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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 8.00am.

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 Anthicad
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Funeral Ministry:

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Rebecca Piefke & Louise Gilchrist
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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 Isaiah 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you
heavens, and let the clouds rain
down the Just One; let the earth be
opened and bring forth a Saviour.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule
over Israel.*

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem
Ephrathah, the least of the clans of
Judah, out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant
past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to
abandon them till the time when she
who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will
come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord, with the
majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then
on he will extend his power to the
ends of the land. He himself will be
peace.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be
saved.**

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim
throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

(R.)

May your hand be on the man you
have chosen, the man you have
given your strength. And we shall
never forsake you again: give us life
that we may call upon your name.

(R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming
into the world: You who wanted no
sacrifice or oblation, prepared a
body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts
or sacrifices for sin; then I said,
just as I was commanded in the
scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I
am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not
want what the Law lays down as the
things to be offered, that is: the
sacrifices, the oblations, the
holocausts and the sacrifices for sin,
and you took no pleasure in them;
and then he says: Here I am! I am
coming to obey your will. He is
abolishing the first sort to replace it
with the second. And this will was for
us to be made holy by the offering of
his body made once and for all by
Jesus Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with
a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as
she could to a town in the hill
country of Judah. She went into
Zechariah's house and greeted
Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth
heard Mary's greeting, the child
leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was
filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a
loud cry and said, 'Of all women you
are the most blessed, and blessed is
the fruit of your womb. Why should I
be honoured with a visit from the
mother of my Lord? For the moment
your greeting reached my ears, the
child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes,
blessed is she who believed that the
promise made her by the Lord would
be fulfilled.'

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

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow)
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;

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Presider: Heavenly Father, we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus at this Christmas time. We pray that we may come to a fuller knowledge of Your presence in our lives as we come to You in prayer with our needs.

Prayer Leader

For the leaders of our Church: may the Holy Spirit show them the way to enlighten God's people to the immense love that He has for His children, give them the voice to sing Your praise here on earth.

We pray. . . . Lord hear us

For peace in our world, especially in the birth land of Jesus: that all leaders will come to know the sacredness of human life.

We pray. . . Lord hear us

We pray through our Blessed Mother Mary that she will give the wisdom to all families to reach out to the love of Jesus in their times of trouble.

We pray. . . Lord hear us

May we all have a special encounter with Christ in this Advent season as we journey towards our God and bring His love to all those who we meet.

We pray. . . Lord hear us

For those who travel this holiday time; that they may safely reach their destinations, and return to their communities.

We pray. . . Lord hear us.

We pray for all who are unwell and for all those who are lonely and sad this Christmas.

We pray. . . . Lord hear us

For our loved ones who have gone before us including Edan Kringle, Joel Perkins, Malcolm McNaughton, Marie Scarr with the hope of eternal life. May they find peace in the loving arms of our Saviour.

We pray.... Lord hear us

Presider: Lord God, as Christmas draws near, we bring these prayers before you, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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We pray those who have died this week

Edan Kringle, Joel Perkins, Malcolm McNaughton, Marie Scarr

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Cliff Allen, Nora Allen, Marjorie and Tony Donnellan, Emilia Carandang,
Lola Eagar (Raymond Terrace), Estella Eugenio, Ricardo Eugenio, John Gordon,
Robyn and Bertram Kringle, Florencia Landayan, James Locke, Jamie Marquez, Noel Francis Mills,
Sr Andrea Myers rsj, Mary and James Riordan, Joe Slupik, Guillermo Ona,
Ivy O'Neill, Loreto Sunga, Reggie Tobin, Aleta Way, Harry Wilson

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Jan Armstrong, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Ian - Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett,
Ron Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Chloe Judith Carmody, Judy Mary Carmody, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton,
Dianne Fryer, Reg Glover, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Margaret King,
Michael Lockyer, Brian Perrin, Marie Petersen, Jen Phillips, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing,
William (Bill) Temperley, Crystal Towers, Arlo John Vandermeer, Rosalinda Vicente, 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)

We pray for those who will be baptised

Myles Stephani Lee Begg

We pray for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Candidates and Catechumens

Cassandra Bendeich, Brett Blake, Natasha Clements, Nicola Gaffel, Kurt Hayes, Trevor Kerr,
Siu Ngatuvai, Saugat Pandeya, Natasha Potts, Ted Purdy, Zoe Sexton, Tyrone Smith,
Aminata C. Taylor, Daniel Taylor, Skye Thompson, Anne Watts, Renee Wilcher

