



PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland
Lunch 1pm to 1.30pm
Phone: 49338918
P.O. Box 215 Maitland 2320
chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au
<https://maitlandcatholicparishes.org.au/>

**SUNDAY MASSES - DUE TO COVID
LOCKDOWN THERE WILL BE NO MASSES**

ST JOSEPH'S (Est 1835), Cnr King St & New England Hwy, East Maitland
Vigil 5.00pm; Sunday 8.30am, 6.00pm
Registrations - QR Code available.
Judy 0412 689 517

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Est 1841)
Maitland

SACRED HEART, New England Hwy, Campbell's Hill - **Vigil 6.30pm.**
Registrations - Judy 0412 821 505 or Carole 0429 328 127

HOLY FAMILY, 11 John St, Largs
Sunday 8.20am. Registrations - Terry 0429 727 704 or email terryob1956@gmail.com

ST COLUMBA'S, Cnr Prince & Church Sts, Paterson - **Sunday 9.30am.**
Registrations - Maryanne 0409 336 993

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Est 1871)
Cnr George & James Sts, Morpeth
Sunday 7.15am. Registrations - John 4934 8520 / 0414 254 230

ST PATRICK'S (Est 1905), 55 New England Hwy, Lochinvar - **Sunday 9.30am. Registrations** - Tony 4932 0208/0437 280 147

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Est 1947), Cnr Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave, Beresfield
Vigil 6.00pm. Registrations - Irena 4966 2902 / 0407 662 901

ST PAUL'S (Est 1961), 10 Young St, Rutherford - **Sunday 8.00am.**
Registrations — Gabby 0422 086 991

Ministers

All baptised members of the community

Ministry Team

Parish Priest: Fr Paul O'Neill (RIP)

Parish Administrator : Fr John Lovell

Asst Priests: Fr John Purnell &

Fr Graham Fullick

(Presbytery 4934 5783)

Support Clergy

Fr Maurice Cahill

Regional Office

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,

Sandra Buck, Rebecca Piefke

ACTiv8 Youth Co-ordinator

Rebecca Piefke 0422 500 429

Spiritual care of sick & aged in care or at home: Phone office 49338918

Dying, Bereaved & Funeral Ministry:

0428 220 997

Family Ministry Co-ordinator, Hunter

Deanery

Lucy Sneesby-Tooth 0417 773 444

We are in the country of the Worimi, Gamilleroi, Wonnarua, Gweagui, Darkinjung, Biripi and Awabakal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their Elders, celebrate their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors.

Entrance Antiphon

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

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 Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

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

Resp. Psalm Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. (R.)

So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him. Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most

blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home

**The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily - Fr Graham Fullick

The belief and submission of Mary (and of her Son), Mary of Grace, the Son *being* Grace Himself, to the Father is the witness of our faith that enables the Immaculate Conception, the birth of the Impeccable Son, the death and Resurrection of Him who is all life, being and existence itself. In the Assumption she who is FULL of Grace is rewarded by sitting beside He who is ALL Grace. Our Church never confuses this, even if the devil likes others to be confused. Mary is full of Grace. Jesus is all Grace, the source and origin of all Grace.

Let us pray that our acceptance to God's will of Grace will also lead us to the freedom of Grace Mary enjoys in joy forever. Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy. Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception. Blessed be her Glorious Assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother. It is because of her glorious Assumption that Our Lady is able to pray for us now and at the hour of our death. She who was preserved from the effects of original sin was preserved not from death (her Son even had our death, had to have it in order to save us). But she is preserved also from the *effects* of death and lives in Heaven.

Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven, PRAY FOR US.

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: On this Holy day we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, the woman that God the Father chose, to be the mother of His Son Jesus. We give praise and thanks to God our Father, as we place our prayers before You Almighty God through our Blessed Mother Mary.

Prayer Leader.

We pray that our Blessed Mother Mary will guide our Leaders in the Church, the Pope, Bishops and Priests as they Shepherd the flock of Jesus, give them the hope of Mary's trust and faith that she showed in her life. Through our Blessed Mother . . . We pray. . . .Lord hear us.

Heavenly Father, You honored Your Mother by taking her back to Heaven in body and soul giving us the hope that we too will be fully with you in all Your glory. Fill the hearts of those who have gone astray and no longer join us in the Eucharist. . . . Through our Blessed Mother . . . We pray. . . .Lord hear us.

Through Our Blessed Mother Mary, that as the first disciple of Jesus she will enlighten a Priest to take up the position of Parish Priest to Guide Your people in our Region. . . Through our Blessed Mother . . . We pray. . . .Lord hear us.

As we reflect on the future of the Church in Australia and immerse ourselves in the Plenary Council, let us follow the example of Mary, remembering her trust that the Spirit of God would be with her. . . . Through our Blessed MotherLord hear us.

We pray for the people in the world today, that the Holy Spirit will enlighten all to respect the rules of the land at this time of uncertainty over the Corona Virus. Give our leaders the knowledge to govern in a just and peaceful way.. . Through our Blessed Mother. . .Lord hear us.

