



## Maitland Parishes of the Chisholm Pastoral Region

Communities Gathering in Prayer and Worship



# 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 9th August, 2020

### SUNDAY MASSES:

**ST JOSEPH'S** (Est 1835), Cnr King St & New England Hwy, East Maitland  
Vigil 5.00pm; Sunday 8.30am, 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 8.20am; Wednesday 7.00pm

**ST COLUMBA'S**, Cnr Prince & Church Sts, Paterson - Sunday 9.30am

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** (Est 1871)

Cnr George & James Sts, Morpeth

Sunday 7.15am; Wednesday 9.00am

**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

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,  
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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

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor  
ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who  
seek you.

### 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 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

*Go out and stand on the mountain  
before the Lord God.*

#### A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the  
mountain of God, he went into the  
cave and spent the night in it. Then he  
was told, 'Go out and stand on the  
mountain before the Lord.' Then the  
Lord himself went by. There came a  
mighty wind, so strong it tore the  
mountains and shattered the rocks  
before the Lord. But the Lord was not  
in the wind. After the wind came an  
earthquake. But the Lord was not in  
the earthquake. After the earthquake  
came a fire. But the Lord was not in  
the fire. And after the fire there came  
the sound of a gentle breeze. And  
when Elijah heard this, he covered his  
face with his cloak and went out and  
stood at the entrance of the cave.

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

**Resp. Psalm (R.) Lord, show us  
your mercy and love, and grant us  
your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to  
say, a voice that speaks of peace. His  
help is near for those who fear him

and his glory will dwell in our land.  
**(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the  
earth and justice look down from  
heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper and our  
earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall  
march before him and peace shall  
follow his steps. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

*I would willingly be condemned if it  
could help my people.*

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I  
say it in union with Christ – it is the  
truth – my conscience in union with  
the Holy Spirit assures me of it too.  
What I want to say is this: my sorrow  
is so great, my mental anguish so  
endless, I would willingly be  
condemned and be cut off from Christ  
if it could help my brothers of Israel,  
my own flesh and blood. They were  
adopted as sons, they were given the  
glory and the covenants; the Law and  
the ritual were drawn up for them, and  
the promises were made to them.  
They are descended from the  
patriarchs and from their flesh and  
blood came Christ who is above all,  
God for ever blessed! Amen.

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

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia,  
alleluia!** I hope in the Lord, I trust in  
his word. **Alleluia!**

#### Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

*Command me to come to you over the  
water.*

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the  
boat and go on ahead to the other side  
while he would send the crowds away.  
After sending the crowds away he  
went up into the hills by himself to  
pray. When evening came, he was  
there alone, while the boat, by now far  
out on the lake, was battling with a  
heavy sea, for there was a head-wind.  
In the fourth watch of the night he  
went towards them, walking on the  
lake, and when the disciples saw him  
walking on the lake they were  
terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and  
cried out in fear. But at once Jesus  
called out to them, saying, 'Courage!  
It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter  
who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is  
you, tell me to come to you across the

## HOMILY - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Fr Maurice Cahill

An Anglican Scripture Scholar, Rev. Tom Wright, gives us this simple quiz: Of all the commands in the Bible, which do you think is repeated most often? Perhaps *Repent*, or *Do not judge*, what about *Love one another – or forgive – or do not doubt*? All of them are important he says, but none are repeated and impressed on us so much as ***Do not be afraid***. Above all, that would mean our attitude to the Lord himself - always one of profound awe and homage. But our Almighty Lord does not want us to shrink away from him in a kind of terror when all the while he is reaching out to us with enduring love.

That brings to mind the story of the young male electrician in hospital, awaiting an imminent major surgery. He confided, "I am only really afraid of three things: AC, DC and JC." Perhaps we likewise would all share the young man's feeling of uneasiness that soon he could well be standing before his Saviour. Yet, the truth the Lord would have all of us hold on to is that his love is unearned; and that nothing can ever destroy that. No matter how unworthy or neglectful or sinful we may have been, nothing could ever make God change his mind about us. The merciful Lord would have us rise above our fears and make our peace with him.

