



PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland  
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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 8.00am.

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 Anhicad  
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#### Regional Office

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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

Cf Psalm 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my  
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I  
cry to you all the day long.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our  
God.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel  
together at Shechem; then he called the  
elders, leaders, judges and scribes of  
Israel, and they presented themselves  
before God. Then Joshua said to all the  
people: 'If you will not serve the Lord,  
choose today whom you wish to serve,  
whether the gods that your ancestors  
served beyond the River, or the gods of  
the Amorites in whose land you are now  
living. As for me and my House, we will  
serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no  
intention of deserting the Lord and  
serving other gods! Was it not the Lord  
our God who brought us and our  
ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the  
house of slavery, who worked those  
great wonders before our eyes and  
preserved us all along the way we  
travelled and among all the peoples  
through whom we journeyed. We too  
will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of  
the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, his  
praise always on my lips; in the Lord my  
soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

The Lord turns his face against the  
wicked to destroy their remembrance  
from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes  
to the just and his ears to their appeal.  
**(R.)**

They call and the Lord hears and  
rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will  
save. **(R.)**

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue  
him. He will keep guard over all his  
bones, not one of his bones shall be  
broken. **(R.)**

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his  
servants. Those who hide in him shall  
not be condemned. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Ephesians

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ  
and the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to  
Christ. Wives should regard their  
husbands as they regard the Lord, since  
as Christ is head of the Church and  
saves the whole body, so is a husband  
the head of his wife; and as the Church  
submits to Christ, so should wives to  
their husbands, in everything. Husbands  
should love their wives just as Christ  
loved the Church and sacrificed himself  
for her to make her holy. He made her  
clean by washing her in water with a  
form of words, so that when he took her  
to himself she would be glorious, with  
no speck or wrinkle or anything like that,  
but holy and faultless. In the same way,  
husbands must love their wives as they  
love their own bodies; for a man to love  
his wife is for him to love himself. A man  
never hates his own body, but he feeds  
it and looks after it; and that is the way  
Christ treats the Church, because it is  
his body – and we are its living parts.  
For this reason, a man must leave his  
father and mother and be joined to his  
wife, and the two will become one body.  
This mystery has many implications; but  
I am saying it applies to Christ and the  
Church.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your words, Lord,  
are spirit and life: you have the words of  
everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel

John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the  
words of everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the  
followers of Jesus said, 'This is  
intolerable language. How could anyone  
accept it?' Jesus was aware that his  
followers were complaining about it and  
said, 'Does this upset you? What if you  
should see the Son of Man ascend to  
where he was before? 'It is the spirit that  
gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.  
The words I have spoken to you are  
spirit and they are life. 'But there are  
some of you who do not believe.'

For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

#### **REFLECTION by Nick Brodie**

Why did the crowd reject Jesus? They followed him! He fed them! And then they complain and leave. What was that about?

In short, people were scandalised by what Jesus said. They thought differently than Jesus about his mission. They sought earthly triumph over spiritual truth.

An important lesson for us, Pope Francis says, is that 'we must not pursue God in dreams and in images of grandeur and power.' Rather, as the Pope explains, God 'must be recognised in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.'

This is a hard teaching for many to accept, even among those within the Church.

God, the Pope reiterates, 'asks us to seek him not outside of life and history, but in relationship with Christ and with our brothers and sisters. 'Seeking him in life,' the Pope adds, 'in history, in our daily life ... is the road to encounter with God: the relationship with Christ and our brothers and sisters.'

Therefore, with Peter, and his successor Pope Francis, 'we ask for the grace to let ourselves be provoked and converted.' To whom shall we turn? To our brothers and sisters in need. We need to be open to being Christ to them, for they may well be Christ for us.

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**Nick Brodie** is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart. A graduate of the Australian National University, Flinders University, and the University of Tasmania, he is the author of several books on Australian history and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics. In 2017 he was awarded the Bruce Mansfield Prize for the best article in the Journal of Religious History. He is currently studying Theology.

#### **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, ( <i>all bow</i> ) 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 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.
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#### **UNIVERSAL PRAYERS**

**Celebrant:** Let us dig deep like Simon Peter, showing our true Faith in Jesus our Lord and Holy one, as we hear the Words of Eternal life and place our prayers to Him.

#### **Pray leader:**

We pray for all who minister the Eucharist to us, Our Pope, Bishops, Priests: giving thanks for the commitment and sacrifice they practice in their daily lives, as they teach and celebrate the Eucharist, being a true Shepherd to the flock of the Lord's Vineyard. We pray . . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For this great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit, and its national leaders, that the Spirit lead all to work for Peace, Justice and Reconciliation between all Australians. We pray . . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who no longer join us for the Eucharist, the centre of our faith: that the Lord draw them back to worship, and the nourishment of this Heavenly food. . . . We pray . . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Guide our young people who are receiving Your Body and Blood for the first time, place a seed of love in their hearts so they will know and love You always. . . . We pray . . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who are struggling to find their way in this journey of life, especially the homeless. May the Holy Spirit descend upon them with the fire of faith and love and bring them to the safety of the Table of our Lord. We pray . . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who are not well: Lord may they feel Your loving presence in their times of troubles and keep their faith alive in their hearts. . . We pray . . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all the souls of the faithful departed, especially Elaine Cusick, Loretta Kiem, Bernard O'Brien, Allan Pasia and for those whose anniversaries occur. Because they believed in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, may they be rewarded now by His glorious presence in Eternity. We pray . . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Dear Jesus, help us to see beyond You and the Father, so that we may with faith, surrender all doubts and mysteries to You. And we ask these prayers through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon** Cf Psalm 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**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 those who have died this week***

Elaine Cusick, Loretta Kiem, Bernard O'Brien, Allan Pasia

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

Leslie Barker-Jones, Clem Coffey, Marge Coffey, Dorothy Enright, Frank Hill, Efipania Jaculo, Wilma Kane, Bruce Hilton Parker, Melinda Siodina, Wendy Smith, Barbara Thomas

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

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Chloe Judith Carmody, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Michael Lockyer, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Analiza Rayos, Jenny Ribeyro, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, Crystal Towers, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

*(If you would like your sick notice to be reinstated please email [chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au))*

***We pray for those who will be Baptised***

Avayah Hoffman, Archie Giffiths, Audrey Griffiths, Louie Turner, Lola Turner, Rosie Turner

***We pray for those who are to be Married***

Adam John Cools and Renee Maree Finn

**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**

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Welcome to all those children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend.

## Forming the Sacramental Life of the Church

Everyone is warmly invited to come together to renew our sacramental life as part of our preparation for and celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025. Our first step in formation will focus on Sacrament and Liturgy.



**Friday 6th September** 4.00pm - 6.30pm OR **Saturday 7th September** 9.30am - 12.00pm,  
The Library, ASC St Peter's Campus, 9 Free Church St Maitland. RSVP by Monday 2nd September via Phone 0249338918 or scan the QR code

### How would this help me with my ministry?

2024 is the Year of Prayer declared by Pope Francis as the preparation for next year's Jubilee. Jubilee is a time to step out of the busyness of life and take time for renewal. The Regional Leadership discerned that the best focus for our renewal would be sacrament and liturgy. In our formation journey we will be doing the work of Jubilee as we reflect together on our Catholic understanding and appreciation of the notion of sacrament and the nature of liturgy. This will be the essential foundation for further opportunities which focus on specific liturgical ministries where insights and questions can be shared and explored. If you are a member of any group within the Maitland region it would be of great benefit for you to attend. If you are a teacher within our Catholic School System, this formation could be included in your accreditation to work, teach and lead.

**ACTiv8 Youth Group** runs weekly during the school term at St Joseph's, East Maitland, from 5pm to 7pm and Wednesdays: Holy Family Church Hall, Largs, from 5.30pm to 7pm. Contact [rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au)

## Message regarding Fr Camillus Nwahia's Appointment

Fr Camillus is on-loan to the Military Ordinariate for a 3 year period. He has been enlisted into the Royal Australian Air Force and has commenced his 3 month basic training at the Officer Training College in East Sale, Victoria. He will then be posted to an Air Force base in Australia to begin his military chaplaincy. Please keep Fr Camillus in your prayers.

**Tap and Go** eftpos machine now available for donations in the centre aisle of the East Maitland Church.

If you or a loved one would like **Home Communion** please call the parish office on 49338918 or email [chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)

**Craft Group** each Monday in the Therry Centre from 9.30am - 12pm. All are welcome.  
Phone: Marie 4933 5840 or Jo 4936 1326.

**Bible Study for families** 6pm Tuesdays in the Prayer Room of the East Maitland Church.

## PIETY STALL AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH EAST MAITLAND Is opened this weekend after all weekend Masses.

Marion will be away Sundays in September if you can help with the stall please contact Marion 0412811759

## Perpetual Day of Remembrance

September 15, promulgated as a 'Perpetual Day of Remembrance' in our diocese, marks a day of solemn remembrance of the harm caused by a history of child sexual abuse and failure to protect children. It has two aspects: one focused on supporting survivors and the other on the prayer of the whole church.

**Crossing Cultures: Hidden Histories Day** 31/08/2024 at the Therry Centre from 8:30am to 3:30pm for a Hidden Histories cultural awareness day. Participants will deepen their knowledge and understanding of the cultural perspectives and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, broadly and in our local communities. \$10pp light lunch. Bookings essential via Eventbrite <https://CCHH24.eventbrite.com.au>  
For more information contact Helen on 043 933 4000.

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

#### **Tues 27th August** (*St Monica*)

**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

#### **Wed 28th August** (*St Augustine, bishop, doctor*)

**7.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

#### **Thurs 29th August** (*The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr*)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

#### **Fri 30th August**

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

#### **Sat 31st August** (*Mass of Virgin Mary*)

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

#### **Sun 1st September**

**9.00am** Mass - Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)  
**9.30am** Latin Mass - St John the Baptist Oratory (Cathedral St Maitland)

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY

#### **Mon 26th August**

**9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**5.00pm** Rosary, St Paul's, Rutherford

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**9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland  
**7.00pm** Marian Movement of Priests Rosary 2 Erin Close Ashtonfield

#### **Fri 30th August**

**7.30am**  
**9.30am** Adoration, St Joseph's, EM  
Prayer of the Church,  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

#### **Sat 31st August**

**5.30pm** Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times