May the hand of Mary bestow comfort and blessings on those who are not well, giving them the hope and peace that Jesus is always walking beside them in their struggles. We pray especially for Bishop Bill and all our sick relatives and friends. Through our Blessed Mother. . .Lord hear us

Through Mary's Glorious Assumption into Heaven, we pray for those who have left us from this earth, especially Dorothy Cox, Helen Frost, Marcia Harris, Col Green that the hope of Eternal life will be there for all as they rest in your love.. . Through our Blessed Mother. . .Lord hear us.

Celebrant: Almighty Father, to our Blessed Mother Mary we pray Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Communion Antiphon All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great thing for me.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN.

We pray for the recently Deceased

Dorothy Cox, Helen Frost, Marcia Harris, Col Green

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Peter Leslie Fielding, Jill Bernadine Fullick, Lorrie McCarthy, Barbara Thomas, Frank Thomas, Peggy Turnbull
Joyce White

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Joseph Anderson, Cynthia Appleton, Judy Carmody,
Olga Charlton, Robyn Chesworth, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nicholas Dilley, Brigid Field, Pam French,
Melinda Grainger, Anne & Peter Hardy, Julie Hartigan, John Hogan, Ken Jones, Ethan Joseph,
Krystyna Kulzcznski, Patricia & Robert Lancaster, Little Luke, Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Kevin Moloney,
Lisa Peattie, Lolito Regudo, Ella Rusak, Olga Rusak, Jane Winsor O'Keefe, Amelia Verdera Satana,
Margaret Sipple, Steven Small, Anne Standing, John Szczudluk, Vivian Tee, Bill Temperley,
Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

Would you like to remain on the sick list ? If so, please email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au, place a letter in the second collection or send a letter to PO BOX 215 Maitland, 2320 Please continue to pray for those who are unwell in our communities

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 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

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 or E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit their website for further information www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

Dear Friends,

As you know, our lockdown has been extended for another 7 days at this stage and none of us can be sure it will not be extended further, depending on COVID numbers. Our Parish Office will continue to remain closed during this period with staff working reduced hours from home and continuing to respond to emails and phone calls when they can.

Please know our priests are celebrating Masses in private for all your intentions and are happy to respond to calls to the presbytery to minister to any vulnerable persons in their homes.

Do keep trusting in the Lord and supporting each other in COVID safe ways. And don't forget to regularly visit our wonderful new website at

<http://maitlandcatholicparishes.org.au/>

Love Fr John

There is a live stream Mass available each Sunday Morning at 9.30am from Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton. Live stream Mass <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

VINNIES COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT August 27th

A Community Sleepout will be held, to raise funds to support the homeless and disadvantaged in our community.

Mary from the Largs parish and Anne Horadam, a member of the East Maitland Conference, will be participating. You can offer your support by sponsoring. Donations can be made by googling *Maitland Community Sleepout 2021* or directly at <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepout-maitland-2021>.

Due to COVID restrictions the refundable can/bottle collection will be postponed until first Mass after COVID lockdown. Please ensure that the bottles and cans are clean and cans are uncrushed. Until then, aim to double your collection !
With thanks, Mary

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

All parishioners are encouraged to watch the defibrillator training video. Here is the link <http://rcl.ink/1iS>

CatholicCare August Appeal 2021

CatholicCare Community Programs receive no government funding, so we're calling on the Catholic and broader community to help. After a difficult eighteen months, we expect to be welcoming even more people through our doors. You can help. Help us feed more people in our community kitchens. Help us support more refugees in our programs. Help us deliver more meals to people in need. Please give a gift to our 2021 August Appeal today. Every dollar counts. Your generosity will support those who have nowhere else to turn, ensuring no one goes without and that all are welcomed with food, support, and a smile.

Donate today

Send your cheque to PO Box 775 Newcastle 2300

Give a gift online www.catholiccare.org.au/augustappeal

"Amoris Laetitia Family Year " 19 March 2021- 26 June 2022

The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals.

To access this resource:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

Are you interested in volunteering as a member of one of the Diocesan Councils? Membership is open to men and women over the age of 18 years and of good moral character and reputation. If you would like any further information, please contact Jenny Harris
jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au or Ph 4979 1334

The Chosen – Series One Discussion Group

The Chosen- Series One Discussion Group begins August 18. To register go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-1-discussion-group-tickets-164268530597>

or contact via formed@mn.catholic.org.au

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Mon 16th August (*St Stephen of Hungary*)

Tues 17th August

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 18th August

12.00pm Mass, St John's Chapel, Maitland

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 19th August (*St John Eudes, priest*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 20th August (*St Bernard, abbot, doctor*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 21st August (*St Pius X, Pope*)

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

Sun 22nd August

9.00am Mass/Polish, OLOL, Beresfield

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 16th August

9.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

12-1pm Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 17th August

9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 18th August

9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 19th August

9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 20th August

9.30am Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

7.30am-9.00am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved. The prayers are from the English Translation of the Roman Missal © 2010 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL). All rights reserved.