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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.

Rite of Acceptance and Welcome into the Catechumenate

RESPONSE:

Christ will be your strength!
Learn to know and follow Him

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,

who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,

with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside

that thrusts its roots to the stream:

when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;

it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**

Not so are the wicked, not so!

For they like winnowed chaff

shall be driven away by the wind.

For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of

you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven.

This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Celebrant: We are present in this celebration of Holy Eucharist today because we trust in God. We place our needs before our loving God the Father who hears all.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for the leaders of our Church: Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons may the grace of God strengthen them, as they proclaim the message of God's Kingdom.
To our Lord who provides for us . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of all Nations: may the Holy Spirit enlighten them to bring Justice and Peace to all countries especially where war and unrest persists.
To our Lord who provides for us . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For the Jewish Community: we ask the Holy Spirit to intervene and cease the hatred and violence that is occurring in our Country Australia.
To our Lord who provides for us . . . Lord hear our prayer.

Holy God ,we are Your witnesses. Help us to speak of Your grace that is at work and alive in our hearts. That we may be recognised as Pilgrims and Christians sharing the light of God in our world.
To our Lord who provides for us . . . Lord hear our prayer.

Strengthen the faith of our RCIA people and the children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Give them the wisdom to continue on their journey to be in full Communion with You O Lord, may they be open to the Blessings that You have for them.
To our Lord who provides for us . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are not well and unable to be present in the Holy Eucharist: Give blessings to them and guide the hands of those care for them.
To our Lord who provides for us . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died in faith, may they be raised to the realms of glory in Heaven, especially Edmonds Anthony, Angela Dilley, Robert Lancaster and Beverley Walker.
To our Lord who provides for us . . . Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: We thank You Jesus, that You came in human form and lived on earth. You always did what Your Heavenly Father desired. Today we remember death has finally been defeated. We need Your presence in our lives, Your direction and help. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Ascended Lord. Amen.

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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

We pray those who have recently died

Edmonds Anthony, Angela Dilley, Robert Lancaster, Beverley Nancy Walker

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Ramon Eugenio, Don Johnson, Jaime Marquez, Harrison Meyn (Harry),
Harold Ronan, Chris Smith, Rosalinda Vicente, Robert Walker

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

We pray for those who will be baptised

Daisy Mae Moffet, Wynter Rose Moffet, Angus William Potter

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, Skye Thompson, Anne Watts, Renee Wilcher

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**.

This weekend, we warmly welcome the children and their families who are participating in the Sacraments of Initiation as they join us at Mass to hand in their commitment forms and participate in the Spinking Rite. We pray for them on their journey of faith and ask for God's blessings upon them. May this be a time of grace, growth, and deeper connection with Christ and His Church."

RCIA This weekend those people travelling on their Faith Journey to full Initiation at Easter, are being presented at East Maitland, Beresfield, Morpeth and Lochinvar. Please welcome, support and pray for them.

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. [Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope](#)

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.

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.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 17th February (*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*)

Tues 18th February

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

Wed 19th February

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 20th February

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

Fri 21st February (*St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland
10.00am Mass, Anointing St Paul's Rutherford

Sat 22nd February (*The Chair of St Peter, apostle*)

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

Sun 23rd 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)

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

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.

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.

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 0411 535 882, Zofia 0438 307 460

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 17th February

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

Tues 18th 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 19th February

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

Thurs 20th 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 21st February

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

Sat 22nd February

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times