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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, Gweagul,
Darkinjung, Biripi and Awabakal
peoples. We respectfully acknowledge
their Elders, celebrate their continuing
culture and the living memory of their
ancestors.

Entrance Antiphon

Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty
of your mercy.

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

Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees
that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He
spoke with Moses, but took some of the
spirit that was on him and put it on the
seventy elders. When the spirit came on
them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp;
one was called Eldad and the other
Medad. The spirit came down on them;
though they had not gone to the Tent,
their names were enrolled among the
rest. These began to prophesy in the
camp. The young man ran to tell this to
Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and
Medad are prophesying in the camp.'
Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who
had served Moses from his youth, 'My
Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses
answered him, 'Are you jealous on my
account? If only the whole people of the
Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave
his Spirit to them all!'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give
joy to the heart.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it
revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is
to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the
simple. (R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for
ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)

So in them your servant finds
instructions; great reward is in their
keeping. But who can detect all his
errors? From hidden faults acquit me.
(R.)

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me. Then shall I be
blameless, clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading

James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying,
weep for the miseries that are coming
to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your
clothes are all eaten up by moths. All
your gold and your silver are corroding
away, and the same corrosion will be
your own sentence, and eat into your
body. It was a burning fire that you
stored up as your treasure for the last
days. Labourers mowed your fields,
and you cheated them – listen to the
wages that you kept back, calling out;
realise that the cries of the reapers
have reached the ears of the Lord of
hosts. On earth you have had a life of
comfort and luxury; in the time of
slaughter you went on eating to your
heart's content. It was you who
condemned the innocent and killed
them; they offered you no resistance.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O

Lord, is truth: make us holy in the
truth. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your
hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a
man who is not one of us casting out
devils in your name; and because he

was not one of us we tried to stop him.’ But Jesus said, ‘You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’

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

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

As so often in the Gospel, Jesus takes the way we are tempted to think and flips it on its head: ‘Anyone who is not against us is for us.’

Pope Francis suggests that Jesus invites us ‘not to hinder those who do good, because they contribute to the fulfilment of God’s plan.’ This includes the Church, the Pope points out, noting that ‘we need to be vigilant about closure in the Church’ and falling prey to the devil’s temptation ‘to divide and exclude people.’

The Pope reminds us that unless we are ‘humble and open communities’ there is a risk that the Church or groups within it can easily ‘give the impression of being the “top of the class” and keep others at a distance.’ He warns against cliques that form around certain priests, closed-circle pastoral groups, and so on, which ‘runs the risk of turning Christian communities into places of separation and not of communion.’

‘The Holy Spirit does not want closure,’ the Pope affirms. ‘He wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.’

After all, Jesus exhorted us to rein in our own attitudes rather than worrying about the attributes of others. As the Pope notes, ‘the risk is to be inflexible towards others and indulgent towards ourselves.’ Therefore, he suggests that ‘instead of judging everything and everyone, let us be attentive to ourselves!’

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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.

<p>The Apostles Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, <i>(all bow)</i> who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;</p>	<p>he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.</p>
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UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: Loving Father, hear the prayers we place with confidence before You and make us aware of Your presence in our world.

Prayer Leader

For those who lead us in our faith: Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, may the Holy Spirit guide them as they spread the words of the Gospel among us.

In faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We ask for special blessing for the presence of Father Priyantha in our Region as he celebrates the anniversary of his Ordination and continues to inspire us with his love and compassion of Jesus.

In faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of all Nations that they be open to God's Spirit working in many ways in our world and see all the good things that He has created leading all people to love and peace.

In faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

On this Refugee and Migration day: May Your Church be united in heart and soul, held fast by love; as we welcome those who have come to our shores to find a place of peace and joy as they continue their journey of life.

In faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We place our young people who are preparing to sit for their Year 12 exams in the coming weeks in your hands O Loving Father. May they feel the presence of the Holy Spirit at this most important time in their lives.

In faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

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.

In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For Antionette Sultana and Fay Watson who have returned to Paradise recently, may they now find the true love that God has for all His children.

In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving God, you give us the gift of your Son, you remain with us in the presence of the Spirit, and have become our loving Father. Hear these prayers we make in your Son's name - through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

Antionette Sultana, Fay Priscilla Watson

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Teodula (Judith) Beetham, Gwen Black, Daniel James Brennan, Michael William Brennan, Iris Briggs, Mavis Burley, Gwen Cerveney, Megan Hamilton, Maude Florence Jordan, Trisha Mason, Patricia McBlane, Shane Anthony Mortley, Kevin Newson, Mary Rampling, Trevor Wilson

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, 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

Arty Francis Dawn Claxton, Isabella Mungoven, Isla Mungoven, Soren Isaac Scanlon, Ally Smith, Terry Smith, Tex William Toohey

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

The Priests of our Diocese will be attending a clergy retreat from Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October. During this time, there will be no Masses celebrated. Instead, Liturgies of the Word with Communion will take place at the usual Mass times. Please join us in prayer as our priests take time for rest and spiritual renewal.

Prayer for Priests on Retreat:

Heavenly Father, we lift up our priests as they head into their retreat. May this time be one of deep renewal, peace, and a closer connection with You. Strengthen them with your grace, refresh their spirits, and guide them in their mission to serve Your people. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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.

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: 0403 826 380 or Gabby: 0422086991

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 110th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2024

[110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024 \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au)

Season of Creation 2024

An invitation is extended to join St Paul's Parish Rutherford at the 8am Mass this 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: 0403 826 380 or Gabby: 0422086991

Step One: Sacrament and Liturgy - Repeat Session

All members of the faithful are warmly invited to come together to begin a journey focused on renewing our Sacramental life. We will be exploring the church's rich and deep understanding of sacrament and liturgy. **Wednesday Oct 16, 2024 4pm-6.30pm** at the Library, ASC St Peter's Campus Hunter St Maitland RSVP Fri Oct 11 via online form; scan QR code or Phone 49338918.



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.

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

Craft Group Monday's, Therry Centre 9.30am - 12pm. Phone: Marie 4933 5840 or Jo 4936 1326.

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 30th September (*St Jerome, priest, doctor*)

Tues 1st October (*Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor*)

5.30pm Liturgy, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 2nd October (*Holy Guardian Angels*)

7.00pm Liturgy, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 3rd October

7.00am Liturgy, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 4th October (*St Francis of Assisi*)

7.00am Liturgy, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 5th October (*St Faustina Kowalska*)

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

Sun 6th October

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 30th September

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary, St Paul's, Rutherford

Tues 1st October

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 2nd October

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

Thurs 3rd October

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 4th October

7.30am - 8am Sat 9.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 5th October

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times