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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 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'God does not want a cruise ship,' Pope Francis quips while reflecting on today's Gospel passage. Instead, as he points out, when the fishermen are tired and dejected Jesus climbs into their boat with them. Moreover, in doing so, Jesus encourages them to go out again for what turns out to be a greater purpose. Their lives are changed when they let Jesus in the boat.

The Pope reminds us that Our Lord can 'make use of our poverty to proclaim his richness, of our miseries to proclaim his mercy.' Provided, that is, we welcome him into our lives and livelihoods.

When we work with God, trusting that Jesus shows us the way, then we will find our true calling. We might even gain the courage to leave our familiar boat behind!

What is crucial, the Pope asserts, is that we 'set out anew with him and to sail a new sea,' open to surprises along the way. When we serve Jesus, the Pope affirms, 'he accomplishes great things in us.' We should therefore heed Jesus' call to each one of us, which is, the Pope suggests, 'to go out into the open sea of the humanity of our time, in order to be witnesses to goodness and mercy.'

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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.

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Celebrant: God tells us do not be afraid; we only need to call on Him for help: Let us make our prayer to Him for those in need.

For the Church that the Bishops, Priests and Deacons may persevere in the face of adversity and teach as Jesus did. . . Lord in the light of your love.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders in the world: may the Holy Spirit shine on them with inspiration to find ways to bring peace and Justice to all.

Lord in the light of your love. . . We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For all those who are searching for meaning in life and haven't found what they are looking for: may they hear the words of the Gospel and live by them. . Lord in the light of your love.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

That we may all respond to God's call in this Jubilee year to be pilgrims on the journey gathering others on our way to God's kingdom, helping them to fully accept Jesus as the Lord of our life. Lord in the light of your love.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For the people in Queensland who have lost their homes and properties in the floods: we ask the Holy Spirit to give them the faith to know that God is with them in this troubled time. Lord in the light of your love.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For all who suffer from ill health or are in pain or sorrow, that they may know the consolation of the Lord: and experience the Lord's healing touch. . . Lord in the light of your love.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

That those who have died in Christ will enter eternal life, especially John Burg and Sr Carmel Hanson and including the members of our own family and friends who we have loved and have gone before us. . . Lord in the light of your love.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God you summon all to leave their nets and follow you. May we always stand ready to live by the Your Word, knowing that your faithfulness lasts for Eternity. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

We pray those who have recently died

John Kenneth Burg, Sr Carmel Hanson rsj

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

John Callaghan, Sr Therese Conroy rsj, Coral Dow, Jennifer (Jill) Enright, Jack (John) Farrelly, Marguerite Jenner, Ken Piper, Katherine (Katie) Saunders, Arthur Turnbull, Denise Wade

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

Malachi Kofi Baah Anim, Madeline Joy Egan, Lenny Miles Flannery, Pip Penny Stanford

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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Diocesan Launch of the Jubilee Year

Bishop Michael invites everyone to celebrate the Jubilee Year with a Diocesan 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. [Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope](#)

EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR

St Joseph's East Maitland Saturday February 15th 2024 8.30AM-9.30AM

(FOLLOWING 8AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S)

EXPOSITION, BENEDICTION, ROSARY AND CONFESSION

In this year of grace, let us fan the flame of hope that has been given to us.

Anointing Mass at St. Paul's Rutherford

You are warmly invited to attend the Anointing Mass at St. Paul's, Rutherford, on Friday, 21st February at 10.00am

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.

SRE teachers required to teach scripture classes in local East Maitland schools and Lochinvar Primary school 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

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.

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

Votive Candle Stand & Icon Restoration Update at St Joseph's East Maitland We sincerely thank our parishioners for their generous donations toward the purchase of a Votive Candle Stand for the Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Shrine. The stand 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. With the excess funds from these donations, we plan to restore the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. A quote has been received from Morpeth Conservation Studios, and the icon will be removed from the church in the coming week for restoration.

A temporary picture will be placed in its position during this time. If you have contributed and do not wish to support this endeavor, please contact the Parish Office by 28th February 2025 to request a refund. If we do not hear from you, we will presume we have your support and will proceed with the renovation. Further donations are needed to cover the full cost of restoring and reframing the icon.

All donations are gratefully received. Please contact the Parish Office for banking details.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

B) THE LITURGY OF THE WORD 55. The main part of the Liturgy of the Word is made up of the readings from Sacred Scripture together with the chants occurring between them. As for the Homily, the Profession of Faith and the Universal Prayer, they develop and conclude it. For in the readings, as explained by the Homily, God speaks to his people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present through his word in the midst of the faithful. By silence and by singing, the people make this divine word their own, and affirm their adherence to it by means of the Profession of Faith; finally, having been nourished by the divine word, the people pour out their petitions by means of the Universal Prayer for the needs of the whole Church and for the salvation of the whole world.

55 Cf. John Paul II, Apostolic Letter, *Dies Domini*, 31 May 1998, no. 50: *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* 90 (1998), p. 745.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 10th February (*St Scholastica, virgin*)

Tues 11th February (*Our Lady or Lourdes, World Day of Prayer for the Sick*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 12th February

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 13th February

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 14th February (*Sts Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 15th February

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

Sun 16th 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 10th February

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 11th 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 12th February

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

Thurs 13th 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 14th February

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

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

Sat 15th February

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times