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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.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from

the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 11:1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about

two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, (*all bow*)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Celebrant:

We have heard together the proclamation of Jesus that he is the resurrection and the life. We have just professed our own belief in the resurrection of the body. So let us pray as people who live in the hope of the resurrection.

Prayer Leader

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, and Priests: that they may be strengthened by the Spirit of Jesus to spread the message of the good news of Jesus.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all our people in these final weeks of Lent, that we may continue our self-sacrifice and our willingness to take up the cross with Jesus.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the elect and candidates preparing for the Easter Sacraments, that they may always make the Eucharist the source and summit of their faith in Christ.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer the injustice of poverty, that our Project Compassion gifts may help them achieve dignity.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have lost their homes and possessions in the recent floods, that they may be given the courage and faith to begin again, to rebuild their lives, and feel the presence of Jesus close to them.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer sickness, sorrow, or pain: that the healing touch of Christ may be theirs.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died recently including Irene Garton, Brenda Flakes, Rosalina Vicente and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they know the Risen Lord of Life face to face.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father, we thank you for the great hope you give us in Christ, your risen Son. We make our prayers in his name, through Jesus, who is Lord, forever and ever.

We pray those who have recently died

Irene Garton, Brenda Joyce Flakes, Rosalina Vicente

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Rita Bridge (Branxton), Greg Grant, Carol Johnson, Christine Kay, Terry Killen, Chacko Matthew, Elsy Matthew, Leonard Milko, Tony Murray, Craig Piper, Merle Reilly, Daphne Smith, Sheila Tully

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett,

Ron Bartlett, Robert Dewsbury, Patrick Brennan, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Rita Clarin, 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, John Williams, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be baptised

Hunter Adams, Penelope Hoffman, Rosa Pettit Marriott, Ava Pettit Marriott,

Willow Leylana Johnson, Sage Marie Toomey, Kate Wilson

We pray for The Elect and Candidates

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

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THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM – 2025

Holy Thursday – 17th April 7:00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
- St Joseph's, East Maitland

Watch and Pray –

Prayer and Adoration Vigil (following Mass)

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield (concludes at 9:00pm)
- Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill (concludes at 9:30pm)

Good Friday 18th April

Stations of the Cross

- Holy Family, Largs 10:00am
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield 10:00am
- St Paul's, Rutherford 10:00am
- St Joseph's, East Maitland (Outdoor Youth Dramatisation) 10:00am
- St Patrick's, Lochinvar 10:00am
- St Columba's, Paterson 10:00am
- Sacred Heart Campbells Hill 10:30am
- Immaculate Conception Morpeth 2:00pm

The Passion of the Lord – 3:00pm

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
- St Joseph's, East Maitland

Holy Saturday – 19th April

- Morning Prayer 9:00am—St Joseph's, East Maitland

Easter Vigil Masses

- 6:00pm – Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill & St Joseph's, East Maitland
- 6:30pm – Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Easter Sunday As per regular weekend Mass times

Adoration Times - St Joseph's East Maitland

Wednesday, 16th April: Adoration will commence at 9am and finish at 10am. This adjustment allows the Liturgy group to set up for Holy Thursday.

Holy Thursday, 17th April: Adoration will be as usual from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Good Friday, 18th April: There will be no Adoration.

Palm Sunday Preparation—next weekend

We encourage you to bring your own palms.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

St Joseph's East Maitland every Friday, 6.30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield every Friday, 6pm

Immaculate Conception, Morpeth every Friday, 10am.

Youth Mass and Canonization Celebration of Blessed Carlo Acutis

(Please note there will be no 6pm Mass on April 27th)

On April 27, 2025, the Chisholm region will host a youth-focused celebration in honor of Carlo Acutis' canonization, **Mass at 4:00 pm at St. Bede's Catholic College, Chisholm.** We encourage everyone to come and support them as we celebrate a saint who will shape the future of our youth. If your child would like to participate in any way, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Let's come together in faith and joy for this historic event!

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

9th April 6pm Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill

10th April 5pm & 7pm St Joseph's, East Maitland

Anointing Mass Will be held at Immaculate Conception Morpeth on Friday 11th April. All Welcome

EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR St Joseph's East Maitland Saturday 12th April 2024

8.30am - 9.30am Following 8am Mass. Exposition, Benediction, Rosary and Confession a jubilee indulgence may be obtained on this day if the usual conditions are complied with ie. receive the sacrament of penance, attend mass, receive the most holy eucharist and pray for the intentions of the holy father (all preferably on the same day or otherwise close to the day).

Piety stall St Joseph's East Maitland

Open after the 5pm Mass each Saturday.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 8th April

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 9th April

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 10th April

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 11th April

10.00am Anointing Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Sat 12th April

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

Sun 13th April (*Palm Sunday*)

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 7th April

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

5.00pm

Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 8th April

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 9th April

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

Thurs 10th April

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 11th April

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

9.30am

Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 12th April

5.30pm

Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times