In the gospel we read today, the apostles were finding it all fearful enough, trying to row a big awkward boat, miles out to sea, in the dark, at 3.00 am, caught in a fierce storm. But then, by the dim light of the lantern in their boat, they see a ghostly figure coming towards them – perhaps coming for them. That was real terror! Had their time ran out? It was Peter who rose above his panic, seeking his Lord. It must have taken every bit of Peter's remaining courage to answer Jesus' call to "*come; walk to me!*" But Peter's faith went wobbly as things got really rough. For their weak faith and trust they would all receive a scolding from Jesus.

And a soaking wet but happy Peter had learned a lot: that you never learn to trust until you survive the rough stuff. Or as true seafarers would put it: you never learn to be a clever sailor on a calm sea.

There is a call there for each one of us, too –to grasp hold of our faith in Jesus and seek to walk past our own fear, or even terror, at the thought of meeting our Judge and Saviour face to face.

And probably, as St. Matthew was writing his gospel, he knew that this storm story would mean a lot to the Christians of his own community, who were having a hard and dangerous time through persecution. They needed reassurance that Jesus was still with them and had not deserted them.

And again, for ourselves: in these times when 'our boat' is rocking wildly in the storm of scandal and moral failure, we need to be aware that Jesus is still with his Church. He urges us still not to be people of little faith.

Sometimes, pray as they might, it seems that God does not answer people's pleading. Or when tragic things happen, sometimes people ask what they have done to deserve it. There are those that 'throw a tantrum' and declare that they are "finished with God." Well, his ways are often incomprehensible to us. He is, after all, the Lord! And we must let God be God. He cannot be forced; we cannot '*twist his arm*', annoying as that might be. Caught *in life's storms*, we still do need to trust his love and closeness. He urges us not to be his people of little faith.



water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

**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

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of  
finest wheat.

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**If you are unwell or concerned about exposure you are exempt from attending Mass.** Masses are available online/TV: Livestream Mass with Bishop Bill every Sunday at 9.30am <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>. There is also Mass for You at Home on TV Channel 10 - 6am Sundays

## *Universal Prayers - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

**Celebrant:** Lord and Father, through Jesus Your son you said 'Do not be afraid for you are with us', with true confidence, we place our prayers before You as we pray.

### **Prayer Leader**

We pray for Pope Francis, all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that they have the wisdom and courage to continue to spread the words of the Gospels among all Your people in this time of anxiety. Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer.**

As we remember the anniversary of Hiroshima, and we pray that through the shining light of Christ's Transfiguration that all the world Leaders have the wisdom and respect, to work together, to ban nuclear weapons for the use of conflicts and work toward peace and Harmony for all countries. Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of Beirut..... for those who lost their lives, may they find rest in the Kingdom of God. .... the injured and those who are left behind in this tragedy, especially the relatives and friends who may be living in our country. May they feel the graces of the Holy Spirit enter into their lives and their faith in God give them hope. Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people who may be suffering from anxiety and fear in this stressful time of the Covid virus, those working in health fields continually putting their own lives at risk, those close and dear to us, and all those who are isolated, through our prayers may they feel the grace of our God and that they are not alone. Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer.**

We ask Lord to send the Holy Spirit to enlighten those who are seeking to find a Vaccine for the virus we are facing, and remind those who are not well to stay isolated from others. Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer.**

Help us Lord to be people of the light of Christ and be aware of our neighbours who may be finding times difficult, showing them that God is the one who calms the storm and when times are tough to hear His voice say 'Do not be afraid' for He is with us. Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates, past and present, that they hear the words of God in their hearts as they continue on their journey and trust in His love for all. Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer..**

We pray for those who are not well or unable to attend Eucharist with us, especially our Religious Sisters, and those near and dear, may you light shine on them and give them the graces they need to keep their faith alive. Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died recently, as their journey on this life has come to an end, especially Hansen Buasen and Cecelia Eileen Hodgson and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they be welcomed into Paradise and be at peace in the loving arms of our God. Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Lord you are with us all our lives, strengthen our faith, accept our prayers and give us the confidence we need on our journey of life. We ask through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen



