



Maitland Parishes of the Chisholm Pastoral Region

Communities Gathering
in Prayer and Worship



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 12th July, 2020

“Sea Sunday”

ST JOSEPH'S (Est 1835)
Cnr King St & New England Hwy
EAST MAITLAND

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Est 1841) Maitland
SACRED HEART, New England Hwy,
CAMPBELL'S HILL
HOLY FAMILY, 11 John St, LARGS
ST COLUMBA'S, Cnr Prince & Church
Sts, PATERSON

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Est 1871)
Cnr George & James Sts, MORPETH
ST PATRICK'S (Est 1905)
55 New England Hwy, LOCHINVAR
OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Est 1947)
Cnr Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave,
BERESFIELD

ST PAUL'S (Est 1961)
10 Young St, RUTHERFORD

**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.**

Ministers

All baptised members of the community

Ministry Team

Parish Priest: Fr Paul O'Neill
Asst Priests: Fr John Lovell,
(Presbytery 4934 5783)

Support Clergy

Fr Maurie Cahill, Fr Lex Levey,
Fr Greg Arnold, Fr John Purnell,
Fr Graham Fullick

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Regional Office

OPENED with restrictions.

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**Hrs: Tues - Fri 9.00am-4.30pm
(closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm)**

CLOSED MONDAYS

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WEEKLY BULLETIN/CHISHOLM

CONNECTION: If you wish an
anniversary/notice/article to be placed, OR
you wish to be added to our distribution list,
please advise before 10am WEDNESDAY.

Entrance Antiphon

O God, who show the light of your
truth to those who go astray, so
that they may return to the right
path, give all who for the faith they
profess are accounted Christians the
grace to reject whatever is contrary
to the name of Christ and to strive
after all that does it honour.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father;
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Isaiah 55:10-11* *The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and
the snow come down from the
heavens and do not return without
watering the earth, making it yield
and giving growth to provide seed
for the sower and bread for the
eater, so the word that goes from
my mouth does not return to me
empty, without carrying out my will
and succeeding in what it was sent
to do.'

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Resp. Psalm (R.) **The seed that
falls on good ground will yield a
fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches. Your river in
heaven brims over
to provide its grain. (R.)

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows, you level it,
soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. (R.)

You crown the year with your
goodness. Abundance flows in your
steps, in the pastures of the
wilderness it flows. (R.)

The hills are girded with joy, the
meadows covered with flocks, the
valleys are decked with wheat. They
shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 8:18- 23 All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this
life can never be compared to the
glory, as yet unrevealed, which is
waiting for us. The whole creation is
eagerly waiting for God to reveal his
sons. It was not for any fault on the
part of creation that it was made
unable to attain its purpose, it was
made so by God; but creation still
retains the hope of being freed, like
us, from its slavery to decadence, to
enjoy the same freedom and glory
as the children of God. From the
beginning till now the entire
creation, as we know, has been
groaning in one great act of giving
birth; and not only creation, but all
of us who possess the first-fruits of
the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as
we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia,

alleluia! The seed is the word of
God, Christ is the sower; all who
come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 13:1-9 A sower went out to sow.* Shorter Form.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the
lakeside, but such crowds gathered
round him that he got into a boat
and sat there. The people all stood
on the beach, and he told them
many things in parables.
He said, 'Imagine a sower going out
to sow. As he sowed, some seeds
fell on the edge of the path, and the
birds came and ate them up. Others
fell on patches of rock where they
found little soil and sprang up
straight away, because there was no

HOMILY - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Fr John Lovell

Dear friends,

In today's Gospel we have that great parable on evangelisation. At face value the scattering of God's Word among humanity, like seed across the earth, might seem like something of a lottery, with it being a matter of mere chance whether it hits the mark by falling on good soil, or landing among rocks and thorns. Like many of Christ's parables it's a puzzle for us, and I think that's what it's meant to be. For a healthy faith is one that constantly questions and seeks to solve the riddles of life. It can't be something blind or passive. And it can't just let the Word of God, which is our daily bread, fall by the wayside and go to waste; but must nurture it in the rich soil of reflection where it can take root, bear fruit and be an ongoing source of hope and inspiration for us.

We need to constantly wrestle with the questions of life like the patriarch Jacob, in the Old Testament, who wrestled with the angel of the Lord because he wanted to get to know God. In so doing, he was blessed by God and was given the name 'Israel', meaning strong against God.

Our key to understanding and resolving the challenges of our daily existence relies on a prayer life that includes this ongoing interior struggle to unlock the various allegories, parables and other puzzles the Lord has set for us in the scriptures. The world is our classroom and the Lord uses His Word in the context of our daily lives to teach us about the mysteries of the Kingdom, if we are willing to learn.

Before Vatican II in the early 60s, this kind of reflective thinking by lay members of the faithful would have been frowned upon by many of the clergy. Theology was only for theologians and contemplative prayer was just for monks and mystics. It was that great advocate of reform at Vatican II, the Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner, who said, "The Christian of the future will be a mystic or will not exist at all". In saying this, he was just recognising what Jesus had been telling us all the while, that since God has given each of us a soul to question and a brain to think with, we need to use them in every area of our lives.

In the rich spiritual soil of insight and understanding we have acquired new eyes and ears. We have received the grace to see the Creator's hand at work in all things, to see the purpose for which we have been created and glimpse the eternal riches that lay ahead for those who hear and heed the Saviour's Word. Let's pray that through the faithful witness of our lives, we can work with Him to clear the brambles, remove the rocks and till the soil of those countless human hearts who don't believe, that they may also be open to nurturing the Word and rejoice in the abundant graces it can yield in their lives.

depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!

**The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow)
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for
her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your
house, for ever singing your praise.

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITHIN OUR CHURCHES: Restrictions have eased again and the number of people who can be present in our church buildings is now solely determined on the basis that there must be 4 square metres available per person. In calculating the space available on any premises, the Order specifies the following: a) if the size of the premises is not more than 200 square metres of floor space, the entire premises, b) if the size of the premises is more than 200 square metres of floor space, only those areas that are open to the public (this measurement should not include sanctuary)

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS - 15TH SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time Year A

Celebrant: To you, O Lord, who gave us the words of hope in the Gospel, we place our prayers before you, with that same hope as we pray...

Prayer Leader

For the Leaders of the Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Bill and all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that the Holy Spirit will enlighten them to gather all Your children together to honour Your name and hear the words of the Gospel. . . . We Pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of our Region as we come together to celebrate the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, that they be the voices to many as they go about their daily lives, living the words of the Gospel. . . . We Pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Many weeds grow among the wheat in Christ's Church. May God's harvest of all faithful people not be destroyed or choked by the weeds of disbelief in a faithless world. . . . We Pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We ask the Holy Spirit to be present with the people of Victoria as they work through the lockdown imposed on them, to keep them and our Nation safe. Give them the graces to accept the rules to combat the spread of the virus. . . . We Pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Give strength, and be with us in our fears and uncertainty in the dark times of our lives and be our source of hope in times of doubt. . . . We Pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Send the Holy Spirit with words of Wisdom to those who are working to overcome the Covid Virus, and for those who are caring for the sick. Keep them free from harm and give them the graces they need as they carry out their work. . . . We Pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for our family and friends who are not well especially Fr. Michael, and those who are suffering from the Covid Virus may they experience, the comfort and healing touch of the Saviour in their time of need. . . . We Pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our dead who were nourished in this life by the Eucharist, and those who have died recently including Kenneth DeLoas, Eric Larkin, Sr Maura McAvoy and Christopher Mills, that they be raised up to Eternal life in the glory and presence of our God. . . . We Pray. . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Holy God, we thank you for the great gift of sharing with you, we ask you all these things through our Eucharistic Lord - who lives for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen



All Recently Deceased

Kenneth Stephen John DeLoas, Eric James Larkin, Sr Maura McAvoy O.P., Christopher David Mills

Anniversaries

Alice Brown, Agnes Imelda Cahill, Ron Hungerford, Sr Austin Jenkins, Rev Patrick Kenyon, Betty Knipe, Gregory Cletus Knipe, Mary Linehan, Peter Markham, Sr Joseph McLoughlin, Muriel Isobel Mills, Sr Monica Peel, Edward Joseph Peters, Rev Peter Roche, Melba Royan, Henry Arthur Trappel, Ernie Turner, Joan Turner, Rev Henry Ward, Irene May Wynne

Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.

the Sick

Charlotte Ayers, Jeanette Bailey, Rosario Bugna, Monique Bull, Stephen Carrall, Sr Catherine Mary Carroll rsj, Margaret Cook, Marion & Luke Crotty, Sharon S. Cuevas, Irena Dennis, Samuel Edmonds, Bridgid Field, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Michael Flores, Pam French, Amanda Gordon, Col Green, Julie Gurr, Sarah Hamilton, Anne Hardy, Peter Hardy, Ken Hartup, John Hickey, Lachlan Hill, Grace Holzhauser, Paul Hurney, Cathy Ann Hutchen, Mavis Jarrett (Parkes), Kevin Johns, Paul Johns, Ken Jones, Terry Kauter, Krystyna Kulczynski, Brian Lang OAM, Bernard Larcombe, Richard Lee, Eileen Leonard, Michael Lockyer, Shane McCarthy, Marie McGrath, Annette Mitchell, Cindy Mulvey, Poasa Nili, Aidan O'Neill, Dominic Punch, Pauline Randall, Margaret Sipple, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Margaret Sullivan, Thomas Sullivan, Jan (John) Szczudluk, Ron Taylor, Bill Temperley, Robert Threlfo, Mo Toleafoa, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

