



**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

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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**

**Psalm 118:137, 124**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 35:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming, the retribution  
of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be  
opened, the ears of the deaf  
unsealed, then the lame shall leap  
like a deer and the tongues of the  
dumb sing for joy; for water gushes  
in the desert, streams in the  
wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1**

**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for  
ever, who is just to those who are  
oppressed. It is he who gives bread  
to the hungry, the Lord, who sets  
prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the  
blind, who raises up those who are  
bound down, the Lord who loves the  
just, the Lord, who protects the  
stranger. (R.)

The Lord upholds the widow and  
orphan, but thwarts the path of the  
wicked. The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

#### **Second Reading**

**James 2:1-5**

A reading from the letter of St James  
*Has not God chosen the poor of the  
world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine  
faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified  
Lord, with the making of distinctions  
between classes of people. Now

suppose a man comes into your  
synagogue, beautifully dressed and  
with a gold ring on, and at the same  
time a poor man comes in, in shabby  
clothes, and you take notice of the  
well-dressed man, and say, 'Come  
this way to the best seats'; then you  
tell the poor man, 'Stand over there'  
or 'You can sit on the floor by my  
foot-rest.' Can't you see that you  
have used two different standards in  
your mind, and turned yourselves  
into judges, and corrupt judges at  
that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was  
those who are poor according to the  
world that God chose, to be rich in  
faith and to be the heirs to the  
kingdom which he promised to those  
who love him.

**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 Mark 7:31-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark

*He makes the deaf hear and the  
dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre,  
Jesus went by way of Sidon towards  
the sea of Galilee, right through the  
Decapolis region. And they brought  
him a deaf man who had an  
impediment in his speech; and they  
asked him to lay his hand on him. He  
took him aside in private, away from  
the crowd, put his fingers into the  
man's ears and touched his tongue  
with spittle. Then looking up to  
heaven he sighed; and he said to  
him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be  
opened.' And his ears were opened,  
and the ligament of his tongue was  
loosened and he spoke clearly. And  
Jesus ordered them to tell no one  
about it, but the more he insisted, the  
more widely they published it. Their  
admiration was unbounded. 'He has  
done all things well,' they said 'he  
makes the deaf hear and the dumb  
speak.'

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

## REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis draws our attention to an interesting aspect of today's Gospel passage. 'The first thing Jesus does,' the Pope notes, 'is take the man far from the crowd.'

The Pope suggests that in doing so Jesus 'doesn't want to publicise this deed he intends to carry out.' Jesus avoids turning the incident into a self-promotion exercise. His focus remains on the man concerned.

On another occasion, the Pope says that this incident shows that Jesus 'does not want to impress people; He is not seeking popularity or success, but wishes only to do good to people. With this attitude, He teaches us that good is to be done without clamour, without ostentation.'

'The lesson we can take from this episode,' the Pope affirms, 'is that God is not closed in on himself, but instead he opens himself and places himself in communication with humanity.'

With that in mind, we can reflect on what it means for us. 'Jesus revealed to us the secret of a miracle that we too can imitate,' the Pope suggests. By 'becoming protagonists of "Ephphatha"' we can be the ones who open the world to Jesus. We should always be conscious of the needs of others. In doing so, we might just open their hearts and minds to Jesus.

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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 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.
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## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

**Celebrant:** With true faith of the goodness of God, let us place our prayers before Him knowing that He knows our many needs.

### Prayer leader:

Heavenly Father, guide Pope Francis, the Bishops and Priests who pledged to take the place of Your Disciples here on earth to spread the words of Your Gospel and keep the faith alive.

Lord in Your love. . . . **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all countries of the world: may the leaders be filled with compassion and social justice prevail, especially those who are in times of war and unrest.

Lord in Your love. . . **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God You are our father and the hope of the world, strengthen our minds with the words of the Gospel open our ears and hearts to care for those who are in need.

Lord in Your love. . . **Hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord keep us mindful of those around us that they may feel safe and cared for every day.

Lord in Your love. . . **Hear our prayer.**

Through our Blessed Mother of God, we pray that all children will be protected. May our loving Jesus make them a place of safe refuge where they find comfort and love so they can grow to love Him.

Lord in Your love. . . . **Hear our prayer.**

For those who are not well: may they feel the comfort of Your love, knowing that You are with them on their journey.

Lord in Your love. . . . **Hear our prayer.**

May those who have died recently, especially Don Bailey, Lisa Brunner, Francisco De Deus, Maria De Deus, Bernie Johnson, Joan Kearns and Bernard O'Brien, share the risen life of Jesus and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

Lord in Your love. . . . **Hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Lord God, you are our Father and the hope of the world. Grant that we may work, live and pray as Your sons and daughters. We ask this through Christ our lord.

