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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.**

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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

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them.

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He *is* those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us not doubt the loving presence of our Saviour, and make our prayers through Him to our bountiful Father.

Prayer Leader: We pray for Pope Francis who has been a true and faithful servant, teaching us of the love that Our God has for us. Now that he has returned to our Heavenly home, may he receive the rewards of the true love he had for Jesus.

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

We pray for the ministers of the Church, that through the glorious Resurrection of Jesus, they may be nourished and sustained as they break the bread of life for their brothers and sisters.

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

For the whole world, that it may truly know the peace and mercy given by Christ on this Divine Mercy Sunday.

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

We pray for our Defence personnel who work earnestly for the peace of the world. We give thanks for their dedication and ask our Loving Lord to protect them as they do their duty for our country.

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

We pray for those who have been received into our Catholic faith during the past weeks. May their light shine strong in their lives and to those around them, and may their love show in words and actions in their journey of faith.

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

We pray for those who are not well and those unable to celebrate this Eucharist with us due to age or sickness. May the Risen Lord breathe on them His Spirit of Love, Consolation, and Healing.

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

We pray for those who have died recently including Fr Maurie Cahill, Joyce Ellicott, Tracy Jayne Niszczoł and all those we entrust to God's care, especially those dear to us and whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they share in the glory of the Risen Christ.

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

Celebrant: Holy Father of heaven and earth, we acclaim Jesus as our Passover and our Peace; and knowing Your love for us, in Him, we make our prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray those who have recently died

His Holiness Pope Francis, Fr Maurice (Maurie) Cahill
Joyce Ellicott, Tracy Jayne Niszczoł

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Margaret Burgess, Lynette Bisset, Wendy Brien, Molly Collins, Dennis Linich,
Frederick Thomas, Edward O'Neill, Ivan Wilkes,

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, Martina Van Den Broek
Arlo John Vandermeer, John Williams, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be baptised

Henry Flynn Bush, Laurence Dominic Bush, Alfie Leigh Callinan,
Jack William Callinan, Rose Hazel Callinan, Harper Penny-Jade Gates, Max Luke Glendenning,
Harley Andrew Harte, Maci Marie Irwin, Sophie Klobucar, Alyssa Rose Martin,
Ethan James Martin, Lily Elise Martin, Aria Mae Walker

We pray for the Neophytes, 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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This Sunday Youth Mass Celebration of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Divine Mercy Sunday
Mass is 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.
6:00pm Youth Mass at East Maitland is not **cancelled**, but has been **relocated and time change** for this weekend only to allow for the larger congregation.

Parish Office Closure Date

Tuesday 29th April Closed due to Secretaries day.
Tuesday 13th May All staff attending training

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

Piety stall St Joseph's East Maitland

Open Saturday evenings only

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY The Feast of Mercy will be celebrated on 27th April at St Joseph's Church East Maitland from 2.30pm-3.30pm with exposition and veneration of the first - class relic of Saint Faustina.

Jesus said to Saint Faustina:

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My mercy are open.

*The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. **Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.**" (Diary 699)*

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A POPE

Shepherding God you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost, shows compassion knows and is known by the sheep and lays down his life for them. We, the people of your Church, are without a chief shepherd to guide us. We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through the world you created inspire the choice of a new Bishop of Rome, empower his 'yes' and open our hearts in hospitality and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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This Bulletin was printed on Wednesday 23/4/2025 any missed anniversaries and recently deceased will be places in next weeks bulletin. Thankyou for understanding.

Anointing Mass

will be held at 10.00am on Friday 16th May at St Joseph's East Maitland.

Places of Pilgrimage in Our Region

Our Jubilee Year is now well underway, and our Local sites of Pilgrimage are open and ready for you.

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 29th April (*St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 30th April (*St Pius V, pope*)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 1st May (*St Joseph the Worker*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 2nd May (*Sts Athanasius, bishop, doctor*)

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 3rd May (*Sts Philip and James, apostles*)

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

Sun 4th May

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 28th April

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

Tues 29th 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 30th April

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

Thurs 1st May

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 2nd May

8.30am - 8.00am Sat Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 3rd May

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes , Beresfield