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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

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of
Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest
shall take the panner from your hand
and lay it before the altar of the Lord
your God. Then, in the sight of the
Lord your God, you must make this
pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering
Aramaean. He went down into Egypt
to find refuge there, few in numbers;
but there he became a nation, great,
mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-
treated us, they gave us no peace and
inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we
called on the Lord, the God of our
fathers. The Lord heard our voice and
saw our misery, our toil and our
oppression; and the Lord brought us
out of Egypt with mighty hand and
outstretched arm, with great terror,
and with signs and wonders. He
brought us here and gave us this land,
a land where milk and honey flow.
Here then I bring the first-fruits of the
produce of the soil that you, Lord,
have given me." You must then lay
them before the Lord your God, and
bow down in the sight of the Lord your
God.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v. 15

**(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am
in trouble.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most
High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I
trust!' (R.)

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. (R.)

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the
dragon. (R.)

His love he set on me, so I will rescue
him; protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am
with you.' I will save him in distress
and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Romans

*The confession of faith of the believers in
Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the
faith we proclaim, is very near to you,
it is on your lips and in your heart. If
your lips confess that Jesus is Lord
and if you believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead, then
you will be saved. By believing from
the heart you are made righteous; by
confessing with your lips you are
saved. When scripture says: those
who believe in him will have no cause
for shame, it makes no distinction
between Jew and Greek: all belong to
the same Lord who is rich enough,
however many ask for his help, for
everyone who calls on the name of
the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king
of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king
of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the
Spirit through the wilderness where he was
tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left
the Jordan and was led by the Spirit
through the wilderness, being tempted
there by the devil for forty days.
During that time he ate nothing and at
the end he was hungry. Then the devil
said to him, 'If you are the Son of God,
tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But
Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man
does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil
showed him in a moment of time all
the kingdoms of the world and said to
him, 'I will give you all this power and
the glory of these kingdoms, for it has
been committed to me and I give it to
anyone I choose. Worship me, then,
and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus
answered him, 'Scripture says:
You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and
made him stand on the parapet of the

of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

**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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REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'Jesus does not converse with the devil', observes Pope Francis.

The Pope points out that Jesus never seeks the devil's opinion, nor does he get into a dialogue with the devil. Jesus only gives firm answers, rebuffing the devil with Scripture, even when the devil tries to warp Scripture to his own ends.

Hoping that Lent can be 'a time of the desert' for each one of us, a time when we can find silence and make time for prayer, the Pope also warns us against falling into a 'slumber of the conscience'.

Silence and prayer must never become dialogue with the devil. If we start to think of ourselves as holier than others, excuse ourselves from helping the poor, or judge others whose lives appear different from our own, then perhaps we have started listening to the devil's opinion.

This Lent we might reflect on this temptation to self-justify, to dialogue with evil. 'The devil does this with us', the Pope suggests. Too easily the devil can, as the Pope puts it, 'disguise himself with sacred, apparently religious motives!'

Therefore, we might begin Lent by praying for the fortitude to answer our own inner temptations with firm resolve.

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Celebrant: Jesus was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin. Let us pray with confidence for the help we need to be victorious over evil.

Prayer Leader:

For Pope Francis: we ask the Holy Spirit to give the graces needed to bear the cross he carries in this time of ill health.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our Church leaders in this time of grace: especially Bishop Michael, our Priests and Deacons, that they may face the temptations of life in the spirit of Jesus.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

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For the countries who are facing unrest especially in Ukraine: May they remain true to the words of the Gospel, that Jesus will always be with them in times of trial.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

In this year of Hope for all Christian people: during this Lenten time, may they be filled with the Holy Spirit supporting Project Compassion, and be more loving towards others.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For our RCIA Catechumens who will sign their intentions at the Rite of Election this Sunday at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, as they continue their journey to full Communion in the Church and grow in their response to the call of Christ.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For all our people who carry the Cross of illness: we pray that the Lord give them patience and healing.

We pray . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends, especially Margaret Reece and Barbara Wheatley, that the Lord may lead them to the Promised land of Eternal Life.

We pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, your Son conquered the powers of evil through prayer and fasting. May your Holy Spirit strengthen us so that we too may be victorious in our struggles with evil. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray those who have recently died

Margaret Reece, Barbara Ann Wheatley (Ann)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Milagros Agbada, John Betham (Snr), John Betham (Jnr), Les Carlyon, Coral Chaloner, Bob Dickson, Colin Farley, Michael John (Jack) Healey, Billy Lucas, Joseph McDonnell, Roy Rampling, Eva May Randell, Bill Tobin, Terry Wynne

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett,

Ron Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Barbara Filas,

Reg Glover, Terry Hickey, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Margaret King,

David Latimore, Michael Lockyer, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Roberts family, 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

Aiyah Maree Brekelmans, Greyson Mark Brekelmans, Ocea Rose Brekelmans, Memphis Lee Cauchi,

Elsie Anne Jarrett, Angus John Parmenter, Bonnie Jayne Parmenter,

Lara Walsh, Tate Walsh, Halle Aleen Willis

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

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



Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR

St Joseph's East Maitland Saturday March 15th 2024
8.30AM-9.30AM (FOLLOWING 8AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S) EXPOSITION, BENEDICTION, ROSARY AND CONFESSION

The Vatican has granted a Plenary Indulgence to pilgrims who visit the Church of St. James in Medjugorje and participate in the Jubilee rites. "May your Immaculate Heart Mary, reveal for all the light of hope."

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

Votive Candle Stand East Maitland: Could parents please monitor their children when at the votive candle stand as all the candles were removed and one of the candle glass tops has gone missing. If anyone has the glass top please return it. Thank you.

The parish office will be closed until 2pm on Tuesday 25th March for staff to attend training. We Apologise for any inconvenience.

Rite of Election – Sunday 9 March The Rite of Election on Sunday 9 March 2025 is an opportunity to welcome all catechumens who will be baptised in their parishes at the Easter Vigil (a catechumen is an unbaptised person whose search for meaning has brought them to the Catholic Church). Please join in witness and prayerful support of those who choose to be Catholic within this Jubilee Year of Hope. It starts at 2.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West, followed by afternoon tea. RSVP for catering to E_mission@mn.catholic.org.au. Enquiries to Fiona P 0408 895 951.

Jubilee Year of Hope – A Joyous Beginning

Our parish communities and schools were wonderfully represented at the launch of the Jubilee Year of Hope for the Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Diocese. Hundreds of faithful from across the diocese gathered last Sunday for a pilgrimage from Nobbys Beach to Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by a beautiful Mass and a community festival. This significant journey marked the beginning of a year dedicated to forgiveness, conversion, and prayer, as Jubilee years occur every 25 years in the Catholic faith. The pilgrimage was a powerful witness of faith and unity, bringing our community together in shared tradition and renewed spiritual commitment. May this Jubilee Year inspire us all to walk in hope and service.

St. Patrick's parishioners of Lochinvar welcome all in the region to celebrate the feast of St. Patrick on Sunday the 16th March at the 9.30am Mass followed by a morning tea and some Irish entertainment.

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.

Piety stall at St Joseph's East Maitland Church will be opened after each Mass. new stock, bibles and children's books available.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 11th March

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 12th March

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 13th March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 14th March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 15th March

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

Sun 16th 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 10th March

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 11th March

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 March

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

Thurs 13th March

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 March

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

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

Sat 15th March

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times