



**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.  
*celebrated at St Paul's Rutherford*  
**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 baptized members of the  
 community**

### Ministry Team

**Parish Priest:** Fr George Anthicad  
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 Fr Camillus Nwahia

Presbytery 4934 5783

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**0428 017 273**

### Support Clergy

Fr Maurice Cahill  
 Fr Greg Arnold  
 Fr Joyce Sebastian

### Regional Office

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,  
 Sandra Buck, Rebecca Piefke

### ACTiv8 Youth Co-ordinator

Rebecca Piefke 0422 500 429

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 at home:** Phone office 49338918

**Dying, Bereaved & Funeral Ministry:**  
 0428 220 997

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

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and  
 look on the face of your anointed one;  
 one day within your courts is better  
 than a thousand elsewhere.

### 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 56:1.6-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for  
 justice, act with integrity, for soon my  
 salvation will come and my integrity  
 be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached  
 themselves to the Lord to serve him  
 and to love his name and be his  
 servants – all who observe the  
 sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to  
 my covenant – these I will bring to my  
 holy mountain. I will make them joyful  
 in my house of prayer. Their  
 holocausts and their sacrifices will be  
 accepted on my altar, for my house  
 will be called a house of prayer for all  
 the peoples.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4*

**(R.)** O God, let all the nations praise  
 you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let  
 your face shed its light upon us. So will  
 your ways be known upon earth and all  
 nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult for  
 you rule the world with justice. With  
 fairness you rule the peoples, you guide  
 the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let  
 all the peoples praise you. May God still  
 give us his blessing till the ends of the  
 earth revere him. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** *Romans 11:13-15. 29-32*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
 the Romans

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been  
 sent to the pagans as their apostle, and  
 I am proud of being sent, but the  
 purpose of it is to make my own people  
 envious of you, and in this save some  
 of them.

Since their rejection meant the  
 reconciliation of the world, do you  
 know what their admission will mean?  
 Nothing less than a resurrection from  
 the dead! God never takes back his  
 gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being  
 disobedient to God, and now enjoy  
 mercy because of their disobedience,  
 so those who are disobedient now –  
 and only because of the mercy shown  
 to you – will also enjoy mercy  
 eventually. God has imprisoned all men  
 in their own disobedience only to show  
 mercy to all mankind.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the  
 kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
 Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

### The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

## Gospel Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A *pagan woman* approaches a *Jewish man* and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable *pagan woman* stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

### 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, as true Christians we have heard in the Gospel today about the faith in Jesus, of the Canaanite woman. We are children of God and with our own true faith let us place our prayers before Him with love.

**Prayer leader:**

For Pope Francis and all Bishops who lead our Church: may they be guided by the Holy Spirit to be like the Good Shepherd and bring the words of the Gospel to life. . . . . In Your mercy Lord. . . . . **Hear our prayer**

We ask special blessings on all our priests, nuns and brothers who have dedicated their lives to be Disciples of Christ and bring all God’s children to the kingdom of Heaven. . . . . In Your mercy Lord. . . . . **Hear our prayer.**

For our young people receiving the Body of Christ for the first time: may they come to the Sacred Banquet with hearts ready to know the presence of their Lord and Saviour. . . . . In Your mercy Lord. . . . . **Hear our prayer.**

For those who are struggling to find their way in this journey of life. May the Holy Spirit descend upon them with the fire of faith and love and bring them to the safety of the Table of the Lord. In Your mercy Lord. . . . . **Hear our prayer.**

For those who are not well and all people who feel isolated, who are unable to be with us as we celebrate the Eucharist, may they feel the presence of Jesus in their lives through the prayers that we offer for them at this time. . . . . Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died recently especially Margaret Casey, Laurene Marsh, Darlene McKinley, Desmond Ryan and Susan Sawyer, may they now be rewarded in the fullness of the Kingdom of our God. . . . . Lord in your mercy..... **Hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** God of goodness and love, we offer these petitions to you, through Mary our Holy Mother as we pray. . . . . Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee.....;

**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** With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

***We pray those who have died this week***

Margaret Casey (White), Laurene Marsh, Darlene Elizabeth McKinley (USA),  
Desmond Ryan (Nelson Bay), Susan Sawyer

***We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including***

Daniel Charnock, Terry Chipperfield, Alan Dunstone, Dorothy Rose Enright, Clare Fitzpatrick,  
Ella Henderson, Francis Hill, Amy (Dolly) Keating, Brad Kedwell, Diane Krautz-Fortune, Gladys Lantry,  
Thomas Lantry, Marie Lamoury, Audrey Lyons, Nell Rowan, Ida Stace, Theophila, Peggy Turnbull,  
Mary Watson, Joyce White, Les White

