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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.

Advent Candle Prayer Response

R: Come Lord Jesus

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Advent, Pope Francis suggests, should awaken 'sleepy Christians'. It is a time to stop 'dozing off' into spiritual apathy and indifference.

The Pope encourages us to use Advent to consider how we live our faith. Perhaps we have become too worldly, or spiritually insular? Maybe our prayers have become dull and routine, rather than heartfelt? Whatever the case, now is the moment to reflect on what really matters and act. Not tomorrow, not at Christmas, not after the holidays – Now! There is an urgency to Advent, which this week's Gospel puts right in front of us. As Jesus says, we must be wakeful and alert! He speaks of things to do – stand, watch, pray – which shows us that the Christian life must be more than passive routines.

Framed by Jesus' call to his disciples, the Pope suggests that Advent should be spent 'looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.' It is, he adds, 'a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.' © Nick Brodie

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow)
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;

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Presider : God of wisdom, You spread a table before us and nourish Your people with the words of the Gospels. Hear the prayer of Your people gathered in faith before You.

Prayer Leader :

For the Church: Pope Francis, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, may they be given the wisdom to continue to teach the words of hope that Jesus gives in the Gospels.

In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

For peace: that the leaders of Nations and peoples be moved by the Holy Spirit to work for an end to hatred and hostilities.

In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

In this Advent season let us pray that we may prepare a way for our loving Lord to be truly recognised in this wayward world, when He comes again.

In faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

Lord, we are pilgrims as we journey to You. Help us to listen with open hearts and recognise that with You and through You, nothing is impossible.

In faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

For the lonely, the sick and the infirm of our parish: that through their brothers and sisters in the Faith, they may receive joy, comfort and the healing of Jesus.

In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

Jesus promised that he is the bread from heaven which gives eternal life. We pray in this Eucharist for all those who have died from our parish and families especially, Angiela Dagook, Margaret McNamara and Anthony Frederick Turnbull, that they may have the eternal life promised by Jesus.

In Faith we pray. . . . **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant: Holy God and Father, we praise and thank you for your pledge to us in Jesus your Son, and we ask all our prayers in the name of Jesus our Lord who lives forever and ever.

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

Angiela Dagook, Margaret McNamara (Sydney), Anthony Frederick Turnbull (Tony)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Winifred Hill, Catherine (Kay) Mungoven, Geoff Thompson (Snr), Teresa Wilson

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, Margaret King, Michael Lockyer, Brian Perrin, Marie Petersen, Jen Phillips, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, William (Bill) Temperley, Crystal Towers, Arlo John Vandermeer, Rosalinda Vicente, 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

Isabella Violet Canavan, Lucy Anne Canavan, Arlo Benji Coates, Magnolia Gray Coates, Aurora Joel Rowles, Hilary Pamela Rowles, Jaye Robert Rowles, Knox Neville Rowles, Taj Geoffery Rowles, Whitney Rose Rowles, Leo Allan Eugeniusz Widuch

We pray for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Candidates and Catechumens

Cassandra Bendeich, Brett Blake, Natasha Clements, Nicola Gaffel, Kurt Hayes, 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

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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 **Advent Reconciliation**

✠ 5.00pm Friday 20th December - St Joseph's East Maitland

 **Christmas Vigils Tuesday 24th December**

✠ 5.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland
✠ 5.30pm St Bede's Catholic College Chisholm (24A Heritage Drive Chisholm)
✠ 6.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
✠ 6.30pm Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

 **Midnight Mass Wednesday 25th December**

✠ 12.00am St Joseph's, East Maitland

 **Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December**

✠ 7.15am Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
✠ 8.00am St Paul's, Rutherford
✠ 8.00am Holy Family, Largs
✠ 8.30am St Joseph's, East Maitland
✠ 9.30am St Patrick, Lochinvar
✠ 9.30am St Columba's Paterson

If you would like an anniversary included in the bulletin on the weekend of 21/22, 28/29 December or 4/5 January, please send the name to the parish office by Wednesday 18th December.

Welcomers are needed to join the **Regional Baptism** rosters in 2025. The Baptisms are on Sundays at 11.30am at St Joseph's East Maitland and Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill. If you can assist once a month or even every six weeks please contact the parish office, 49338918, chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au.

Do you have a church or hall key that you no longer need? Please return to the parish office or call, 49338918, so it can be collected.

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.

ACTiv8 Youth Group gathers during the school term on Tuesdays: St Joseph's, East Maitland, from 5pm to 7pm on and Wednesdays: Holy Family Church Hall, Largs, from 5.30pm to 7pm. Contact rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au

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

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

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.

Tap and Go eftpos machines are in the foyer and centre aisle of the East Maitland Church.

This year, a Christmas Vigil will be held at St Bede's Catholic College, and we are seeking young people to participate in a re-enactment of the Christmas story. If your child is interested in taking part, please contact Bec Piefke at rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au or call 0422 500 429.

Piety stall advent candles, nativity sets and figures, ornaments and books. At St Joseph's East Maitland after every weekend Mass. **NATIVITY SCENE** Raffle \$2 per ticket/6 for \$10 available at the Piety stall.

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

Resumption of Communion from the Chalice: Bishop Michael has advised that parishes can resume communion from the Chalice and that each community should discern the best time to re-commence this.

The Regional Liturgy team is taking a careful and considerate approach to ensure everything is properly prepared and new extra ordinary ministers are trained before resuming communion from the Chalice. We will keep you informed.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

The Entrance To The Mass Continued

48. This chant is sung alternately by the choir and the people or similarly by a cantor and the people, or entirely by the people, or by the choir alone. It is possible to use the antiphon with its Psalm from the Graduale Romanum or the Graduale Simplex, or another chant that is suited to the sacred action, the day, or the time of year,⁵⁵ and whose text has been approved by the Conference of Bishops. If there is no singing at the Entrance, the antiphon given in the Missal is recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a reader; otherwise, it is recited by the Priest himself, who may even adapt it as an introductory explanation (cf. no. 31) Cf. Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 31.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 3rd December (*St Francis Xavier, priest*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 4th December (*St John Damascene, priest, doctor*)

7.00pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion,
Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 5th December

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 6th December (*St Nicholas, bishop*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 7th December (*St Ambrose, bishop, doctor*)

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

Sun 8th December (*Second Sunday of Advent*)

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 2nd December

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

5.00pm Rosary, St Paul's, Rutherford

Tues 3rd December

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 4th December

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

Thurs 5th December

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 6th December

7.30am-8am Sat 7th Dec Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 7th December

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass