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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.



Entrance Gospel

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

Matthew 21: 1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'.

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.

Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'

And the crowds said,

"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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

Philippians 2:8-9

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

Matthew 27:11-54

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God." Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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.

We pray those who have recently died

Ed Ciolek, Luisa Corpuz, John Dixon Duncan, Errol Henderson, Jason Roland Taggart

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Ian Christopher Bajo, Rita Bridge (Branxton), Patricia Lancaster, Barry and Frances Lantry, Nonieza Mase, Jack Richardson, John Sheridan, Angela Sturmer, Jimmy Tobin (Forster), Sheila Tully, Rosalinda Vicente

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Julie Abbey (Canberra), Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Cher Burkey, Patrick Brennan, Bronwyn Brokenshire, Wayne Canny, Olga Charlton, Rita Clarin, Richard Cooke, Luke Crotty, Christine Edwards, Joanna Green, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Kevin Johns, Ellen Jory, Maria Belsie Kennedy (USA), Karen Kenyon, Margaret King, Peter Levestam (Fiji), Michael Lockyer, Tanya McBlane, Emmanuel Marquez, Gina Marquez, Lesley Marshall, Pauline Martin (Sis), Lesley Marshall, Donna Melia, Margo Nancarrow, Colleen Nolan, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Jennifer Reynolds, Roberts Family, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, Margaret Sullivan, Crystal Towers, Arlo John Vandermeer, Pauline Wade, Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will, John Williams, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Harvey Joseph Bull, Olivia Eberechi Ebinum, Levi Benjamin Harden, Alfie James Hornby-Howell, Jude Robert Hornby-Howell, Kobi Jay Mullard

We pray for those who will be Married

Isabella Parker and James Bennett

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) The Elect & Neophytes

Paige Andrews, Hamish Antill, Ashe-Leigh Arrowsmith, Scott Arrowsmith, Daniel Bourne, Brooke Bower, Cooper Browne, Ruby Carter, Javanna Dawson, John Digby, Elina Finch, Saithong Fafie, Brooke Fyfe, Maddelin Hovington, Scott Jones, Debra Kaivelata, Phoenix Katz, Robyn McAllister, Katie Pearson, Charlotte Rose, Hayden Smith, Keryn Stirrat, Jennifer Taylor, Gabrielle Tranter

IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL KENNEDY

To the People of the Chisholm Pastoral Region

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish to thank you for the optimism, energy and efforts that are underpinning your ongoing journey of discernment as a Chisholm Pastoral Region.

As you will be aware, the region is made up of six parishes and includes eight Mass centres. Ten primary and secondary schools proudly educate our young people. Four hard working Priests are ministering with you. The Nazareth Sisters, the Lochinvar Josephites, and the Dominicans continue to be a consecrated presence among you in their respective ways.

I have been heartened by the more than 900 responses received to the National Church Life Survey you completed last November. The results offer hope and a reminder of the steadfast commitment you have to the mission of the Church and your personal faith.

Over the last month your Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils have spent time discerning the feedback and what the Holy Spirit might be asking of us.

Many of you may have gathered or are due to gather with these teams to identify some priorities moving forward. These priorities and their concrete actions will be presented and discussed at a Regional Assembly this year.

In light of the incredible response to this process, growing parish leadership capacity, changing demographics of the region, some financial challenges, new possibilities for property use and our diocesan journey of renewal, I ask that you consider how a re-grouping of parishes and Mass centres with a dedicated priest to that, or those parishes, might further enable identified priorities to truly flourish.

I assure you of my prayers for you and my keen interest in your discernment and progress in this part of the Diocese where I have witnessed much vitality and enthusiasm.

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy



Receiving Holy Communion with Reverence

Dear Parishioners,
As the children are currently preparing to receive the Sacraments, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a gentle reminder to all, so that we may give them a good example through our reverence and practice.
Please observe the following guidelines while receiving Holy Communion:

1. You may receive Holy Communion either in the hand or on the tongue. If receiving in the hand, please place one hand over the other, forming a throne, and consume the Host immediately in front of the minister.
2. The Sacred Host must be consumed at once. Please do not walk away holding the Host.
3. Only those who have received their First Holy Communion may receive communion during mass. If an adult or a child has not yet received the First Holy Communion, they may come forward for a blessing with arms crossed over the chest.
4. The Sacred Host must never be shared with others, including children. If your child has not received First Holy Communion, please do not give them the Sacred Host.

I request our practising parishioners to kindly assist others in receiving Holy Communion with reverence.
Fr George

Piety Stall New children's books have arrived including Easter ones. The stall will not be open over the Easter weekend

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM – 2026

Holy Thursday – 2nd April

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
- St Joseph's, East Maitland

Watch and Pray –

Prayer and Adoration Vigil (following Mass)

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield (concludes at 9:00pm)
- Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill (concludes at 9:30pm)
- St Joseph's, East Maitland (Therry Centre)

Good Friday 3rd April

Stations of the Cross

- 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
- Immaculate Conception Morpeth 10.00am
- Sacred Heart Campbells Hill 10:30am

The Passion of the Lord – 3:00pm

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
- St Joseph's, East Maitland

Holy Saturday – 4th April

Morning Prayer 9:00am—St Joseph's, East Maitland

Easter Vigil Masses - 7.00pm

- Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
- St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Easter Sunday As per regular Sunday Mass times

2026 CHRISM MASS

Tuesday 31 March, 7:00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Michael Kennedy. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Southern Cross Hall.

Please note that there will be no 5:30pm Mass at East Maitland on this day.

Security Cameras Installation – Update

Last year our parish was granted the NSW Multicultural Grant for the installation of security cameras at Lochinvar, Morpeth and East Maitland Churches.

The cameras at Lochinvar and Morpeth have now been successfully installed. The installation of cameras at East Maitland Church will take place after Easter.

The primary purpose of installing these cameras is to improve the safety and security of our church properties and the people who gather there. In recent years we have experienced several incidents around our church premises, including copper piping theft, break-in attempts, syringes being found in the toilets and other ongoing safety concerns. The installation of cameras is intended purely as a deterrent and a safeguarding measure for our community and property. If you have any feedback or concerns, please feel free to contact the Parish Priest or the Parish Team Leader, Michael Healy.

Contrary to last week's bulletin there will be a 6pm Mass at St Joseph's, East Maitland on Easter Sunday.

East Maitland Stations of the Cross Dramatisation

Any young people keen to read or act can meet at St Josephs' Primary school at 8am for a rehearsal.
For more information contact Charlie on 0426 530 958

Spiritual Library - If you have used our library in the past would you please check that you have returned the books.

Christopher Voigt will be ordained to the permanent diaconate at 10.00am on Saturday 23rd May, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newcastle. Parishioners are warmly welcomed to join this special celebration.

We pray for Christopher and his family during this time.

PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

Mon 30th March

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

Tues 31st March

- 9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- 6.00pm** Bible and Prayer Group for families, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 1st April

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tuesday 31st March (*Tuesday of Holy Week*)

- 5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- 7.00pm** Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral

Wednesday 1st April (*Wednesday of Holy Week*)

- 6.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Changes to sick list

Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks only. Please contact the office if you wish to add a name to the sick list.