



Maitland Parishes of the Chisholm Pastoral Region

Communities Gathering
in Prayer and Worship



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 19th July, 2020

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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**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

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing
heart, and praise your name, O Lord,
for it is good.

Gloria

Glorify 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 *Wisdom 12:13.16-19*
*In the place of sin, you give
repentance.*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who
cares for everything, to whom you
might have to prove that you never
judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you
lenient to all.
You show your strength when your
sovereign power is questioned and you
expose the insolence of those who
know it; but, disposing of such
strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your
power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a
lesson to your people how the virtuous
man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the
good hope that after sin you will grant
repentance.

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

**Resp. Psalm (R.) Lord, you are
good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call. Give heed,

Lord, to my prayer and attend to the
sound of my voice. **(R.)**

All the nations shall come to adore
you and glorify your name, O Lord: for
you are great and do marvellous
deeds, you who alone are God. **(R.)**

But you, God of mercy and
compassion, slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth, turn and
take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Romans 8:26-27*

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a
way that could never be put into
words.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our
weakness. For when we cannot choose
words in order to pray properly, the
Spirit himself expresses our plea in a
way that could never be put into
words, and God who knows everything
in our hearts knows perfectly well
what he means, and that the pleas of
the saints expressed by the Spirit are
according to the mind of God.

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia,
alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord
of heaven and earth; you have
revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 13:24-30 *Let them grow
together until the harvest.*
Shorter Form.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds,
'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a man who sowed good
seed in his field. While everybody was
asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel
all among the wheat, and made off.
When the new wheat sprouted and
ripened, the darnel appeared as well.
The owner's servants went to him and
said, "Sir, was it not good seed that
you sowed in your field? If so, where
does the darnel come from?" "Some
enemy has done this" he answered.
And the servants said, "Do you want
us to go and weed it out?" But he said,
"No, because when you weed out the
darnel you might pull up the wheat
with it. Let them both grow till the
harvest; and at harvest time I shall
say to the reapers: First collect the
darnel and tie it in bundles to be
burnt, then gather the wheat into my
barn."

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

HOMILY - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Fr Maurice Cahill

The big question that is often asked: how could God allow so much evil and suffering in the world?

The answer lies pretty much in today's Gospel story – how good and evil cannot be separated out completely.

The wheat and the tare: An enemy came and sowed weeds among the newly sown wheat seed. And the dilemma: what to do when discovered. It is all in sowing the weeds, the darnel, among the wheat of God's harvest - the work of the devil.

Most of those who heard Jesus speak were farmers and they could readily understand that one cannot easily distinguish weeds from wheat when the plants are very small. Yet, darnel is toxic. It is only when they have grown taller that the difference becomes apparent. By that time, however, the roots are so intertwined that one cannot pull out the weeds without severely damaging the wheat. Only at harvest time can the separation be made.

In the Kingdom of God, says Jesus, the wheat has to grow in midst of toxic weeds. What the parable itself clearly tells us...is that God's People must contend with evil all around them: and that God permits evil and good to co-exist until the end. We cannot weed out the evil by force. Many have tried.

Communism started out that way: weeding out social evil, injustice. And evil in the human heart triumphed as the system became every bit as evil as the exploitation and cruelty it tried to exterminate.

Perhaps the many new churches forever springing up start that way: a new beginning that will eliminate evils; to gather those true to the Gospel. But so often power-struggles and disunity weaken or destroy their idealism.

'War on Terror' programme is saying that we can do away with terrorism by use of military power. So civilian areas were shelled and bombed. Is that going to wipe out the hatred and desire for revenge? Or has it pulled our world deeper into violence?

It is all the very opposite of the Kingdom of God that Jesus preached and worked for.

Can't have wheat without the weeds. Why? Because both weeds and wheat are in all of us?

We are a Church of sinners that God patiently puts up with. We are a forgiven people!

Working on this propensity for evil in human heart, there is also, says Jesus, a personal, real evil: Satan. There are two sowers – the Son of Man and the devil. So Jesus talks of the presence of evil in our midst.

It is fashionable to consider the devil to be a superstitious myth from the dark ages. Satan is very real, says Pope Francis. For the most part, we ignore it in our preaching. However, "the ignored devil sneaks in by back doors – through the appeal of the occult, the magical, the falsely supernatural, prophecy conferences, astrology, New Age, or other irrational movements.... The devil does not cease to exist because we say he ceases to exist; he reappears in more grotesque or subtle forms in popular or polite culture"

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 Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a
memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who
fear him.

