfield

Fri 23rd August

**7.30am
9.30am**

Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 24th August

5.30pm

Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times