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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

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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#### Safeguarding Promotors

Rebecca Piefke & Louise Gilchrist  
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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.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will  
your God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the  
dawn and her salvation flames like a  
torch.

The nations then will see your  
integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will  
confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in  
the hand of the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your  
God;

no longer are you to be named  
'Forsaken',

nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';

for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his  
bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

**(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds  
to all the nations.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.  
**(R.)**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the  
peoples. **(R.)**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name  
**(R.)**

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.  
'He will judge the peoples in  
fairness. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St  
Paul to the Corinthians

*One and the same spirit distributes different  
gifts as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always  
the same Spirit; there are all sorts of  
service to be done, but always to the  
same Lord; working in all sorts of  
different ways in different people, it is  
the same God who is working in all of  
them. The particular way in which the  
Spirit is given to each person is for a  
good purpose. One may have the gift  
of preaching with wisdom given him  
by the Spirit; another may have the  
gift of preaching instruction given him  
by the same Spirit; and another the  
gift of faith given by the same Spirit;  
another again the gift of healing,  
through this one Spirit; one, the power  
of miracles; another, prophecy;  
another the gift of recognising spirits;  
another the gift of tongues and  
another the ability to interpret them.  
All these are the work of one and the  
same Spirit, who distributes different  
gifts to different people just as he  
chooses.

**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

John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

*The first of the signs given by Jesus was at  
Cana in Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in  
Galilee. The mother of Jesus was  
there, and Jesus and his disciples had  
also been invited. When they ran out  
of wine, since the wine provided for  
the wedding was all finished, the  
mother of Jesus said to him, 'They  
have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman,  
why turn to me? My hour has not  
come yet.' His mother said to the  
servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'  
There were six stone water jars  
standing there, meant for the ablutions  
that are customary among the Jews;  
each could hold twenty or thirty  
gallons. Jesus said to the servants,

'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

### **The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<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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### **REFLECTION by Nick Brodie**

Discretion, Pope Francis says, is a theme which runs through this Sunday's Gospel. It is a recurring motif in the story of the wedding at Cana.

'Everything took place with discretion,' the Pope stresses, beginning with Mary's low-key turn to Jesus for help. 'It is Our Lady who became aware of the problem,' the Pope points out, 'and discreetly brought it to Jesus' attention.' Then Jesus himself, as the Pope puts it, 'intervened without fanfare, almost without being noticed.'

In highlighting these discreet actions, the Pope wants us to appreciate that the miracle took place 'behind the scenes' in a most unexpected corner of the wedding feast. Jesus was not making some flamboyant gesture designed to attract attention and adulation.

'This,' the Pope explains, 'is how God acts: with closeness and with discretion... This is how Jesus is – he helps us, serves us in hiddenness.'

Which means that we too should be open to serving the world with discretion and hiddenness. Like Jesus, we would do well to start evangelising the world with what the Pope characterised as 'a domestic gesture' that meets a real need. We might not turn water into wine, but we can surely do something to make our world a little bit brighter.

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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.

### **UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

**Presider:** At the first miracle of Jesus, Mary tells the servants to rely on the word of her Son. So, obedient to the word of Jesus, we bring our petitions before the Father.

#### **Prayer Leader:**

We pray for all our Church leaders: especially Bishop Michael and our Priests and Deacons: that faithful to the word of Jesus, they may lead God's people along the true path of righteousness.

**We ask in Faith. . . .Lord hear us.**

We pray for people in the countries racked by violence and war: that they be given the grace to continue to believe in the love that Jesus has for all and Peace and Justice soon reign in their lands.

**We ask in Faith. . . .Lord hear us.**

For ourselves who gather to pay homage to our God: that we may follow Mary's instruction, and be ever attentive to what her Son, the Lord Jesus, asks of us.

**We ask in Faith. . . .Lord hear us.**

We pray for all people: both First Nations and non-Indigenous people: that we will all learn to walk together, serve and respect each other. We pray for the Elders in our Communities, that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit leading us in maintaining the dignity and value of each person.

**We ask in Faith. . . .Lord hear us.**

For relief for the people of Los Angeles: that those traumatised by the extensive wild fires will receive the help they need and for the safety of the fire fighters and other first responders.

