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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

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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.



THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
YEAR C 29th December, 2024



The Beginning of a Jubilee Year

The Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica is being opened on 24 December 2024 by the Pope to constitute the official beginning of the Holy Year. On Sunday, 29 December 2024, we will celebrate this in our Parish with the Universal Church. Let us all enter the Year of Jubilee with a spirit of Hope.

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 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them.

They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is

the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **(R.)**

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **(R.)**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, gave ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

**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,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow)
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 Prayers

Presider: Let us place our prayers to our God who is Father and Mother to each of us and to the whole human family.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for the family of God, our Church, and all those in our life. Give us the willingness to endure and persevere to be faithful in good times and difficult times and trust in His love.
We Pray.

Hear us O Lord

For all parents and guardians who have the responsibilities of others; may they be guided by the Mother of Jesus, and they share their faith with those in their care.

We pray.

Hear us O Lord

For the families of peoples and nations who are torn by war and hatred; may the leaders be inspired to listen to the words of the Gospel and bring peace and love to all people.

We pray

Hear us O Lord

As we prepare for the Jubilee, may its grace reawaken in us, your pilgrims of Hope, a longing for the treasures of heaven. May it also spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the world.

We pray.

Hear us O Lord

May the healing touch of Jesus be felt by those who are suffering from physical or mental illness in their lives.

We pray.

Hear us O Lord

For our deceased relatives and friends who have returned to our Heavenly Home and those whose anniversaries occur. May they now rejoice in the company of God.

We Pray.

Hear us O Lord

Presider: May the Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, intercede for us as we strive to live as they have taught and shown us in faith, hope and love.

We Pray For All Recently Deceased

Anniversaries occurring at this time

Mary and Jim Bowser, Catherine and Stan Clark,
Merv Clayden, Edmund Ferry, David Martin,
Br Elgar Murphy, Caroline Margaret Parker,
Tony Laznik, Mary and James Riordan,
William Joseph Saunders

**We pray for the sick in our community. May they
experience the healing touch of Jesus**

For those who will be Married

Christopher Begg and Brittney Morgan

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

Our office will reopen to the public on January 7th, 2025.

This bulletin was printed prior to Christmas due to the Parish Office closure. Any anniversaries or recently deceased names missed in those weeks will be placed in the bulletin of the 12th January 2025.

Wishing you all a joyous new year.

Fr George, Fr Paul, Fr Priyantha, Louise, Janine,
Sandra and Bec.