***We pray for those who are sick at this time***

Mari Shivanthi Abeykeon, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Patrick Brennan,  
Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nickolee Dennis, Oneli Disaaynayake,  
Alfredo Doctor, John Fielding, Yvonne Mary Fielding, Dianne Fryer, Rev Fr Joseph Selvan Fifarado,  
Leanne Hardy, Colin Harmes, Mavis Hoadley, Gregory Hurney, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson,  
Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Jaime Marquez, Simeon (Jaime) Marquez, Nonette Mase,  
Judy Massey, Mharielle Munoz, Colette Nancarrow, Rita O’Brien, Collin Perera, Peter & Tracey Perry,  
Jen Phillips, Anthony Y Poblador (USA), Mary Pullin, Rohini Rajakaruna, Casey Rippon, Ella Rusak,  
Olga Rusak, Biyatrise Samaratunga, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Bill Temperley, Nilda Walker,  
John Williams, Gary Wills, Jo Winkler

***We pray for those Baptised this week***

Eloise Vera Lloyd, George Henry Lloyd, Patrick Charles Lloyd, Evangeline Louise Walsh

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## First Holy Communion

During the weekends of 19/20, 26/27 August, please pray for the 200 children in our Region who will be receiving their Holy Communion for the first time.

**Come and hear Charbel's story.** WHERE: Our Lady of Victories School Hall, 15 Lovell Pde, Shortland. Saturday - 26th August 2023 TIME: 10:30am – 12:30pm. A variety of books will be available for you to peruse Morning Tea provided - Please place your name/s on the sheet, available in the foyer of both churches OR phone Sr. Mary on 0249559575 and inform her of numbers attending OR email her at wallsendshortlandparish@mn.catholic.org.au (for catering and seating purposes)



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) program commences on **Wednesday August 30th** in the Therry Centre East Maitland at 7pm. Margaret 0419 335 878 or Wayne 0448 924 771 for more information.

### **Chisholm Region Bus Trip and Reflection Day St Joseph's Spirituality and Retreat Centre Kincumber.**

History Presentation, Way of the Cross,  
**Mass with Fr Camillus** and  
Private Reflection and Prayer Time in the beautiful  
grounds of the Centre

**Date: Friday 22nd September Cost: \$80**  
**Morning Tea and Lunch included.**

**Contact Vicki 0429337455 or John 0414254230 to  
book and for payment details**

✠ **Awaken the spirit virtual retreat online with Dan Schutte** consisting of 20 inspiring video reflections. It will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield every Tuesday, and Friday in October at 9:30am until 10:30am. Cost around \$50 PP. Expressions of interest to the office by the 22nd of August. Numbers are limited.

✠ Fr George extends an invitation to all of you to join him on a journey to the sacred Marian shrines of Europe in March 2024. Contact the parish office for more information.

✠ **PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
Closed for a few weeks.

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Mon 21st August** (St Pius X, pope)

**Tues 22nd August** (The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)  
**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wed 23rd August** (St Rose of Lima, virgin)  
**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thurs 24th August** (St Bartholomew, apostle)  
**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

**Fri 25th August** (St Joseph Calasanz, priest)  
**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sat 26th August**  
**8.00am** Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sun 27th August**  
**9.00am** Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

## SAFEGUARDING

Over the past 12 weeks we have provided information on what each standard hopefully we have broken it down to make it easy for everyone to understand. In church foyers you will find many information flyers on Standards and other aspects of child protection and caring for our vulnerable. There is also our Safeguarding Work Book for children. This is a great source of information for children of primary school ages. All these are for you to take home.

Below are the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards as a little reminder.

- 1: **COMMITTED LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND CULTURE**
- 2: **CHILDREN AND ADULTS ARE SAFE, INFORMED AND PARTICIPATE**
- 3: **PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES, CARERS AND COMMUNITIES**
- 4: **EQUITY IS PROMOTED AND DIVERSITY IS RESPECTED**
- 5: **ROBUST HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**
- 6: **EFFECTIVE COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT**
- 7: **ONGOING EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
- 8: **SAFE PHYSICAL AND ONLINE ENVIRONMENTS**
- 9: **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**
- 10: **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SUPPORT THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

Director of Safeguarding, has made an electronic recording of a 15 minute presentation which is designed to let parishioners know about the audit process and, as our parishes who will be audited, it may be of interest.

[National Catholic Safeguarding Standards Audit - YouTube](#)

### ✠ **Home Communion**

Following the Home Communion meeting the Extraordinary Ministers will soon be taking communion to the housebound. If you are already taking communion to someone please inform the parish office as we require this information for our records.

✠ **Clergy visits to the housebound, hospitals and nursing homes** If you or a loved one would like a visit from one of our clergy please give our parish office a call and we will organise this for you.

✠ **The Largs community** have requested a change of Sunday Mass time from 8.20 to 8.00am. This will give the priests the opportunity to offer pastoral care. The change will begin on the 3rd September.

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

**Mon 21st July**  
**9.30am-11.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**11.00am-12pm** Adoration/Holy Hour, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Tues 22nd August**  
**9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
St Joseph's, East Maitland-Funeral

**Wed 23rd August**  
**9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's,  
East Maitland

**Thurs 24th August**  
**9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-Funeral  
**7.00pm** Marian Movement of Priests Rosary  
Both at St Joseph's East Maitland

**Fri 25th August**  
**7.30am** Adoration, St Joseph's, EM  
**9.30am** Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield