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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, Gweagul,
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 87:3

Let my prayer come into your
presence. Incline your ear to my cry
for help, O Lord.

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

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the
Kings

*The widow made a little scone from her flour
meal and brought it to Elijah.*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon.
And when he reached the city gate,
there was a widow gathering sticks;
addressing her he said, 'Please bring a
little water in a vessel for me to drink.'
She was setting off to bring it when he
called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring
me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As
the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I
have no baked bread, but only a handful
of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug;
I am just gathering a stick or two to go
and prepare this for myself and my son
to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah
said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do
as you have said; but first make a little
scone of it for me and bring it to me, and
then make some for yourself and for
your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the
God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told
her and they ate the food, she, himself
and her son. The jar of meal was not
spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as
the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind, who raises up those who are
bowed down. It is the Lord who loves
the just, the Lord who protects the
stranger. (R.)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked. The
Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews

*Christ offered himself only once to take the
faults of many on himself.*

It is not as though Christ had entered a
man-made sanctuary which was only
modelled on the real one; but it was
heaven itself, so that he could appear in
the actual presence of God on our
behalf. And he does not have to offer
himself again and again, like the high
priest going into the sanctuary year after
year with the blood that is not his own,
or else he would have had to suffer over
and over again since the world began.
Instead of that, he has made his
appearance once and for all, now at the
end of the last age, to do away with sin
by sacrificing himself. Since men only
die once, and after that comes
judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself
only once to take the faults of many on
himself, and when he appears a second
time, it will not be to deal with sin but to
reward with salvation those who are
waiting for him.

**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 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

*This poor widow has put more in than all who
contributed.*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of
the scribes who like to walk about in
long robes, to be greeted obsequiously
in the market squares, to take the front
seats in the synagogues and the places

of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
The Widow's Mite

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier. This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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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.

<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; 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 PRAYER

Celebrant: The Words of the Gospel tell us what really matters in the eyes of God. It is not what we treasure in this life but, what is in our hearts.

Prayer Leader:

For Pope Francis, all Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious that the life they live, is an example of humble and loving service to their brothers and sisters of the Church and the world.

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

For all those who are suffering loss due to war or natural disasters, may they find comfort and strength in our prayers and in the support of their communities.

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

We pray for the Holy Spirit to reach out to those in our RCIA group who are searching for information of the Catholic Faith. May they find the love of Jesus in their lives.

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

For ourselves that we all may work to please the Lord, rather than to win human rewards.
In Faith we pray . . . **Lord Hear our prayer.**

For those who are unwell and cannot attend Eucharist and those who care for them. May they feel the comfort of Prayer in their lives.
In Faith we pray . . . **Lord Hear our prayer.**

For those who have gone before us especially Benjamin Gerber and Steve Strong may they now join with the Holy Saints and enjoy Your company for everlasting life. In Faith we pray....
Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Holy God and Father, we praise and thank you for Your pledge to us in Jesus your Son, who gave all He had, His life, teaching us about the Love the Father has for all of us. We ask all our prayers in his name – 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 Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

We pray those who have died this week

Benjamin Gerber (UK), Steve Strong

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Judith & Colin Garbutt, Edward Grzegorzcyk, Waleria Grzegorzcyk Veronica Kearney, Alan Kedwell,
Maria Laznik, Harry McNamara, Joseph Arnold Palmer, Andrew Pilkington,
Monica Bernadette Reinhard, John Szczudluk, Paul & Maria Szczudluk, Alice Thomas,
Johnny Tobin (Telarah), Sherwin Tully, Alonzo & Gladys Warren, Most Rev. William Wright,
Kathy June Zysek, Stanislaw & Anna Zysek

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Jan Armstrong, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Ian - Christopher Bajo, 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,
Mary Nesbitt, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, William (Bill) Temperley, Crystal Towers,
Ruth Warner, Arlo John Vandermeer, 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

Elijah James Babic, Georgia Ellen Babic, Kingston Steven Phillip Edwards, Mabel Joy Germon,
Penelope Lou Howell, Mia Audrey Florence Teat

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, Tyrone Smith, Aminata C. Taylor,
Daniel Taylor, Skye Thompson, Anne Watts, Renee Wilcher

We pray for those who will be Married

Bonnie June Pocock and Christopher Pratama

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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November is a special time where we remember our dearly departed.

Regional Memorial Liturgy and November Mass Offerings

- ✠ Mass at Morpeth Cemetery: 11th November, 6pm celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord.
- ✠ Liturgy in the Paterson Cemetery: 14th November at 6pm. Please bring your chair; in the case of inclement weather, the Liturgy will be held in the Paterson Church.
- ✠ Lochinvar Parish annual memorial service to be held at St Patrick's Lochinvar Church on Thursday 28th November at 6:30pm.

November Mass offering envelopes are available in the church porches. Once you have completed your Intentions place them on the collection

Sacraments of Initiation 2024

If you would like your child to make their Sacraments next year please attend one of the following sessions.

- **Tuesday 6pm on Tuesday 26 November at St Paul's Church Rutherford OR**
- **Wednesday 6pm on Wednesday 27 November at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland, OR**
- **Thursday 6pm on Thursday 28 November at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Beresfield**

For further information please take a parent letter from your church foyer, check the school 'compass' or Email SOLchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

Priesthood Ordination of Deacon Omeiza Solomon Okovido

Saturday 23 November 2024 at 10am, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St. Newcastle West. **Mass of Thanksgiving** To be held on Sunday, 24 November 2024 at 11am St Francis Xavier Church, 40 Ernest St, Belmont.

Please note there will be no reconciliations offered on Saturday 23 November at East Maitland due to our priests attending the Ordination.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 11th November (*St Martin of Tours, bishop*)

Tues 12th November (*St Josaphat, bishop, martyr*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 13th November

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 14th November

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 15th November (*St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor*)

10.00am Anointing Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Sat 16th November (*St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude, virgin, Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary*)

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

Sun 17th November

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)

Annual Thanksgiving Mass and Luncheon The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Women's League Annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, 14 November at St. Paul's Church, Rutherford at 12pm.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Midnight Mass

The region is currently preparing for the Christmas Masses, and we need assistance to ensure the Midnight Mass at St. Joseph's, East Maitland, can go ahead.

We are seeking musicians, a sacristan, and extraordinary ministers. If you're able to help, please contact the office by Thursday, 14th November.

Thank you for considering being part of this special celebration.

Pie Drive Fundraiser for the Campbells Hill Church

restoration will be conducted in November. Order forms are in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Piety stall East Maitland is closed this weekend.

The Parish of East Maitland are seeking donations to purchase a **votive candle stand**. To contribute please contact the parish office.

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

EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR St Joseph's East Maitland Saturday November 16th 2024 8.30AM-9.30AM (FOLLOWING 8AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S)

EXPOSITION, BENEDICTION, ROSARY AND CONFESSION

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN TO ASSIST US ON THE PATHWAY TO HOLINESS.

.....MAY THE SAINTS BE YOUR INTERCESSORS AND EXAMPLE, THAT YOU IMITATE THEM AND LIVE HOLILY.....

(Message from Our Lady, Queen of Peace, October 25, 2024 - With Ecclesiastical approval)

Regional Anointing Mass Friday, 15th November, will be held Immaculate Conception Morpeth at **10am**. Please note that there will be **no 7am Mass at St. Joseph's, East Maitland** on this day.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 11th November

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

5.00pm Rosary, St Paul's, Rutherford

Tues 12th November

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 13th November

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

Thurs 14th November

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 **PH: 0449762976**

Fri 15th November

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

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

Sat 16th November

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times