Rite of Christian Initiation Adults (RCIA) Catechumens & Candidates

Brooke Boughton, Christine Brown, Katrina Easton, Tomara Brown, Richelle Lloyd, Meg Martin, Troy McWha, Nicole Murphy, Belinda Pearson, Ron Perkins, Elliott Plank, Drew Reid, Nigel Richardson

Live stream Mass with Bishop Bill every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>
Mass for You at Home on TV (Channel 10 - 6am Sunday)

Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle; <http://mnnews.today/>; [Liturgy page](#); [Spirituality & Faith page](#)
9am Mass with Bishop Brian either on YouTube or: <https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/>

SUNDAY MASS TIMES	
DAY	TIME/MASS CENTRE
Saturday VIGIL	5.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland
	6.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
	6.30pm Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
Sunday	7.15am Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
	8.00am St Paul's, Rutherford
	8.20am Holy Family, Largs
	8.30am St Joseph's, East Maitland
	9.30am St Columba's, Paterson
	9.30am St Patrick's, Lochinvar
Wednesday	6.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland
	9.00am Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
WEEKDAY MASSES: Commencing Tues 6.30pm St Joseph's, East Maitland *Please note change of time Thurs 7am St Joseph's, East Maitland Fri 7am St Joseph's, East Maitland Sat 8am St Joseph's, East Maitland + Reconciliation	

REGISTRATION: Parishioners from each community need to REGISTER their attendance EACH WEEK. Registration will be the responsibility of your church team leader at each Mass:

St Joseph's East Maitland Mass registration: www.trybooking.com/BJWZV or phone Judy Healey 0412689517 / 49348232. Online registrations for morning Masses close the evening prior at 8pm and for the evening Masses at 3.30pm on the day of the Mass. After closure times please call Judy to be registered as registrations over the phone can be taken up to 30 minutes before Mass.

All other Mass Centres please contact:

Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield - Irena Dickson
4966 2902 / 0407 662 901

Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill - Judy Crittenden
0412 821 505 / Carole Wickham 0429 328 127

Immaculate Conception Morpeth - John Saunders
4934 8520 / 0414 254 230

St Paul's Rutherford - Gabby Fishlock
0422 086 991 (please note change in phone number)

Holy Family Largs - Sunday 8.20am - Terry O'Brien,
0429 727 704 or email terryob1956@gmail.com
Wednesday 6pm - Yvonne Rohr 0432 550 986
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St Columba's Paterson - Maryanne & Bill O'Connor,
0409 336 993

St Patrick's Lochinvar - Tony Towers
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OLOL BERESFIELD – POLISH MASS: 9am Sundays.

TAX RECEIPTS FROM PLANNED GIVING: Normally at this time of year you would be advised on which parish in the region is able to provide tax receipts for the donations to the planned giving scheme. As the Corona Virus pandemic resulted in the suspension of Masses after the 15th March this had dramatically reduced the income from each Parish and so Fr Paul has requested all funds are kept within the Parishes.

The Catholic Church is classed as a not-for-profit organisation and not a charity so, only the funds provided by each parish to the Diocesan charitable works account is able to be used as a tax deduction. This means that this year planned giving tax receipts will not be available.

A summary of your contribution is always available at any time. To request a summary, please email louise.gilchrist@mn.catholic.org.au

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: are available at churches that will be celebrating Mass. Please remember to collect your box, as the cost of posting is approx. \$12.00. If you wish to become a planned giver, please call Louise on 4933 8918.



It is with much sadness that we farewell John and Shirley Prichard from Our Lady Of Lourdes Church community this weekend.

Both John and Shirley have been very active members of our Church and, in earlier days, of our school community, over the past fifty years.

We thank them most sincerely for their tremendous contribution and wish them every happiness in their new home at Fern Bay.

*John and Shirley
you will be greatly missed by us all.*



Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Today's Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health. To support this ministry, please send your donations to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

MIDDAY Mass at St John's Chapel - Wednesdays
This will coincide with current COVID-19 regulations re social distancing etc. Chapel is also open for private prayer during the day. ALL WELCOME.

Holy Family, Largs : Rosary will be held each Monday at 1pm. *You do need to register for this activity. Please contact Lynette Huckstadt 0408 329 495.*

St Joseph's Church East Maitland, will be open for private prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** mornings from **9.30am to 10.30am** unless the church is needed for other purposes such as a funeral. Name and contact details will need to be provided. ALL WELCOME.

OLOL BERESFIELD – PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Each Friday morning we pray together the **Prayer of the Church**, often called the **Liturgy of the Hours**. This is the prayer of the whole People of God, and we invite you to join us on **Fridays at 9.30am in the Church**, as we offer our praise to God, and pray for the needs of our world. Everyone welcome. *The church will be open from 9.00am to 10.30am each Friday morning.*