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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.

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him
after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on

the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Celebrant:

Dear brothers and sisters, filled with paschal joy, let us pray more earnestly to God that he, who graciously listened to the prayers and supplications of his beloved Son, may now be pleased to look upon us in our lowliness.

Prayer Leader:

For the shepherds of our souls Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that they may have the strength to govern wisely the flock entrusted to them by the Good Shepherd.

Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For the whole world, that there will be peace and reconciliation in lands of war and civil unrest. That people may truly know the peace given by Christ.

Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters who suffer, that their sorrow may be turned to gladness.

Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have been baptised and are receiving the Sacraments for the first time, may they experience the love and joy in their hearts that the risen Lord bestowed upon us on the first Easter day.

Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are unwell and unable to join us for the Eucharist, may they feel the presence of our Loving Lord.

Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have gone before us including Barbara Edmonds, Annette McLaren and Delma Ryan. May they fully share in the Resurrection of our Savior.

Let us pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

O God, who knows that our life in this present age is subject to suffering and need, hear the desires of those who cry to you and receive the prayers of those who believe in you. Through Christ our Lord.

We pray those who have recently died

Barbara Edmonds (Bushu), Annette McLaren (Durban), Delma Bernadette Ryan (Del)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Joan Boyle, Philomena Barrett, James Herbert Mate, Mark Anthony Mate, Fr James Saunders, Leslie James Sharkey, Jim Taylor, Rodney Taylor, Bruce Trappel, Rebecca (Bec) Williams, Elaine Wheatley

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett,

Ron Bartlett, Robert Dewsbury, Patrick Brennan, June Carlson, 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

Oliver Samuel David Duffield, George James Palmer, Oliver William Palmer, Mia Melody Tapiolas, Albert Thomas Warnock, Charlotte Kate Warnock

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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We congratulate those who were Initiated into the Catholic Church this Easter and those who walked the journey with them.

Happy Easter!

From all of us office staff and clergy, we extend our gratitude to everyone who helped prepare the liturgies during Holy Week. Your dedication and hard work made the celebrations enriching for all who participated. May this Easter season bring you joy, peace, and renewed faith. Blessings to you and your families!

Anzac Day Mass Friday 25th April, 8.00am, St Joseph's East Maitland. Please note there will be no 7.00am Mass on this day.

Parish Office Closure Dates

Monday, 21st April Public Holiday
Tuesday, 22nd April Closed to the Public
Friday 25th April Anzac Day
Tuesday 29th April Closed due to Secretaries day.

Project Compassion Please return your project compassion boxes to your church.

Piety stall St Joseph's East Maitland closed over Easter will re open Saturday evenings only from Anzac weekend.

Stay Connected with Our Parish on Facebook! Follow us to stay updated on parish events, announcements, and community activities. Just search for **Maitland Catholic Parishes of the Chisholm Pastoral**

Youth Mass and Canonization Celebration of Blessed Carlo Acutis

On April 27, **Mass at 4:00 pm at St. Bede's Catholic College, Chisholm.** We encourage everyone to come and support the young people as we celebrate a saint who will shape the future of our youth. Let's come together in faith and joy for this historic event!

6:00pm Youth Mass at East Maitland is not cancelled, but has been relocated for this weekend only to allow for the larger congregation.

Easter Activity Booklet

We have been provided with Easter Activity books and pencils for Children to take home. Thank you to the Mission and Evangelization Team for providing us with these.

Bishop Michael Kennedy - 2025 Easter Message

Scan the QR code to view Bishop's Easter Message.



Places of Pilgrimage in Our Region

St. John's Chapel, Maitland

Open for pilgrimage on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month between 9:00am and 4:00pm

St. Joseph's, East Maitland

Monday

Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am

Tuesday

Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am

Mass open from: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday

Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am

Thursday

Rosary: 6:30am, Mass: 7:00am,

Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am

Friday

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

Saturday

Mass, Rosary, Reconciliation: 8:00am - 10:00am,

Mass (Vigil): 5:00pm, 2nd Saturday: Mass at 8:00am

followed by Eucharistic & Marian Holy Hour, Benediction &

Reconciliation at 8:30am Dates: 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December

Sunday

Scheduled Mass Times: 8:30am & 6:00pm

Special Masses

Anointing Mass: 16th May & 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'.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 22nd April

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 23rd April

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 24th April

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 25th April Anzac Day

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 26th April

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

Sun 27th April

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)

Please see the front of the bulletin for weekend Mass times

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 21st April

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

Tues 22nd 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 23rd April

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

Thurs 24th 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 25th April

8.30am - 10.30am Anzac Day Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 26th April

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes , Beresfield