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

## Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

## 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 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as  
nothing.*

I prayed, and understanding was given  
me; I entreated, and the spirit of  
Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and  
thrones; compared with her, I held  
riches as nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her  
peer, for compared with her, all gold is a  
pinch of sand, and beside her silver  
ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light, since her  
radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to  
me, at her hands riches not to be  
numbered.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v. 14

**(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?

Show pity to your servants. (R.)

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction for  
the years when we knew misfortune.  
(R.)

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.  
(R.)

## Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the  
Hebrews

*The word of God discerns the thoughts and  
intentions of the heart.*

The word of God is something alive and  
active; it cuts like any double-edged  
sword but more finely: it can slip through  
the place where the soul is divided from  
the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it  
can judge the secret emotions and  
thoughts. No created thing can hide  
from him; everything is uncovered and  
open to the eyes of the one to whom we  
must give account of ourselves.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Happy the poor in  
spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark

*Go and sell whatever you have and come  
follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey  
when a man ran up, knelt before him  
and put this question to him, 'Good  
master, what must I do to inherit  
eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why  
do you call me good? No one is good  
but God alone. You know the  
commandments: You must not kill;  
You must not commit adultery; You  
must not steal; You must not bring  
false witness; You must not defraud;  
Honour your father and mother.' And  
he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all  
these from my earliest days.' Jesus  
looked steadily at him and loved him,  
and he said, 'There is one thing you  
lack. Go and sell everything you own  
and give the money to the poor, and  
you will have treasure in heaven; then  
come, follow me.' But his face fell at  
these words and he went away sad,  
for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his  
disciples, 'How hard it is for those who  
have riches to enter the kingdom of  
God!' The disciples were astounded  
by these words, but Jesus insisted,  
'My children,' he said to them, 'how  
hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

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

#### **.REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

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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.

<p><b>The Apostles Creed</b> 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; on the third day he rose again from the dead;</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:** Brothers and Sisters let us turn to God for the wisdom and grace we need to use the things of this world in a way that will help us gain Eternal life.

#### **Prayer leader**

May our God of Wisdom look kindly on the leaders of the Church as they proclaim the words of Gospels among all people and be the source and sign of peace and unity to all in our world.

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

For our Priests: that the Holy Spirit will give them the strength and wisdom to continue in their work to teach all people that the love Jesus is for everyone.

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

Strengthen the bonds of Faith between each of us and give us the grace to be able to declare what is important to God in our lives.

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

We Pray for your guidance to our young people O Lord, that they feel your presence as they sit for their exams in these coming weeks.

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

In this month of the Holy Rosary, we pray through our Holy Mother Mary that she will watch over those who are not well and facing trials in their lives. May she be with them as she was with her Divine Son when He needed her.

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

We give thanks for gift of Faith that was taught to us by those who have gone before us and we trust that they will now rest in the peace of Christ in a true Resurrection, especially those who have died recently including Betty Euston, Anita Karol and Linda Tonkinson

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

**Celebrant:** Come Holy Spirit, fill us with your loving presence. Make us strong and constant in following Jesus, with a will to proclaim the Gospel message. We ask this through Christ our lord. Amen

**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** Cf Psalm 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

Betty Euston, Anita Karol (Forster), Linda Tonkinson

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

Kevin Bridge, Jack Bourke, Katarzyna Grabski, Douglas John Lawler, Joan Mary Jordan, Elsie Kerry, Evelyn Marquez, Jaime Marquez, Dan McCarthy (Jnr), John and Patricia Robinson, Mary Tobin, Veronica Warby

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

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Ian - Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Chloe Judith Carmody, Frank Carmody, Judy Mary Carmody, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Dianne Fryer, Reg Glover, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Mary Nesbitt, 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](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au))*

***We pray for those who will be baptised***

Anthony William Benham, Tully Lewis Coward, Eliza Joy Davies, Oliver Lloyd Davies, Lukas Alan Smart Hodgess, Owen Gregory O'Hearn, Hamish James Sansom, Scarlett Lea Varvarian, Olive Carolyn Walsh

***We pray for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)  
Candidates and Catechumens***

Cassandra Bendeich, Brett Blake, Natasha Clements, Nicola Gaffel, Trevor Kerr, Siu Ngatuvai, Saugat Pandeya, Natasha Potts, Ted Purdy, Zoe Sexton, Tryone Smith, Aminata C. Taylor, Skye Thompson, Anne Watts, Renee Wilcher

**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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**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.