**Communion Antiphon** Cf Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**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***

Don Bailey, Lisa Brunner, Francisco Manuel De Deus, Maria Fatima De Deus, Bernie Johnson,  
Joan Kearns (ACT), Bernard O'Brien

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

Raymond Francis Belcher, Apolonia Cabrera, Joan Cahill, Florence & Andrew Collins,  
Kathleen & Mervyn Collins, Ellen & Len Collins, John Edmonds, Joseph Edmonds, Margaret Edmonds,  
Ramon Eugenio, Andrew Ferry, Bryan Hornery, Brian Humphreys, Margaret Jacka, Basil Keating,  
Thelma Keating, Fay Margaret Lawler, Constantino Marquez, Pam & Bill McFadyen, Allan Mooney,  
Joy Taylor, Rhodora Virtusio, Sarah Wand, Veronica Warby

***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, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Dianne Fryer,  
Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips,  
Jenny Ribeyro, Ireneo Del Rosario, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, William (Bill) Temperley,  
Crystal Towers, Ruth Warner, John Williams, 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***

Tyral Shannon Reid-White, Mckenzie Poppy Wade, Dawson Anthony Willis

**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.

We would like to thank our wonderful Sacramental Team for their dedication and hard work in guiding our children through their sacramental journey. We appreciate the time they take to ensure the children and parents feel prepared and supported through the process.

**EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR**  
 St Joseph's East Maitland  
 Saturday September 14th 2024 8.30AM-9.30AM  
 (FOLLOWING 8AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S)  
 EXPOSITION, BENEDICTION, ROSARY AND CONFESSION  
 JOIN US IN INTERCEDING FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD

**Perpetual Day of Remembrance** September 15, promulgated as a 'Perpetual Day of Remembrance' in our diocese. On this Sunday the Diocese have set readings which will be different to the usual Sunday readings.

On Friday evening and Saturday morning, our region hosted a "Forming the Sacramental Life of the Church" formation session. We were pleased to have 60 registrations and hope that those who attended found the experience enriching and meaningful.

On Wednesday 4 September the **St Bede's Catholic College** community celebrated the official blessing and opening of the Marian and McAuley buildings. This ceremony marked the completion of the learning spaces, and it was wonderful to have Bishop Michael Kennedy and Fr George Anthicad celebrate with us and bless the buildings.

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)

**Most Reverend Michael Kennedy Silver Jubilee**  
 In thanksgiving to God for 25 years of priestly service  
 14 August 1999-2024

O God, grant that Michael and all those called by your Son to priestly ministry may be ardent yet gentle preachers of the Gospel and faithful stewards of your mysteries, through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 (From the Roman Missal)

As part of National Child Protection Week, agencies, schools, and parishes were invited to decorate a space that reflects their unique commitment to children's safety and well-being, aligned with this year's theme:

*"Every conversation matters."*

The ACTiv8 Youth Group took the initiative to decorate a space within Largs Hall. Thank you to the youth group volunteers and children for their creative contributions in raising awareness. Together, we are ensuring that conversations remain open, fostering safe and inclusive spaces where our children feel supported and valued.

### Safeguarding—Volunteer Information

**Volunteering with Children:** If you plan to work in a ministry involving contact with children, please contact the parish office to complete the necessary volunteer documentation.

**Working with Children Check:** To apply for or update your Working with Children Check number, follow the link provided.  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-working-with-children-check>

Remember to inform the parish office once your check number is updated.

**Visitor Sign-In:** Ensure you sign in using the visitor registers when entering the church sacristies.

**Reporting Concerns:** If you have concerns about the safety of a child or a vulnerable person, please contact the Office of Safeguarding at 02 4979 1390.

Piety stall will be only open on Saturday evenings at St Joseph's East Maitland throughout September. Thank you.

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Mon 9th September** (St Peter Claver, priest)

**Tues 10th September**

**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass,  
 Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

**Wed 11th September**

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

**Thurs 12th September**

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

**6.00pm** Syro-Malabar Mass,  
 Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

**Fri 13th September** (St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor)

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

**Sat 14th September** (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

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

**Sun 15th September**

**9.00am** Mass - Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

**9.30am** Latin Mass - St John the Baptist Oratory  
 (Cathedral St Maitland. Confessions from 8.45am)

### PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

**Mon 9th September**

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

**5.00pm** Rosary, St Paul's, Rutherford

**Tues 10th September**

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 St Joseph's, East Maitland

**6.00pm** Bible Study for families, Prayer Room  
 St Joseph's East Maitland

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 St Joseph's East Maitland

**7.00pm** Marian Movement of Priests Rosary  
 2 Erin Close Ashtonfield

**Fri 13th September**

**7.30am** Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

**9.30am** Prayer of the Church,  
 Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

**Sat 14th September**

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

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times