### ***All Recently Deceased***

Hansen Buasen, Cecelia Eileen Hodgson

### ***Anniversaries***

Kim Adams, Sr Gonzaga Bradley, Sr Sebastian Brimstone, Sr Xaverius Byrne, Lucy Cormick, John Davies, Lawrence Douglas, Jean & Les Ellicott, Fay Farrow, Peter Leslie Fielding, Rev Patrick Flynn, Sr Alacoque Gallagher, Athol Richard Goldrick, Eva Hamilton, Sr Dorothea Kealy, Colin Kendrick, Dorothy MacPherson, Peter Markham, Veronica Markham, Sheelah Markham, Kathleen Markham, Constantino Marquez, Sr Perpetua McDonald, Eileen McGilvray, Sr Xavier McInerney, Margaret McNamara, Sr Ita Moy, Des O'Hearn, Edna Renfrew, Rev Thomas Rogers, Fred Rose, Paul Anthony Sinclair, Rev William Sullivan, Joyce Turner, Hazel Wilkes

***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, Olga Charlton, 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, Olga Osadcuk, 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

**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 Sunday Mass** registration: [www.trybooking.com/BJWZV](http://www.trybooking.com/BJWZV) or phone Judy Healey 0412689517 or 49348232. Online registrations for Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass and 6pm Sunday Mass close at 3.30pm on the day of the Mass and Sunday 8.30am Mass closes at 8pm Saturday night. Phone bookings can be made up to 30 minutes before Mass. **Weekday Masses** register by phone or on arrival at the church.

**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](mailto:terryob1956@gmail.com)  
Wednesday 7pm - 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  
0437 280 147 / 4932 0208

**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.

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH EAST MAITLAND:**

*THE CHURCH will be open for private prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on*

**Monday** - 9.30am-10.30am, Adoration 12pm 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.*

**SUNDAY BAPTISMS: Volunteers Needed** - We would like to form a roster of TWO people from the REGION, who would be willing to help on a Sunday morning at 11.30am, to meet the families attending. One to check names/contact details on Attendee List and ensure people sanitise their hands; and the other to escort them to their place ensuring social distancing. If you can help, please contact Judy 0412 689 517 or 4934 8232 for more information.

**THE EAST MAITLAND CRAFT GROUP** Every Monday 9.30am to 12 noon, Therry Centre. For more information please contact 4933 5840 / 4933 4586 or just come along. 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.*

**LOLO 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.*

**LOLO BERESFIELD – POLISH MASS:** 9am Sundays.



## COVID-19 update

The safety of our community is taken seriously – this week we have registered all our churches with Services NSW as a COVID-Safe place of Worship and, thanks to Fr John, updated our COVID Safety plans for Mass, Funerals and Weddings. These have been submitted to the Diocese and copies are on your church notice boards and also in the sacristy. If you wish to have a copy emailed to you please contact the parish office.

At the entrance of each Church we will be providing face masks for anyone who wishes to wear one or you have left yours at home. The use of face masks is currently up to you, but we are providing these as a supplement to what we already do to protect all our community e.g. hand sanitiser stations, distancing seating, contact tracing, registering for Mass attendance and cleaning after each Mass (a big thankyou to all those who are helping with this) and so much more.

Thank you everyone for being supportive of our clergy and volunteers during these ever changing times.

**SRE - Special Religious Education** - back in schools. 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/>

### **WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER 10th-15th August 2020**

**Mon 10th August** (St Lawrence, deacon, martyr)

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**Tues 11th August** (St Clare, virgin)

**6.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wed 12th August** (St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious)

**12.00pm** Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

**Thurs 13th August** (Sts Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest, martyr)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Fri 14th August** (St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, Martyr)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**6.00pm** Vigil Mass Assumption: Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill; Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

**Sat 16th August** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

**9.30am** St Paul's, Rutherford