



PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm
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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 8.20am.
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 Anthonicad

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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 Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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 Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring

into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R)

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R)

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.. (R)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth. Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. © Dianne Bergant CSA

This week we are Commissioning our SRE volunteers at East Maitland

RESPONSE: Speak, Lord, for you have the words of eternal life.

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, to forever be with his Father. We ask God for help, to renew our hope for the world as our prayers ascend.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for our Church leaders: Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons: may they hear Christ speaking to them as they lead the people of God to live their lives, through the words of the Gospels . . . **In Your mercy Lord. . .**

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the Priests and Deacons who are serving the Chisholm region in this difficult time. We give thanks and ask God to bless them for their loving support. . . **In Your mercy Lord. . . Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit of God, touch the heart of an ordained priest to accept the position of our new Bishop to Shepherd our Diocese. . . **In Your mercy Lord. . . Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them the strength and courage to defend what is good, right and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. . .

In Your mercy Lord. . . Hear our prayer.

For our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit, Australia: We pray for the new government of our nation that it will wisely consider what will best promote the 'common good' of all people with care, compassion and social justice. . .

In Your mercy Lord. . . Hear our prayer.

For those who are not well: through our prayers may they feel the touch of God and experience His light in the darkness of their lives and give strength and courage to those who care for them. . . **In Your mercy Lord. . . Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have returned to our heavenly Father, especially Sr Mary Regina Donoghue rsm and Margaret Loadsman, may the angels and saints be there to welcome them into God's Kingdom. . . . **In Your mercy Lord. . .**

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Hear our prayers, O Lord, for You are merciful and compassionate and love all Your people living on earth. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name. His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength

and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his sons for ever. Amen.

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.

Communion Antiphon Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

We pray those who have died this week

Sr Mary Regina Donoghue rsm, Margaret Loadsman

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Nancye Adams, Noel Anlezark, Philip Carroll, Garry Dunn, Maureen Ellis (nee Cahill), Myra Fogarty, Madge Hughes, Jadwiga Vicki Nowik, Tom Parker, Kathryn (Kathy) June Zysek

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Arabella Rae Arroyo, Joseph Austin, Cynthia Appleton, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Robyn Chesworth, Kerry Copus, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nicholas Dilley,

Brigid Field, Pam French, Melinda Grainger, Vince Gurr, Anne & Peter Hardy, Leanne Hardy,

Julie Hartigan, Ken Jones, Ethan Joseph, Krystyna Kulzczynski, Fr Anthony Lemon (Murwillumbah),

Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Kevin Moloney, Jane Winsor O'Keefe, Lisa Peattie, Jen Phillips,

Peters Family (Maryborough), Ella Rusak, Olga Rusak, Amelia Verdera Satana, Margaret Sipple,

Zane Slomka, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Carol Su'a, Margareth Tajonera, Vivian Tee, Bill Temperley,

Veronica Tuck, Ros Thompson, Robert Wild, Jo Winkler

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Liam Oscar Dawes, Tanner William Fullick, Nate David Lancaster, Coco Wren Parke, Luka Mae Zeeno

RCIA : We continue to pray for our Neophytes (those who were initiated at Easter)

Parish Notices

World Meeting of Families 2022 FAMILY LOVE: A VOCATION AND A PATH TO HOLINESS

This year our universal Church is celebrating the World Meeting of Families. The 10th World Meeting of Families (WMOF) is intended to highlight family love as a vocation and as a way of holiness, to understand and share the profound meaning of family relationships in daily life. When 01-26 June 2022 Local Events Find out what's happening in our Diocese at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/world-meeting-offamilies-2022>

2022 TWEC Dinner will be held Friday 24 June from 6.30pm at the **Therry Centre, East Maitland**. We invite you to enjoy a meal, share stories of the Josephite spirit within the diocesan community and imagine the next chapter of the Tenison Woods Education Community story together. Seats are \$60 per person which includes drinks, canapés, main course and dessert. Tables of 10, small group and individual bookings are welcome.

To book: <https://2022twec.eventbrite.com.au/>.
Attendee names and dietary needs can be entered at checkout. For queries please contact Sharon Murphy on 4979 1134 or sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

It is believed that most parishes will be able to provide tax receipts to those who contribute through the Planned Giving programme this year.

Please contact the parish office if you require a tax receipt for your planned giving donations. **Only request a receipt if you need it for tax purposes. Otherwise**, if you would like to know the amount you have given please request a planned giving report instead. We will need your Name, Parish, and Planned giving number when requesting a tax receipt

Deadline for Tax receipt requests is Monday 27th June
PH: 49338918 OR chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

With COVID restrictions easing we will be re-introducing **Collections and the Offertory.**

If you would like to join the roster please speak to the Mass contact person or call the parish office.

PIETY STALL will be **CLOSED** this weekend at St Joseph's East Maitland. Enquires Marion 0412 811 759

Notice from Parish Office. To ensure all notices and anniversaries are included in the bulletin we ask that the information be sent to chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au. This covers when staff are on leave. With thanks Chisholm Chicks.

Our Communities would like to extend our sincere thanks to our visiting Clergy this week Fr Greg Arnold, Fr Camillus Nwaha and Deacon Viane Perez. We are so blessed to have them support Fr Graham during May.

RECOMMENCEMENT OF HOME COMMUNION – Anyone who has previously volunteered for the pastoral care of the housebound OR if you would like to volunteer please contact the PARISH OFFICE as soon as possible.

Covid safe precautions will need to be adhered to.

East Maitland Catholic Women's League meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Therry Centre, East Maitland at 11.30am. Please note change of start time. All Welcome.

The Catholic Community of Morpeth warmly invites everyone to join them for the **Combined Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity** on Pentecost Sunday 5th June 2022 at St James Anglican Church Morpeth at 6pm. A light supper will follow.

SOUP AND BREAD DINNER – Holy Family Largs is holding a fundraiser for St Vincent De Paul Society on Friday 17 June. As we approach the longest night let us support those who are less fortunate than us. In the hall at 5.30 PM guest speaker at 6 PM with dinner to follow. Guest speaker is Sr Carmel Hanson who will share her experiences of Social Justice. Donation \$10 per person minimum. There will be a raffle on the night. Everyone welcome. Please book with Mick Daffy at mickdaffy@bigpond.com

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 31st May (*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 1st June (*St Justin, martyr*)
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 2nd June (*Sts Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 3rd June (*St Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 4th May
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 22nd May
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

Mon 30th May
9.30am - 12 Midday Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland
12 Midday - 1 pm Eucharistic Adoration St Joseph's, East Maitland

Tues 31st May
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 1st June
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 2nd June
9.30-10.30am Prayer, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 3rd June
7.30am to 9.00am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am - Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield

St John's Chapel Maitland : is closed until further notice

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am
www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream