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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

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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

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of
Samuel

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will
not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the
wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by
three thousand men chosen from Israel
to search for David in the wilderness of
Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made
their way towards the force, where they
found Saul asleep inside the camp, his
spear stuck in the ground beside his
head, with Abner and the troops lying
round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God
has put your enemy in your power; so
now let me pin him to the ground with
his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not
need to strike him twice. David
answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for
who can lift his hand against the Lord's
anointed and be without guilt?' David
took the spear and the pitcher of water
from beside Saul's head, and they made
off. No one saw, no one knew, no one
woke up; they were all asleep, for a
deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on
them. David crossed to the other side
and halted on the top of the mountain a
long way off; there was a wide space
between them. David then called out,
'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the
soldiers come across and take it. The
Lord repays everyone for his
uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord
put you in my power, but I would not
raise my hand against the Lord's
anointed.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy. He
does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

As far as the east is from the west so far
does he remove our sins. As a father
has compassion on his sons, the Lord
has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

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

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we
must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says,
became a living soul; but the last Adam
has become a life-giving spirit. That is,
first the one with the soul, not the spirit,
and after that, the one with the spirit.
The first man, being from the earth, is
earthly by nature; the second man is
from heaven. As this earthly man was,
so are we on earth; and as the heavenly
man is, so are we in heaven. And we,
who have been modelled on the earthly
man, will be modelled on the heavenly
man.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to
you who are listening: Love your
enemies, do good to those who hate
you, bless those who curse you, pray for
those who treat you badly. To the man
who slaps you on one cheek, present
the other cheek too; to the man who
takes your cloak from you, do not refuse
your tunic. Give to everyone who asks
you, and do not ask for your property
back from the man who robs you. Treat
others as you would like them to treat
you. If you love those who love you,
what thanks can you expect? Even
sinners love those who love them. And
if you do good to those who do good to
you, what thanks can you expect? For
even sinners do that much. And if you
lend to those from whom you hope to
receive, what thanks can you expect?
Even sinners lend to sinners to get back
the same amount. Instead, love your
enemies and do good, and lend without
any hope of return. You will have a
great reward, and you will be sons of
the Most High, for he himself is kind to
the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is
compassionate. Do not judge, and you
will not be judged yourselves; do not
condemn, and you will not be
condemned yourselves; grant pardon,
and you will be pardoned.

Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

<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: We are challenged by the words of the Gospel in how we live our lives on this earth. Let us put our trust in God as we place our prayers before Him.

Prayer leader

We pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, may they be empowered by the Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

We pray. . . Lord graciously hear us.

We pray that the Lord God send His Holy Spirit upon the Ukrainian nation and give them endurance in faith, hope and love in these times of trial; that He grant peace throughout the world and liberate Ukraine from all enemies. We pray, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

We pray. . . Lord graciously hear us.

In this Jubilee Year that all here present, will renew our faith and hope in God's word forgiving those who have sinned against us, and treasure the love He has for us.

We pray. . . Lord graciously hear us.

For our young people who have returned to their places of education: may they be inspired by the Holy Spirit to live by the words of the Gospel in their everyday lives.

We pray. . . Lord graciously hear us.

For all Volunteers who give themselves to help others. May the Holy Spirit inspire them to spread love and compassion to all they meet.

We pray. . . Lord graciously hear us.

For all those who are not feeling well, including Pope Francis, may the Lord Jesus reach out to them with his healing touch and grant them the comfort of his Holy Spirit.

We pray. . . Lord graciously hear us.

For all those who have departed this life ahead of ourselves: For those recently including Janis Hassett , Michelle Hickey and Josephine Walker that the life-giving Spirit, may bring them to fullness of life in Jesus.

We pray. . . Lord graciously hear us.

Celebrant: We give thanks O Lord that You hear our prayer. May we be true to Your words of Compassion and Love and share with those around us. We ask this through Jesus your Son.

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We pray those who have recently died

Janis Hassett, Michelle Hickey, Josephine Walker

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Neville Chaloner, Robert Sattler, Joy and Pat McNamara, Ray McDonnell, Edwin (Ned) Redgrove, Earline (Joe) Passfield, Terry Prouse, James Saunders, Ted and Gloria Trunk, John Bede Wynne

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, Terry Hickey, 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

We pray for those who will be baptised

Joey Calleja, Amelia Isaac, Freddy McDonald, Maxwell Sams, Hudson Simmons, Parker Simmons, Freddie Tribe, Ollie Waller, Cohen Wikeepa

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

Diocesan Launch of the Jubilee Year – Sunday March 2

Bishop Michael writes to his priests and parishes:

“As you would be aware, extensive planning and progress has been taking place for our Diocesan Launch of the Jubilee Year. I am assured that our efforts and creativity are particularly unique to our Diocese, and I believe that the initiative will bolster us in hope as well as be a wonderful expression of hope to the people of our region. The pilgrimage will begin near Nobby’s Beach at 8am tracking along the harbour front towards the Cathedral with assistance from local Police. We are hopeful that schools, parishes, and movements will carry their community banners and flags along the journey. At 10am we will celebrate mass followed by a ‘Festival of Hope’ in the Cathedral precinct. All food, activities, entertainment, and stalls will be free and will include access to an international exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis. We will also launch Project Compassion and make available all resources for this year’s campaign.

