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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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **(R.)**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He had to be made like us in all things.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way

become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

My eyes have seen your saving power.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,

just as you promised;

because my eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared for all the nations to see,

a light to enlighten the pagans

and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a

sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis draws our attention to the way that today’s feast is about encounter. He is particularly interested in how this episode takes place ‘between the young and the old’. This was a profound spiritual moment shared by ‘two newlyweds,’ as the Pope describes Mary and Joseph, and the elderly and faithful Simeon and Anna.

The Pope draws our attention to their respective dispositions. Mary and Joseph are not just going through the motions. They clearly really believe that what they are doing is important, even if they wonder what it all means.

Meanwhile, Simeon and Anna were clearly ‘guided by the Holy Spirit’ and ‘full of life!’ Their encounter was not only between generations, therefore, but was also what the Pope calls ‘a unique encounter between observance and prophecy.’

‘It’s good for the elderly to communicate their wisdom to the young,’ the Pope reminds us, ‘and it’s good for the young people to gather this wealth of experience and wisdom, and to carry it forward ... addressing the challenges that life brings.’

Perhaps we might pray this week for the wisdom to respond to the promptings of the Spirit, and for the Grace to leave a joyful mark on all the people we might encounter, young or old.

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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.

<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: God appointed Christ to be the light for the world. As we gather around the table of the Word and of the Eucharist, let us pray to Him now, for our needs.

We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Deacons that they be given the Wisdom and Courage to continue preaching the Word, and bring the Light of Christ to all people.

In Faith we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our Nations work to ensure that the cease fire will continue in the Middle East working for the good of all people, and bring peace and love to all countries respecting human life from its very beginning.

In Faith we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are living in Consecrated life: may they find the courage to continue to spread the love of Jesus in all those they meet.
In Faith we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For all our young people as they return to continue their education: may the Holy Spirit give them inspiration to do their very best at this time in their life.
In Faith we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are not well, may the Light of Christ shine on them, that through our prayers they may find health and self-worth, knowing that they are loved.
In faith we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have returned to you, O Loving Father, especially Dianne Fryer and Matthew Edmonds. May they rest in your presence and those who mourn, see the Your shining light and trust in the true Resurrection.
In faith we pray. . . Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant: God of love and mercy, let the light of your Son bring us safely through the darkness of this world to the radiant glory of your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

We pray those who have recently died

Dianne Fryer, Matthew Edmonds

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Rayan Aourram, Jennie Buckley, Sr Rita Crowley RSM, Noel Christensen (Sydney),
Sr Norah Grehan RSM, Frances Grosser, Mysie Hungerford, Betty Martin,
Peter Riley, Waclaw Palmowski (Wally), Greg Prince

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, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton,
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)

We pray for those who will be baptised

Violet Elizabeth Burgmann, Lydia Jade Fitzsimmons, Adaline Elizabeth Joanna Franklin,
Indiana Violet Gannon, Harrison Nelson Lee, Freddy Jim McDonald,
Hendrix James Reid, Indianna Willow Reid

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month - from after Mass at
 7am till 8.00am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's East
 Maitland. Next Date: Friday 7th February

Join us as we go through the Catechism In A Year
 program by Fr Mike Schmitz every 2nd Sunday in
 St Joseph's East Maitland Prayer Room after the 8.30am
 Mass. Starting the 16 February.

Piety stall will be open after all masses at St Joseph's
 East Maitland Church this weekend. New stock has
 arrived including children's books.

A warm welcome to our new Assistant Priest
 Fr Anil Kuchipudi, who will commence his ministry this
 weekend. We thank God for the gift of his faith-filled life and
 dedicated service. Please welcome Fr Anil when he
 celebrates at your Mass centre.

Votive Candle Stand We would like to thank Parishioners
 for their generous donations towards the purchase of a
 Votive Candle Stand for Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 Shrine. It has now been installed and is ready for use. A
 small donation to cover the cost of candles would be
 appreciated when lighting a candle.

There are excess funds available from donations and we
 would like to use these to have the icon of Our Lady of
 Perpetual Succour restored. We have received a quote
 from Morpeth Conservation Studios.

If you have donated money and do not wish to support
 this endeavour, please contact the Parish Office by 28th
 February 2025 and you will be refunded. If we do not
 hear from you, we will presume we have your support and
 will use your donation to proceed with the renovation of
 the icon.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

THE COLLECT 54. Continued

or longer ending, in the following manner: – If the prayer is
 directed to the Father: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
 Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
 Spirit, one God, for ever and ever; – If it is directed to the
 Father, but the Son is mentioned at the end: Who lives and
 reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
 and ever; – If it is directed to the Son: Who live and reign with
 God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
 and ever. The people, joining in this petition, make the prayer
 their own by means of the acclamation Amen. At Mass only a
 single Collect is ever said. Cf. Second Ecumenical Council of the
 Vatican, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum
 Concilium, no. 54; Sacred Congregation of Rites, Instruction, Inter
 Oecumenici, 26 September 1964, no. 59: Acta Apostolicae Sedis 56
 (1964), p. 891; Instruction, Musicam sacram, 5 March 1967, no. 47:
 Acta Apostolicae Sedis 59 (1967), p. 314

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 3rd February (*St Blaise, bishop, martyr, St Ansgar, bishop*)

Tues 4th February

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
 Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 5th February (*St Agatha, virgin, martyr*)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 6th February (*St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
 Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 7th February

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 8th February (*St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita,
 virgin*)

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

Sun 9th February

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 3rd February

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 4th February

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 5th February

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

Thurs 6th February

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

7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
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Fri 7th February

7.30am-8.00am Sat 8th February Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

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

Sat 8th February

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times