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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

I am the salvation of the people, says
the Lord. Should they cry to me in
any distress, I will hear them, and I
will be their Lord for ever.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; you are seated at
the right hand of the Father, have
mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone
are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Let us condemn him to a most
shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
since he annoys us and opposes our
way of life, reproaches us for our
breaches of the law and accuses us
of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he
himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God
will take his part and rescue him from
the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with
torture, and thus explore this
gentleness of his and put his
endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful
death since he will be looked after we
have his word for it.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

For proud men have risen against
me, ruthless men seek my life. They
have no regard for God. (R.)

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.
(R.)

Second Reading

James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers
from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and
ambition, you find disharmony, and
wicked things of every kind being
done; whereas the wisdom that
comes down from above is
essentially something pure; it also
makes for peace, and is kindly and
considerate; it is full of compassion
and shows itself by doing good; nor is
there any trace of partiality or
hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when
they work for peace, sow the seeds
which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles
between yourselves first start? Isn't it
precisely in the desires fighting inside
your own selves? You want
something and you haven't got it; so
you are prepared to kill. You have an
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so
you fight to get your way by force.
Why you don't have what you want is
because you don't pray for it; when
you do pray and don't get it, it is
because you have not prayed
properly, you have prayed for
something to indulge your own
desires.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord
Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

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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: Let us pray to God for our needs and those of the church and the whole world.

Prayer leader

We pray for Pope Francis, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons who have chosen to preach Your Holy Word to all people here on earth. Give them the wisdom and courage to be honest and humble servants.

We pray. . . . Lord hear us in your Love

For all the places on earth where the Church is persecuted: and in the countries that are being targeted by violence and war. May the God of peace bring a speedy end to all conflict.

We pray. . . . Lord hear us in your Love.

Loving Lord open our ears and hearts to listen and live Your Word, guide our efforts to follow Your path and bring us back when we wander astray.

We pray. . . . Lord hear us in your Love.

Lord, make us to be caring for each other, sharing love and compassion with our neighbours especially those who are feeling lost and lonely.

We Pray. . . Lord hear us in your Love.

We ask special blessing on those who continue the work of St Vincent De Paul and spread the love of Jesus to those in need.

We pray. . . Lord hear us in your Love.

For our own families and friends who are not able to share the Eucharist with us this day, because they are not well, may they feel the real presence of Jesus in their lives and the love that he has for us all.

We pray. . . . Lord hear us in your Love.

For those who have left this earth and returned to our Heavenly home especially Jennifer Ribeyro and Ana Soares. May they now reap the rewards promised to us by our loving Jesus.

We pray. . . Lord hear us in your Love.

Celebrant: Lord God, make us instruments of Your love in our region and wherever we go. We ask that you scatter your love around the world. We offer our prayers through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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

Jennifer Mary Ribeyro, Ana Maria Soares

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Lindsay Bignell, Peter & Patty Bowe, Janaka Desilva, Sam Dezoysa, Ellen Funnell, Marie Funnell, Anita Gunasekara, Leslie Gunasekara, Manel Gunasekara, Mildroy Gunasekara, Ranjith Gunasekara, Rita Gunasekara Suzanne Pearce, George Prestage, Phyllis Prestage, Matthew Saunders, Rathnadore Sivakaran, Alan Turnbull, Deborah Wholert

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Chloe Judith Carmody, Judy Mary Carmody, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Dianne Fryer, Reg Glover, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Ireneo Del Rosario, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, William (Bill) Temperley, Crystal Towers, Ruth Warner, John Williams, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

(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, Harlow Lindsay, Bostyn Jane Kristine Lyons, Hudson Jai Moore, Jaiison Harley Morris, Amelia Sarroff, Spencer Cash Welstead, Haddley Norman Wither

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

Welcome to the Sacraments of Initiation children and their families this Sunday at the 6pm Youth Mass at St Joseph's East Maitland for the SOI Thanksgiving Celebration Mass.

We invite parishioners to join us in prayer for those students who will be completing their HSC exams. May our support and prayers uplift them during this important time.

Loving God, We pray for our HSC students as they prepare for their exams. Grant them focus, calm, and confidence in their abilities. May they trust in the work they've done and find peace in knowing You are with them in every moment. Bless their efforts, Lord, and guide them through the challenges ahead.

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

East Maitland Count Team - Our count team is in need of some new members. If you could spare 1 hour once every 6 weeks, contact Margaret Paterson 0404 730 533 or the parish office 49338918.

ACTiv8 Youth Group gathers 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

If you wish to be added to the parish **email distribution** list please email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au. You will receive the bulletin each week plus other announcements.

Piety stall will be only open on Saturday evenings at St Joseph's East Maitland throughout September. Thank you.

Mass for Sr Paula Redgrove will be celebrated on Wednesday 25th September at 11.00am at the Immaculate Conception Church, Morpeth followed by light refreshments in the Corcoran Centre. A shared plate would be appreciated.

St Paul's Church Rutherford is celebrating 50 years since it was blessed/consecrated. Our parishioners value dearly the dedicated work that has taken place since the parish was established in 1961. We would like to invite anyone who has been part of our parish at any time, to join us for our celebration Mass on the 6th October 2024 at 8am and then afterwards for morning tea and children's activities. For further information Jo: 0438661455 or Gabby: 0422086991

Season of Creation 2024

An invitation is extended to join St Paul's Parish Rutherford at the 8am Mass on Sunday 29th September to celebrate The Season of Creation. After Mass parishioners will be invited to weed, plant, and mulch the gardens in the church grounds. There will also be a plant, seed and produce swap as well as a display of nature based art, journals and photos. For further information please contact Jo: 0438661455 or Gabby: 0422086991

Safeguarding—Volunteer Information If you wish to be a volunteer please contact the Parish Office

Volunteering with Children: If you plan to work in a ministry involving contact with children, please contact the parish office to complete the necessary volunteer documentation.

Working with Children Check: To apply for or update your Working with Children Check number, follow the link provided. <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-working-with-children-check>

Remember to inform the parish office once your check number is updated.

Visitor Sign-In: Ensure you sign in using the visitor registers when entering the church sacristies.

Reporting Concerns: If you have concerns about the safety of a child or a vulnerable person, please contact the Office of Safeguarding at 02 4979 1390.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 23rd September *(St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest)*

Tues 24th September

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 25th September

11.00am Memorial Mass for Sr Paula Redgrove,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 26th September *(Sts Cosmas & Damien, martyrs)*

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 27th September *(St Vincent de Paul, priest)*

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 28th September *(The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)*

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

Sun 29th September

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

9.30am Latin Mass - St John the Baptist Oratory
(Cathedral St Maitland. Confessions from 8.45am)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 23rd September

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

5.00pm Rosary, St Paul's, Rutherford

Tues 24th September

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

6.00pm Bible Study for families, Prayer Room
St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 25th September

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St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 26th September

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 27th September

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

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

Sat 28th September

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times