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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 - 16TH SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time Year A

Celebrant: Father, You know what is in our hearts, when words cannot express just what it is we really need, through the Holy Spirit, we pray.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Bill, Priests and Deacons, that through the Holy Spirit, they continue to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is truly among us and bring forth a rich harvest in His kingdom, for God's love is everlasting. . . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

We ask the Holy Spirit to guide the leaders of our Nation as they lead our country in this trying time, to overcome the spread of Covid. Give Wisdom to those who seem to disobey the rules laid out, that they may show respect for their neighbours. . . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

We pray to the Holy Spirit to give Strength and Wisdom to those who are working to find a vaccine to overcome this Coronavirus, may they continue in their work and know that God is working through them. In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

Guard us, O Spirit of the Lord from the evil and wrong doing in this world and be the source of hope within us in our fear and anxiety. Teach all the people of our country to have open hearts and receive the word of God to live in true peace and harmony. . . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer**

For the World and its environments, created by God: We pray that we may always show our love and care for the wonder of His creation. . . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Strengthen the faith of our RCIA people and give them the wisdom to continue on their journey to be in full Communion with You O Lord, may they be open to the Blessings that You have for them. . . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are baptised this weekend, may they be nurtured in the true faith and love of our God, by their parents and Godparents and all who care for them, as they grow during their lives. . . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have contracted the Covid Virus and those of our own families and friends who are not able to share this Eucharist with us this day, because they are not well, may they feel the real presence of Jesus in their lives and the love that he has for us all. In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have died recently including Cleveland Dever, Kathleen Hamill, Eric Larkins and Leo Murphy. May they now rest in the Loving presence of our God. . . . In Faith we pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father grant that we may help one another to grow in your love towards what You have called us to be. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



We pray for

All Recently Deceased

Cleveland Dever (Wollongong), Kathleen Hamill, Eric James Larkins, Leo Murphy

Anniversaries

Moira Bailey, Brian Boland, James Boland, Damien Francis Brennan, Alexander Thomas Brown, Rev John Burke, Jane Cantwell, Sr Patrick Comerford, Sr Mary Considine, Mary Anne Cotter, Noel Cunningham, Lily Doherty, Max Guy, Joan Harding, Sr Anne Mary Hatton, Sr Bernadine Hickey, Sr Casimir Hogan, Very Rev Roger Kennedy, Mark & Johan Lantry, Michael Linehan, Mary McNamara, Very Rev Peter Meagher, Sr Borromeo Moylan, Louise Mungoven, Tom Murphy, Molly O'Brien, William O'Hearn, Janina Orlowski, Vera Parsons, Allan Pearce, James Peters, Margaret Princehorn, Addolorata Rega, Rev Roland Smyth, Shirley Tobey, Joan Toner, Rev Brian Walsh

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

the Sick

Charlotte Ayers, Jeanette Bailey, Jane Banfield, 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, Yvonne Mullett, Cindy Mulvey, Poasa Nili, Aidan O'Neill, Brett & Michelle Pepper, 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, Anne Tuck, Penny Tully & brother Errol Tully, 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

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 *7.00pm Holy Family, Largs *Please note time change
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES	
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 7pm - Yvonne Rohr 0432 550 986
yrohr@gmail.com

St Columba's Paterson - Maryanne & Bill O'Connor,
0409 336 993

St Patrick's Lochinvar - Tony Towers
0437 280 147 / 4932 0208

ACTIV8 YOUTH GROUP - RETURNING TERM 3

Monday 302 High Street, Maitland - 5.30pm
Tuesday Therry Centre, East Maitland - 5.00pm
Wednesday Holy Family Church Hall, Largs - 5.30pm

YOUTH MASSES - ST JOSEPH'S EAST MAITLAND

Tuesday 6.30pm and Sunday 6.00pm

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)
Also, 9am Mass with Bishop Brian either on YouTube or:
<https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/>

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 - 9.30am-10.30am**, Adoration 12 midday for 1 hour **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 9.30am-10.30am** **Friday** - following 7.00am Mass to 9.00am.

*Parousia CD's available for purchase in the side porch.

THE EAST MAITLAND CRAFT GROUP are starting up again! Every Monday commencing 27th July. Due to Covid-19 distancing requirements the group will be moving to the foyer of the Therry Centre from 9.30am to 12 noon. *For more information please contact 4933 5840 / 4933 4586 or just come along. 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.*

OLOL BERESFIELD – POLISH MASS: 9am Sundays.

SRE - Special Religious Education - As we emerge out of restrictions SRE is now allowed back in schools from the beginning of Term 3. The current concern is many of those involved in the SRE ministry fit into the vulnerable category according to the [NSW Health guidelines](#) and the [AHPPC guidelines](#). **We need your help!** Do you have a calling to spread the good news and joy of the Gospels to children in 2020? Are you able to be there to support the children in the SRE classroom and the Catechists who are unable to return? For more information on how to become a trained Special Religious Educator visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/childrens-ministries/sre-scripture/>



Hello Hunter helps people who are feeling isolated, lonely or anxious. Volunteers are available to make a friendly call, deliver essentials, assist in finding specialised help or on request pray with the person. Hello Hunter has a call centre, which takes requests for assistance, then neighbourhood hubs mobilise their volunteers. Hubs are formed according to suburb and postcode. The goal is to have the person in need assisted by their nearest neighbour. **Hello Hunter are now looking for hub leaders and volunteers.** Volunteers need to submit a form, validated by their local parish priest or parish leader. Go to www.hellohunter.org.au for more information.