**We ask in Faith. . . .Lord hear us.**

For families at this time: that through the intercession of Mary, Jesus will bless them with joy, and sustain with hope those in need or in difficulties.

**We ask in Faith. . . .Lord hear us.**

We pray for those who we have known and loved and have returned to you O Lord, especially Caridad Bell, Veronica McFadyen and Stephen O'Neill. May they rest in the peace of Eternal life.

**We ask in Faith. . . .Lord hear us.**

**Presider:** Father, at Cana your Son Jesus listened to the prayers of Mary His Mother. May she intercede for us now as we pray:.....Hail Mary, full of grace .....

***We pray those who have recently died***

Caridad Bell, Veronica McFadyen, Stephen Gerard O'Neill

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

Maxine & Ted Cahill, Patrick Carroll, Patricia Day, Ron Morris, Maureen Reynolds, Harry Stace

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

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Shari Maria Brewster, Chloe Judith Carmody, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Dianne Fryer, Reg Glover, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Margaret King, David Latimore, Michael Lockyer, Brian Perrin, 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](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au))*

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

Rose Elizabeth Allen, Harriet Lana Louise Beard, Louie Arthur Rima Bolth, Matteo Xavier Guterres, Blake Douglas Wayne Hughes, Charlee Valerie Hughes, Lilah Patricia Hughes, Freddy Jim McDonald, Savana de Costa Pereira, Remi Manaia Taylor

***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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## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators  
of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

### Parish Office Closure;

Due to the Australia Day public holiday the parish office will be closed on Tuesday 28th January. Please send bulletin notices as early as possible. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Mon 20th January** (*St Fabian, pope, martyr, St Sebastian, martyr*)

**Tues 21st January** (*St Agnes, virgin, martyr*)

**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass,  
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

**Wed 22nd January** (*St Vincent, deacon, martyr*)

**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 23rd January**

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass,  
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

**Fri 24th January** (*St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor*)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

**Sat 25th January** (*The Conversion of St Paul, apostle*)

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

### Sun 26th January - Australia Day

**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)

### Important Liturgy Update – Australia Day Mass

This year, Australia Day falls on a Sunday. The readings for Australia Day will be used for **vigil Masses Saturday 25th January and Sunday, 26 January.**

**SRE teachers** required to teach scripture classes in local East Maitland and Lochinvar schools in 2025. Lessons are 30 minutes each week during term time. Training/resources/student activity books provided. Further information, contact Jan Healy on 0411 535 882, Zofia Slupik 0438 307 460

Join us as we go through the **Catechism In A Year** program with fellow parishioners every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in St Joseph's East Maitland Prayer Room after the 8.30am Mass. Starting the 16<sup>th</sup> February. The information session will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> January after the 8.30am Mass.

### Funeral Ministry – Helpers Needed

The Funeral Ministry is seeking people to assist with **handing out booklets** and **setting up the church** for funerals. Contact the Parish Office for more information 0249338918

**Piety stall** is closed until the 1st weekend in February 2025. Thank you for your support over the past year.

### General Instruction of the Roman Missal

THE GLORIA IN EXCELCIS 53.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb. The text of this hymn may not be replaced by any other. It is intoned by the Priest or, if appropriate, by a cantor or by the choir; but it is sung either by everyone together, or by the people alternately with the choir, or by the choir alone. If not sung, it is to be recited either by everybody together or by two choirs responding one to the other. It is sung or said on Sundays outside Advent and Lent, and also on Solemnities and Feasts, and at particular celebrations of a more solemn character.

53 Cf. ibidem, no. 40; Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Instruction, Varietates legitimatae, 25 January 1994, no. 41: Acta Apostolicae Sedis 87 (1995), p. 304.

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

**Mon 20th January**

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

**5.00pm** Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

**Tues 21st January**

**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 22nd January**

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

**Thurs 23rd January**

**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 24th January**

**7.30am** Adoration, St Joseph's, EM **Funeral**  
**9.30am** Prayer of the Church,  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield  
**Resuming 7/2/2025**

**Sat 25th January**

**5.30pm** Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times