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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 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her that her time of service
is ended, that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of
the Lord double punishment for all her
crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the
wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain, and the
ridges a valley; then the glory of the
Lord shall be revealed and all
mankind shall see it; for the mouth of
the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful
messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful
messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of
Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother
ewes.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a
tent. (R.)

Above the rains you build your
dwelling. You make the clouds your
chariot, you walk on the wings of the
wind, you make the winds your
messengers and flashing fire your
servants. (R.)

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches. There
is the sea, vast and wide, with its
moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. (R.)

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up: you open
your hand, they have their fill. (R.)

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they
came. You send forth your spirit, they
are created; and you renew the face
of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it
has made salvation possible for the
whole human race and taught us that
what we have to do is to give up
everything that does not lead to God,
and all our worldly ambitions; we must
be self-restrained and live good and
religious lives here in this present
world, while we are waiting in hope for
the blessing which will come with the
Appearing of the glory of our great
God and saviour Christ Jesus. He
sacrificed himself for us in order to set
us free from all wickedness and to
purify a people so that it could be his
very own and would have no ambition
except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God
our saviour for mankind were
revealed, it was not because he was
concerned with any righteous actions
we might have done ourselves; it was
for no reason except his own
compassion that he saved us, by
means of the cleansing water of
rebirth and by renewing us with the
Holy Spirit which he has so
generously poured over us through
Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this
so that we should be justified by his
grace, to become heirs looking
forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is
to come is mightier than I; he will
baptise you with the Holy Spirit and
with fire. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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

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.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis draws our attention to a couple of interesting aspects of Jesus' baptism, which offer useful lessons for Christians today.

One of these is his humility. The Pope wants us to reflect on how remarkable it was that sinless Jesus was there among the crowds, 'joining the queue of the penitents, mingling among them.' The Son of God did not separate himself or seek special treatment!

The crowd which Jesus joined therefore shows us something profound about the Incarnation. Being baptised among the common people, Jesus shows us what the Pope termed his 'willingness to immerse himself in the river of humanity.' Even the Lord of All does not lord it over ordinary folk! Nor then should we.

On another occasion, the Pope focuses our attention on Jesus' prayer life. In telling us how the Holy Spirit descended from heaven like a dove, Luke makes it clear that this happened while Jesus was praying. This, the Pope indicates, is an important point worthy of our contemplation: 'Jesus prays.' 'Prayer opens the heaven,' the Pope says, borrowing the image from today's Gospel. He then adds that prayer also 'enables us to have the same experience of Jesus by the Jordan: it makes us feel like beloved children of the Father.' © Nick Brodie

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: : Brothers and Sisters, when we were Baptised, we received the Holy Spirit and the love that the Father has for us as His children. With trust we place our petitions before Him in prayer.

Prayer reader:

For the leaders of our Church: Pope Francis, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons: that as our God pours out His Holy Spirit, may they be a light to the world.

We pray. . . . Loving Father, hear our prayer.

For ourselves that during this Jubilee Year of Hope, we will have a deeper relationship with Jesus and show His love to all we meet.

We pray. . . . Loving Father, hear our prayer.

For our children, that they may know how much God delights in them, and the graces He bestowed on them in their Baptism, may they learn to hear his call.

We pray. . . . Loving Father, hear our prayer.

For the Leaders of Nations: May the Holy Spirit descend upon them, giving them the wisdom to control the terror and violence and plan for Peace in our world.

We pray. . . . Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves, born of water and the Holy Spirit, that as we stand before our God the Father, we may grow in the conviction of his love.

We pray. . . . Loving Father, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are not well, that they feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in their sufferings, giving them the love that is promised to each of us.

We pray. . . . Loving Father, hear our prayer.

For the departed whose memory we recall: and those who have recently returned to the promised land especially Janice Armstrong, Judith Carmody, Margaret Johnson, Frank Morgan, Roger Moylan, Marie Petersen, Mark Smith and Paul Worth that the power of God's grace bring them to the fullness of glory, that was promised to them in their Baptism.

We pray. . . . Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Presider: We thank you, Father, that we know your Son present in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread, and ask that you hear our prayers in His name - through Christ our Lord.

We pray those who have recently died

Janice Marie Armstrong (Jan), Judith Mary Carmody, Margaret Rose Johnson, Frank Morgan, Roger Moylan, Marie Therese Petersen, Mark Alwyn Smith, Paul John Wurth

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Daniel Carroll, Jessie Carroll, James Cashmore, Harold Doherty Snr, Cletus Grant, Julie Olson

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, Shari Maria Brewster, Chloe Judith Carmody, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Dianne Fryer, Reg Glover, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Margaret King, 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)

We pray for those who will be baptised

Maia Abigail Garcia, Xavier Andrew Johnson, Odette Finley Lester, Rylie Anne Lester, Alba Mae Prestwich-Howlett

***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



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

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised as a saint
on **Sunday, April 27, 2025**

Carlo, an Italian teenager known for his deep love of
the Eucharist and his innovative use of technology to
share his faith, will become the first millennial saint.
His canonisation during the Jubilee Year highlights the
Church's recognition of the vital role of young people
in the faith community.

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

SRE teachers required to teach scripture classes in local East
Maitland schools in 2025. Lessons are 30 minutes each
week during term time. Training / resources / student
activity books provided. For further information, contact
Jan Healy on 0411 535 882.

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR St Joseph's East
Maitland Saturday January 18th, 2025, 8.30-9.30AM
(FOLLOWING 8AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S) **EXPOSITION,
BENEDICTION, ROSARY AND CONFESSION** "LET US ENTRUST OUR
LIVES AND OUT TIME TO THE MOTHER OF GOD, SO THAT
SHE MAY LEAD US TO JESUS: THE FULLNESS OF TIME.
POPE FRANCIS.

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 Kyrie Eleison 52. After the Penitential Act, the Kyrie,
eleison (Lord, have mercy), is always begun, unless it has
already been part of the Penitential Act. Since it is a chant
by which the faithful acclaim the Lord and implore his mercy,
it is usually executed by everyone, that is to say, with the
people and the choir or cantor taking part in it. Each
acclamation is usually pronounced twice, though it is not to
be excluded that it be repeated several times, by reason of
the character of the various languages, as well as of the
artistry of the music or of other circumstances. When the
Kyrie is sung as a part of the Penitential Act, a 'trope'
precedes each acclamation.
56 Cf. below, pp. 1507-1510

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 13th January (*St Hilary, bishop, doctor*)

Tues 14th January

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 15th January

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 16th January

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 17th January (*St Anthony, abbot*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 18th January

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 13th January

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 14th 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 15th January

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

Thurs 16th 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 17th January

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

9.30am Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
Resuming 7/2/2025

Sat 18th January

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sun 19th January

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)