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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.

### **Entrance Gospel**

**Luke 19:28-40**

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'. So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'. And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

### **Second Reading**

**Philippians 2:6-11**

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### **Gospel**

**Luke 23:1-49**

*The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.*

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on

him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.) Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed. When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.' It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last. All kneel and pause a moment. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts. All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

### **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**

As we begin this week of the Saviour's passion, death, and resurrection, let us know that the God who gave his Son will refuse us nothing.

##### **Prayer Leader**

For the Church, for our Holy Father Pope Francis, for our Bishop Michael, Priests, Deacons, and for all God's people, that we may embrace the cross with courage and joy.  
Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have never heard the Gospel, and whose lives are marked by fear, injustice, and imprisonment, we pray that through the death of Jesus, they may rise with him to freedom and new life.  
Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For our parish community, we pray a blessing on all who have supported the call of Project Compassion during this holy season.  
Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those in our community who will be travelling at Easter, that they may return to us safely to worship at your altar of praise.  
Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace, we pray for a rapid end to hostilities inflicting terror, suffering, and death, and for compassionate help for all its innocent victims.  
Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For all our sick and suffering, that the Lord may strengthen and console them with his healing touch.  
Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, for soldiers and civilians who have recently lost their lives in war. We Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

### **Celebrant**

We proclaim your mercy before all peoples, O good and loving God, Into your hands we entrust our hopes.  
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

#### ***We pray those who have recently died***

##### ***We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including***

Mick Bourke, Bernie Enright, JR Robert Craig, Dianna Jordan, Rosita Legaspi, Helen McCrohan, John Wickham

#### ***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, Loretta Lamoury (NZ), 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***

Cyrus Steven Bartlett, Solomon Chedid, Otis James Christy, Arlo Benji Coates, Magnolia Gray Coates,

Jack James Irwin, Myah Jennifer Jones, Chase Cove Murphy, Eva Margaret Wood

#### ***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

#### ***For those who will be Married***

Jacqueline Olivia Myhill and Andrew Charles Clode

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



<p><b>PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY</b>  <b>Mon 14th April</b>  <b>9.30am-10.30am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland  <b>5.00pm</b> Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill  <b>Tues 15th April</b>  <b>9.30am-10.30am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland  <b>Wed 16th April</b>  <b>9.00am-10.00am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland  <b>Thurs 17th April</b>  <b>9.30-10.30am</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland</p>	<p><b>Youth Mass and Canonization Celebration of Blessed Carlo Acutis</b>  On April 27, <b>Mass at 4:00 pm at St. Bede's Catholic College, Chisholm.</b> We encourage everyone to come and support the young people 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! <b>Please note there will be no 6pm Mass on April 27th.</b></p>
<p><b>Tues 15th April</b>  <b>7.00pm</b> Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton  <b>Wed 16th April</b>  <b>7.00pm</b> Mass, Holy Family, Largs</p>	<p><b>Anzac Day Mass</b> Friday 25th April, 8.00am, St Joseph's East Maitland. Please note there will be no 7.00am Mass in this day.</p>
<p><b>THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM – 2025</b>  <b>Holy Thursday – 17th April 7:00pm</b>  <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>  • Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield  • Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill  • St Joseph's, East Maitland  <b>Watch and Pray</b>  <b>Prayer and Adoration Vigil (following Mass)</b>  • Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield (concludes at 9:00pm)  • Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill (concludes at 9:30pm)  <b>Good Friday 18th April</b>  <b>Stations of the Cross</b>  • 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  <b>The Passion of the Lord – 3:00pm</b>  • Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield  • Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill  • St Joseph's, East Maitland  <b>Holy Saturday – 19th April</b>  Morning Prayer 9:00am - St Joseph's, East Maitland  <b>Easter Vigil Masses</b> 6:00pm – Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill &amp; St Joseph's, East Maitland  6:30pm – Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield  <b>Easter Sunday</b> As per regular weekend Mass times</p>	<p><b>Project Compassion</b> Please return your project compassion boxes to your church.</p>
<p><b>Holy Land Collection – Good Friday</b>  The collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place during <b>The Passion of the Lord 3pm Mass on Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup></b> This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.  <b>Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield Ladies Group</b>  The ladies group will gather for their Mother's Day lunch at The Seraphine Café, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, 230 High St, Maitland on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 at 11.30am for 12.00 start. RSVP Irena on 0407662901 by 15th April.</p>	<p><b>Easter Bulletin Notices</b> The parish bulletin for Easter Weekend will be prepared early. Please ensure all notices and anniversaries are submitted to the parish office by Tuesday, 15th April.</p>
	<p><b>Actors Needed</b> Activ8 Youth are again holding a live reenactment of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. If your young person would like to be involved, please contact Bec at <a href="mailto:rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au">rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au</a></p>
	<p><b>Easter Offering Envelopes Available</b>  Easter offering envelopes will be available in all churches this weekend. Please feel free to collect your envelope during your visit. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.</p>
	<p><b>Parish Office Closure for the Easter Period</b>  The Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:  <b>Friday, 18th April</b> (Good Friday), <b>Monday, 21st April.</b>  Closed to the public on <b>Tuesday, 22nd April.</b></p>
	<p><b>Piety stall St Joseph's East Maitland</b>  Open after the 5pm Mass each Saturday.</p>
	<p><b>Places of Pilgrimage in Our Region</b>  <b>St. John's Chapel, Maitland</b>  Open for pilgrimage on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month between 9:00am and 4:00pm  <b>St. Joseph's, East Maitland</b>  <b>Monday</b>  Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am  <b>Tuesday</b>  Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am  Mass open from: 5:00pm - 7:00pm  <b>Wednesday</b>  Private Adoration: 9:30am- 10:30am  <b>Thursday</b>  Rosary: 6:30am, Mass: 7:00am,  Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am  <b>Friday</b>  Rosary: 6:30am, Mass and  Private Adoration: 7:00am - 9:00am,  1st Friday: 24-hour Private Adoration from 7:00am Friday to 8:00am Saturday  <b>Saturday</b>  Mass, Rosary, Reconciliation: 8:00am - 10:00am,  Mass (Vigil): 5:00pm, 2nd Saturday: Mass at 8:00am followed by Eucharistic &amp; Marian Holy Hour, Benediction &amp; Reconciliation at 8:30am Dates: 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December  <b>Sunday</b>  Scheduled Mass Times: 8:30am &amp; 6:00pm  <b>Special Masses</b>  Anointing Mass: 16th May &amp; 17th October at 10:00am, followed by refreshments and entertainment in Therry Centre. Pilgrims' Mass: Saturday, 17th May at 5:00pm, followed by a 'Sausage Sizzle'.</p>