



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C SUNDAY 4TH MAY 2025





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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.**

<u>Ministers</u> All baptised members of the community

Ministry Team

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Fr Anil Kuchipudi
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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 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded explanation of the apostles. We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men: it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm (R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders: there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there. and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask. 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?'

He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

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:

God our Father, by the promise You made in the life, death, and Resurrection of Christ Your Son, You bring together in Your Spirit all people to be Your own. It is with the faith of Your promise that we place our prayers before You.

Prayer Leader:

May those who are caring for our earthly Church in this grieving time be guided by the Holy Spirit and enlightened with wisdom and trust to guide all Your people to be people of hope in this world, looking toward a glorious Resurrection.

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

We pray for the Holy Spirit to work within the conclave as the ministers gather to elect a new Bishop of Rome, to lead God's people to a new Epiphany of the Lord Jesus.

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

For the countries that are suffering through war and terrorism, especially at this time, we ask on this day for our loving Lord to intervene and bring peace and justice to those involved.

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

May the Holy Spirit help us to carry the light of Jesus and the hope of the Spirit into our lives and help others who are experiencing hopelessness.

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

For the families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist: that they may be touched by the healing love and forgiveness of the risen Lord Jesus.

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

We pray for all who are sick, especially our own relatives and friends, that they may feel the healing touch of their Saviour and gain renewed strength in their time of need.

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

For all our people who have gone before us on life's journey including Nate McLoughin and Helga Vangelov. May the risen Christ welcome them on the shore of Eternity.

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

Celebrant:

We offer these prayers to a loving God, who fills our hearts with peace and strengthens us.

We pray those who have recently died

Nathan (Nate) Jon McLoughlin, Helga Vangelov

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Stephen Bartlett, Gregory Beer, Dave Cornish, Bernardita Cureton, Brother William Doheny FMS, Bill Hayter, Pat Hughes, Bernadette McGrath, Eunice Morris, Ronald Joseph Lawler, Stephen Lucas, Gerard Saunders, Jack Saunders, Jessie Tobin,

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, Gina Marquez, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Roberts family, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, William (Bill) Temperley, Crystal Towers, Martina Van Den BroekArlo John Vandermeer, John Williams, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be baptised

Imogen Maeve Clegg, Rosalie Anne-Waite Craig, Mackenzie Elizabeth Crick, Grayson Alexander Hoey, Hartlee Rose Hoey, Jesse John Hoffman, Amelia Joan Koshoorn

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

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.

This prayer is @ Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and is adapted from a similar prayer used following the death of Bishop Bill Wright. Permission is given for use within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

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 weekend, we warmly welcome the children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation and their families for the presentation of the "Our Father" prayer, a beautiful and significant step in their faith journey.

We hope that as the children recite the "Our Father," you will be filled with grace and blessings, and may you feel the presence of God's love in your hearts.

Thank You – Blessed Carlo Acutis Mass

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the planning and celebration of the Mass in honour of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Your generosity, time, and dedication helped make the evening a beautiful and prayerful experience for all.

The ACTiv8 Youth Group and Fr George would especially thank the St Bede's school community for graciously providing the venue, and the clergy, particularly Fr. James Lunn, for presiding and guiding us in worship. His presence and leadership were deeply appreciated.

We also thank Fr. Priyantha for his help with organising and connecting with the schools,

Fr. Thomas, Fr. Paul, and Fr. Anil for their presence and participation, and Fr. Graham for traveling and helping us connect with the Hunter Deanery. Special thanks to the Musicians, Bev Bailey, Amber Carter, and all the school communities for their support.

To all who travelled from afar to join us, thank you for making the journey and for being part of this special celebration.

May Blessed Carlo inspire us all to live lives of holiness, love, and service in the digital age.

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 6th May

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 7th May

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 8th May

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 9th May

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 10th May

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

Sun 11th 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

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'.

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 5th May 9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

St Joseph's, East Maitland

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 6th May

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

6.00pm Bible Study for families, Prayer Room

St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 7th May 9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 8th 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 9th May

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

Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 10th May (Optional St John de Avila, priest, doctor) Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes , Beresfield 5.30pm