**Step Two of Sacramental Life Formation  
 Ministering at Two Tables Word  
 and Sacrament**

Sat, October 26 or Tues, November 5, 2024, (8:45am arrival for a 9am Mass start, concluding at 3:30pm), Immaculate Conception Church & Corcoran Centre, Morpeth.  
**RSVP** By 5pm, Friday, October 18 (for the October session) By 5pm, Wednesday, October 30 (for the November session)  
 RSVP via online form (scan QR code) or phone 02 4933 8918. **This session is open to those who have completed Step One.**  
**Facilitators:** Fr Andrew Doohan & Louise Gannon rsj



**Catholic Mission Appeal** collection will take place on the weekend of World Mission Sunday (October 19/20)

If you or a loved one would like Home Communion please call the parish office on 49338918 or email [chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)

**Piety stall** is open Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening at St. Joseph's East Maitland after each Mass.

**Tap and Go** eftpos machine now available for donations in the centre aisle of the East Maitland Church.

**Bible Study for families** 6pm Tuesdays in the Prayer Room of the East Maitland Church, during school term.

**Save the Date** The Diocese of Maitland / Newcastle Catholic Women's League will be holding their annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 14th November at St Paul's Church Rutherford at 12pm followed by lunch.

**Regional Memorial Liturgy** will be held at St Joseph's East Maitland on Wednesday 6th Nov at 6pm.

**Regional Anointing Mass On Friday, 18th October**, the Regional Anointing Mass will be held at **St. Patrick's, Lochinvar at 10am**. Please note that there will be **no 7am Mass at St. Joseph's, East Maitland** on this day. All are welcome to attend!

**RCIA NEWS** A new group of people recently commenced their faith journey to full initiation into our Catholic Faith, through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process. There is a RCIA Team that facilitates their spiritual development, through meetings that guides them through reflections on the Word of God and providing some guidance to them on selected topics of Catholic beliefs and practices. So, it is timely to remind the whole parish community of their role as ministers of initiation. When you see one of the RCIA participants, come up say hello and let them know you will be supporting them through their journey in faith.

**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](mailto:rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au)



Join us for our **3rd Annual Pet Blessing** Tuesday 22nd October from 4.00pm for photo opportunities 4.30pm for the blessing at St Joseph's East Maitland

We invite you to a special Pet Blessing Ceremony to celebrate the furry, feathered, and finned members of our families. Bring your beloved pets, big or small, and join us for a meaningful blessing. **All are welcome!**  
 To ensure the safety and comfort of all attendees please remember to keep your pets restrained with leashes, carriers or other appropriate means.

**WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER**

- Mon 14th October** (St Callistus I, pope, martyr)
- Tues 15th October** (St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor)  
**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
- Wed 16th October** (St Hedwig, religious, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin)  
**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs
- Thurs 17th October** (St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr)  
**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
- Fri 18th October** (St Luke, evangelist)  
**10.00am** Anointing Mass, St Patricks, Lochinvar
- Sat 19th October** (Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs, St Paul of the Cross, priest)  
**8.00am** Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Sun 20th 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 14th October**  
**9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**5.00pm** Rosary, St Paul's, Rutherford
- Tues 15th 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 16th October**  
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- Thurs 17th 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 18th October**  
**7.30am** Adoration, St Joseph's, EM  
**9.30am** Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- Sat 19th October**  
**5.30pm** Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes , Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times