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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.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from
Perga till they reached Antioch in
Pisidia. Here they went to
synagogue on the sabbath and
took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many
Jews and devout converts joined
Paul and Barnabas, and in their
talks with them Paul and Barnabas
urged them to remain faithful to the
grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole
town assembled to hear the word
of God. When they saw the
crowds, the Jews, prompted by
jealousy, used blasphemies and
contradicted everything Paul said.
Then Paul and Barnabas spoke
out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the
word of God to you first, but since
you have rejected it, since you do
not think yourselves worthy of
eternal life, we must turn to the
pagans. For this is what the Lord
commanded us to do when he
said:

I have made you a light for the
nations, so that my salvation may
reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to
hear this and they thanked the
Lord for his message; all who were
destined for eternal life became
believers. Thus the word of the
Lord spread through the whole
countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of
the devout women of the upper
classes and the leading men of the
city and persuaded them to turn
against Paul and Barnabas and
expel them from their territory. So
they shook the dust from their feet
in defiance and went off to
Iconium; but the disciples were
filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) We are his people, the
sheep of his flock.**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse

*The Lamb who is at the throne will
be their shepherd and will lead
them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number,
impossible to count, of people from
every nation, race, tribe and
language; they were standing in
front of the throne and in front of
the Lamb, dressed in white robes
and holding palms in their hands.
One of the elders said to me,
'These are the people who have
been through the great
persecution, and because they
have washed their robes white
again in the blood of the Lamb,
they now stand in front of God's
throne and serve him day and
night in his sanctuary; and the One
who sits on the throne will spread
his tent over them. They will never
hunger or thirst again; neither the
sun nor scorching wind will ever
plague them, because the Lamb
who is at the throne will be their
shepherd and will lead them to
springs of living water; and God
will wipe away all tears from their
eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the
Lord; I know my sheep, and mine
know me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen
to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them
from me. The Father who gave
them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the
Father. The Father and I are one.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Voice Followers

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

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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.

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: The God of love, our Shepherd, touches us all the days of our lives. Let us make our prayers as the people who gather in His name.

May the **new pope, Pope Leo XIV**, be a faithful witness to Your truth, a compassionate minister to all in need, and a unifying presence in our divided world.

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

In this Jubilee year, may we look to the future not with fear, but with faith and hope, confident in our loving God.

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

We pray for vocations to the priestly ministry, that we may have priests for the celebration of the Eucharist in every community of the Church gathered in the Lord's name.

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

We pray for true and lasting peace in our world, as the Holy Spirit of God softens hearts full of bitterness, hatred, and violence.

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

On this special Mother's Day, we ask our Blessed Lady of Fatima to give strength to all mothers. May her love of Jesus touch their hearts, helping them to plant the seeds of faith in our children.

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

For those who are not well and cannot attend the Eucharist with us, may the love of Jesus shine in their hearts and give them the strength to continue to have faith and hope in the love of God.

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

For all those who have died including Stephen Grant, Robert Greedy, Terry Hickey and Peter Murphy that the Lord may reward them with a place in His Kingdom.

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

Celebrant: Father, Your love is greater than we could ask or deserve. Encouraged by Your word, we make our petitions to You through Jesus, Amen

We pray those who have recently died

Stephen Grant, Robert Greedy, Terry Hickey, Peter Murphy

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Nicholas Black, Marje & Basil Delanty, Rita Farrelly, Manel Gunasekara, Marian Lisowski, Gary Robert Pace, Sr Mercie Rowe rsm, Roma Sharkey, Anne Elizabeth Smith (Guy), Chris Small, Alice & Charles Smith, Jenny Szymec, Bruce Trappel, Kathryn Wholert

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, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Margaret King, David Latimore, Loretta Lamoury (NZ), Peter Levestam (Fiji), Michael Lockyer, Gina Marquez, 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

Madeline Grace Storey

We pray for the Neophytes, 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

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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SPECIAL PILGRIMS MASS. 5 pm Vigil Mass next Saturday 17th May at St Joseph's East Maitland. As part of a special diocesan pilgrimage next weekend (see separate insert in parish bulletin), an invitation is extended to all parishioners, and visitors from other parishes, to join us for this special Mass at St Joseph's. After mass, there will be a sausage sizzle for all, and an opportunity to meet visitors from other parishes and extend a special welcome to them. Pilgrimage Passports can be collected at the Parish Office or from the East Maitland Church on the Centre Isle table for those participating.

SAVE THE DATE 2025 Diocesan Cursillo

Come journey with us! A beautiful weekend of renewal prepared by the Diocesan Cursillo team, laypersons, religious and priests. The weekend is held at the beautiful Catalina Conference Centre, on Lake Macquarie, at 171 Dorrington Rd, Rathmines from 7.30pm Thursday June 12 and concludes with Mass on Sunday afternoon June 15. The cost is \$360 which includes 3 night's accommodation, all meals/morning and afternoon teas, lovingly prepared by our catering team and all resources you'll need on the weekend. If you're interested or have any questions please contact the following for a Registration form.

Jane Scott janeloureyscott@gmail.com 0438 009 611
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St Joseph's Parish History Depository.

We are in search of photos and archival material of the old St Joseph's Church and early photos of the new St Joseph's Church especially those that depict the history of our parish and past significant parish events. The Diocesan Archives Office has been of enormous help, but they have limited resources. If anyone could help, please contact the Parish Office, leaving your name and contact details. Thank you, Judy Healey.

Piety stall St Joseph's East Maitland

Open Saturday evenings only

Parish Office Closed Tuesday 13th May All staff attending training

Bible and Prayer Group for families

6pm Tuesdays in the Prayer Room of the East Maitland Church, during school term.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 13th May (*Our Lady of Fatima*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 14th May (*St Matthias, apostle*)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 15th May

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 16th May

10.00am Anointing Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 17th May

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

Sun 18th 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

National Volunteer Week The Diocese are hosting a Volunteer Recognition Event in **Kotara 21 / 5** 5.30pm – 8.00pm, Event Cinemas Westfield Kotara, Park Ave, Kotara NSW RSVP date is 15 May 2025. volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au

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

Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick

East Maitland Friday 16th May 10am.

A light lunch of soup and a sweet treat will follow in the Therry Centre. Be entertained by some local talent while you enjoy your meal. Volunteers are needed to provide either soup or a cake/slice and to serve the meal. Please add your name to the volunteer sheet on the notice board in the church if you are available to assist. Dishes can be delivered to the Therry Centre on the Friday morning after 9am.

For further details contact Maree Bradley on 0418641096.

Craft Group Monday's, Therry Centre 9.30am - 12pm. Morning Tea Provided. Phone: Joanne 4936 1326.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 12th May

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

Tues 13th May

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 14th May

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

Thurs 15th May

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland **Funeral**
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary 2 Erin Close Ashtonfield **PH: 0449762976**

Fri 16th May

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

Sat 17th May

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes , Beresfield