



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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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 Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are  
established, and there is none that  
can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the  
heaven and the earth, and all that is  
held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

## 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

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

*They were two in one flesh.*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that  
the man should be alone. I will make  
him a helpmate.' So from the soil the  
Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts  
and all the birds of heaven. These he  
brought to the man to see what he  
would call them, each one was to bear  
the name the man would give it. The  
man gave names to all the cattle, all  
the birds of heaven and all the wild  
beasts. But no helpmate suitable for  
man was found for him. So the Lord  
God made the man fall into a deep  
sleep. And while he slept, he took one  
of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The  
Lord God built the rib he had taken  
from the man into a woman, and  
brought her to the man. The man  
exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from  
my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this  
was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father  
and mother and joins himself to his  
wife, and they become one body.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127. R. v.5

**(R.) May the Lord bless us all the  
days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways! By the labour of  
your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem all the days of  
your life! May you see your children's  
children. On Israel, peace! (R.)

## Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the  
Hebrews

*He who sanctifies, and those who are  
sanctified have one origin.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a  
short while made lower than the  
angels and is now crowned with glory  
and splendour because he submitted  
to death; by God's grace he had to  
experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great  
many of his sons into glory, it was  
appropriate that God, for whom  
everything exists and through whom  
everything exists, should make  
perfect, through suffering, the leader  
who would take them to their  
salvation. For the one who sanctifies,  
and the ones who are sanctified, are  
of the same stock; that is why he  
openly calls them brothers.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** If we love one  
another, God will live in us in perfect  
love. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to  
Mark

*What God has joined together, no one must  
divide.*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus  
and asked, 'Is it against the law for a  
man to divorce his wife?' They were  
testing him. He answered them, 'What  
did Moses command you?' 'Moses  
allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ  
of dismissal and so to divorce.'

' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

**The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness. We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

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**Dianne Bergant CSA** was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of The Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

<p><b>The Apostles Creed</b> I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, <i>(all bow)</i> who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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;</p>	<p>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.</p>
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**UNIVERSAL PRAYERS**

**Celebrant:** Brothers and Sisters, we are called to live as community, with the confidence of little children. With true faith we now place our needs before God .

**Prayer leader**

For God's great family, the Church: that our Blessed Mother Mary will guide our anointed leaders to be true fathers to all God's children.

**We pray . . . . . Lord, hear us.**

For the family of nations: that all people find a place to call home especially for those who are on the brink of despair, may they feel God's blessing of peace.

**We pray . . . Lord, hear us.**

For our Chisholm Region: that we become one community of faith and support one another as we gather to celebrate our Faith in the Eucharist.

**We pray. . . Lord, hear us**

For all married couples, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide them in their journey of life with the blessings of faithfulness and true love.

**We pray . . . . . Lord, hear us.**

Lord, we place in your hands our young people who are preparing to sit for their final exams in the coming weeks. May the holy Spirit inspire them at this important time of their lives.

**We pray . . . . Lord, hear us.**

We ask for comfort and peace of mind to those who are not well, may they feel the presence of God in their trials.

**We pray . . . . Lord, hear us.**

For those who have died recently, including Margaret Bunt, John Condon, Bernie Johnson and Clem O'Brien. May they now rest in the loving presence of our God.

**We pray. . . . Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** With Our Lady of the Rosary, we glorify your name as you have done great things for us. Deepen in us the hope of eternal life for Holy is Your Name as 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.

**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** Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

Margaret Bunt, John Condon, Bernie Johnson, Clem O'Brien

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

Kim Adams, Barbie Bourke, Apolonia M. Cabrera, Kathleen Grant, Thomas Francis Grogan, Mavis Hoadley, Loreta V Lastimosa, John Robinson (Pasty), Pio E. Villaver, Remegia L. Villaver, Milton (Stony) Warby

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

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Chloe Judith Carmody, Frank Carmody, Judy Mary Carmody, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Dianne Fryer, Reg Glover, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Michael Lockyer, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, 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***

Samuel Edward Alexander, Charli Rose Davies, Amelia Mary Ellis, Andrea Gonzales, Daisy Anna Saunders

***We pray for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)  
Candidates and Catechumens***

Cassandra Bendeich, Brett Blake, Natasha Clements, Nicola Gaffel, Trevor Kerr, Siu Ngatuvai, Saugat Pandeya, Natasha Potts, Ted Purdy, Zoe Sexton, Tryone Smith, Amit Taylor, Skye Thompson, Anne Watts, Renee Wilcher

**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**

Due to the public holiday on Monday the Parish Office will be closed to the public on Tuesday 8th October.



### Step One: Sacrament and Liturgy Repeat Session

All members of the faithful are warmly invited to come together to begin a journey focused on renewing our Sacramental life. We will be exploring the church's rich and deep understanding of sacrament and liturgy. **Wednesday Oct 16, 2024 4pm-6.30pm** at the Library, ASC St Peter's Campus Hunter St Maitland RSVP Fri Oct 11 via online form; scan QR code or Phone 49338918.



### Step Two of Sacramental Life Formation Ministering at Two Tables Word and Sacrament

Sat, October 26 or Tues, November 5, 2024, (8:45am arrival for a 9am Mass start, concluding at 3:30pm), Immaculate Conception Church & Corcoran Centre, Morpeth.  
**RSVP** By 5pm, Friday, October 18 (for the October session) By 5pm, Wednesday, October 30 (for the November session)  
 RSVP via online form (scan QR code) or phone 02 4933 8918. **This session is open to those who have completed Step One.**  
**Facilitators:** Fr Andrew Doohan & Louise Gannon rsj



**Catholic Mission Appeal** collection will take place on the weekend of World Mission Sunday (October 19/20)

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)

**Piety stall** is open Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening at St. Joseph's East Maitland after each Mass.

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

**EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR** St Joseph's East Maitland, Saturday October 12th 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.

"..... **TRUE PEACE COMES ONLY THROUGH PRAYER....**"

(MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 WITH ECCLESIASTICAL APPROVAL)

**Save the Date** The Diocese of Maitland / Newcastle Catholic Women's League will be holding their annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 14th November at St Paul's Church Rutherford at 12pm followed by lunch.

**Stay Connected with Our Parish on Facebook!** Did you know our region has a Facebook page? Follow us to stay updated on parish events, announcements, and community activities. It's a great way to stay connected with our parish family throughout the week. Just search for **Maitland Catholic Parishes of the Chisholm Pastoral Region** on Facebook and join our online community today!

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

**Regional Memorial Liturgy** will be held at St Joseph's East Maitland on Wednesday 6th Nov at 6pm.



Join us for our **3rd Annual Pet Blessing** Tuesday 22nd October from 4.00pm for photo opportunities 4.30pm for the blessing at St Joseph's East Maitland

We invite you to a special Pet Blessing Ceremony to celebrate the furry, feathered, and finned members of our families. Bring your beloved pets, big or small, and join us for a meaningful blessing.

**All are welcome!**

To ensure the safety and comfort of all attendees please remember to keep your pets restrained with leashes, carriers or other appropriate means.

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Mon 7th October** (*Our Lady of the Rosary*)

**Tues 8th October**

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

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

**Wed 9th October** (*St Denis, bishop, martyr, and companions, martyrs, St John Leonardi, priest*)

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

**Thurs 10th October**

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

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

**Fri 11th October** (*St John XXIII, pope*)

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

**Sat 12th October**

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

**Sun 13th October**

**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 7th October**

**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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St Joseph's East Maitland  
**7.00pm** Marian Movement of Priests Rosary  
 2 Erin Close Ashtonfield

**Fri 11th October**

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

**Sat 12th October**

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

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times