The vision for this event which came from the Council of Priests is that it be a truly diocesan event involving the participation of clergy and faithful from all parishes of the Diocese. I ask you to please consider how you can encourage and facilitate the maximum participation of yourself and your parishioners in this event. This may include changing or even reducing your regular Sunday morning Mass times to facilitate parishioner participation and to enable your own participation. Please do what you can. I look forward to walking the pilgrimage with you and celebrating the Mass with you”.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Michael.

Following Bishop Michael's guidance, we encourage **maximum participation** from our **Chisholm region** in the **Diocesan Launch of the Jubilee Year on Sunday, 2nd March 2025**.


To accommodate this, and since our priests will be attending this significant diocesan event, the **8:00 AM Mass at Largs** and the **8:30 AM Mass at East Maitland** will be shortened to **30 minutes** by reducing the length of the homily and hymns. These Masses are intended for parishioners who are unable to attend the diocesan program but still wish to fulfill their Sunday obligation.

Additionally, the **9:30 AM Sunday Mass at Paterson** on **2nd March 2025** will be **cancelled**. However, for those unable to attend the diocesan gathering, a **Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion** will be organized at **Paterson at 9:30 AM** as an alternative.

All other Masses will **remain unchanged**.


Diocesan Launch of the Jubilee Year

Join the Diocese for a pilgrimage on Sunday 2 March 2025 from Nobby's Beach (8am) to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass (10am) and a Festival (11am) in the Cathedral precinct grounds. The festival will feature an official Launch of Project Compassion 2025. Scan the QR code for more information.



Burning of the Palms Liturgy & Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday Join us after Youth Mass on Tuesday, 4th March at 6:15pm at St Joseph's East Maitland for a special Burning of the Palms Liturgy. **Please bring your blessed palms for the ceremonial burning**, and stick around afterwards for some delicious pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

ACTiv8 Youth Ministry runs youth groups at St Joseph's East Maitland on Tuesday's at 5:00pm and Holy Family Largs on Wednesday's 5:30pm. If you are interested in your child being involved and learning more about the catholic faith in an engaging environment scan the QR code below and a member of the Youth Ministry Team will reach out to you.



Year of Hope Movie Nights The Therry Centre is holding a monthly movie night (last Friday) to reflect the theme of Hope. Therry Centre, Friday 28th Feb 7:30pm, BYO snacks/drinks. First Movie "October Sky", a true story of the triumph of ambition over poverty in a coal mining town in the 1957 Sputnik era that rocked America Rated PG.

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

A banner has been produced for St. Joseph's Parish East Maitland to hang in the Church throughout the Jubilee Year. Parishioners from the Chisholm Region are invited to assemble together with the banner at Newcastle Foreshore on Sunday for the Pilgrimage walk to Hamilton Cathedral.

Volunteers are needed to help carry the banner. Please call the office, 49338918, to submit your name.

Votive Candle Stand East Maitland: We can all help to keep this candle stand clean by not blowing out the candles that are left burning in the stand. The stand is designed to safely extinguish the candles as they burn down and remove the left over wax. This wax is removed and disposed of during the regular maintenance program. Thank you.

World Day of Prayer 2025 – "I Made You Wonderful" **Friday, 7th March 2025 Host Country: Cook Islands**

Join us for a day of hope, unity, and prayer as we gather with the churches of our area to celebrate the World Day of Prayer. Whether you're looking for an inspiring start to your day or a reflective evening service, there's an event for you!

10:00am: Ecumenical Service at East Maitland Uniting Church 35 William Street, East Maitland (Morning tea to follow)

10:30am Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

7:00pm St Paul's, Rutherford

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. Next session Sunday 16th March.

BERESFIELD CATHOLIC LADIES GROUP: The next meeting will be this, Tuesday, 25th February.

You are warmly invited to come along and join us. We will meet in the Meeting Room at 10.00am. Everyone welcome.

Piety stall at St Joseph's East Maitland Church will be closed this weekend. Open again the next weekend.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 25th February

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 26th February

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 27th February (St Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor) Optional

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 28th February (St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 1st March (Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary) Optional

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

Sun 2nd March

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 24th February

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 25th 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 26th February

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

Thurs 27th February

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 28th February

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 1st March

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times