Christmas Mass Times 2024

 **Christmas Vigils Tuesday 24th December**

- ✠ 5.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland
- ✠ 5.30pm St Bede's Catholic College Chisholm (24A Heritage Drive Chisholm)
- ✠ 6.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- ✠ 6.30pm Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

 **Midnight Mass Wednesday 25th December**

- ✠ 12.00am St Joseph's, East Maitland

 **Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December**

- ✠ 7.15am Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
- ✠ 8.00am St Paul's, Rutherford
- ✠ 8.00am Holy Family, Largs
- ✠ 8.30am St Joseph's, East Maitland
- ✠ 9.30am St Patrick, Lochinvar
- ✠ 9.30am St Columba's Paterson

Campbell's Hill Church Re-Opening

We are excited to announce that **Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill Church** will reopen this weekend after two years of extensive repair work. This has only been possible due to the generosity, hard work, prayer, and dedication of our parishioners, who tirelessly fundraised to ensure the church could be reopened. A special thank you to Fr. George for his ongoing support, guidance, and encouragement throughout this process. We would like to extend our thanks to the builders for their hard work and dedication to this project.

Preparing for the Jubilee Year Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "Pilgrims of Hope", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. A Jubilee is a special and profound year of grace, mercy and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years. The Jubilee of 2025 will commence on 29 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and runs to 6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door. The Jubilee Year will be marked by a number of diocesan events, bringing our community together in prayer, celebration, and fellowship. One of the key events will be a **Jubilee Launch on Sunday, 2nd March 2025** including a Pilgrimage, Mass and Festival. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a diocese to celebrate and share in the joy of this holy time. Further details about the Jubilee Year events will be shared in the coming weeks. Let us begin to prepare our hearts for this sacred time and pray for the blessings it will bring to our communities.

Funeral Ministry – Helpers Needed

The Funeral Ministry is seeking people to assist with **handing out booklets** and **setting up the church** for funerals. This is a meaningful and fulfilling way to support grieving families and serve our parish community. Contact the Parish Office for more information 0249338918

Parish Office Closure: The Parish office will be closed from 1:00pm on Christmas Eve and will reopen to the public on January 7, 2025. For anointing of the sick, please contact 0428 017 273. If anyone passes away and you need to contact the funeral ministry, please call 0428 220 997.

Bishop Michael Kennedy's Christmas Message.
Below is the YouTube link to view.

[Bishop Michael Kennedy Christmas message 2024](#)

Volunteers from St Joseph's and the Immaculate Conception are required for bag collection during 2025. The bag with the weekly bulletins and other correspondence is collected each Friday from the Parish office and dropped off at the relevant church. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible if you can assist to enable us to prepare and send out the roster before Christmas.

Please note time change

The **New Years Day Mass** at **Holy Family church Largs** will be at 5.00pm.

Piety stall is closed until the 1st weekend in February 2025
Thank you for your support over the past year.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

The Penitential Act

51 The Priest calls upon the whole community to take part in the Penitential Act, which, after a brief pause for silence, it does by means of a formula of general confession. The rite concludes with the Priest's absolution, which, however, lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance. From time to time on Sundays, especially in Easter Time, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of Baptism.

Cf. Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 54; Sacred Congregation of Rites, Instruction, Inter Oecumenici, 26 September 1964, no. 59: Acta Apostolicae Sedis 56 (1964), p. 891; Instruction, Musicam sacram, 5 March 1967, no. 47: Acta Apostolicae Sedis 59 (1967), p. 314.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 24th December

See inside the bulletin for Christmas Eve Mass Times

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

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Wed 25th December (The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas)

See inside the bulletin for Christmas Day Mass Times

~~7.00pm~~ Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 26th December (St Stephen, the first martyr)

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

6.00pm Syro-Malabar Mass,
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Fri 27th December (St John, apostle, evangelist)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 28th December (The Holy Innocents, martyrs)

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

Sun 29th December (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

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 23rd December

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 24th December

~~9.30am-10.30am~~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

St Joseph's, East Maitland

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

Wed 25th December

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

Thurs 26th December

~~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 **PH: 0449762976**

Fri 27th December

~~7.30am~~ Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
~~9.30am~~ Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
Resuming 7/2/2025

Sat 28th December

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield