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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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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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
(all bow)
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

Celebrant: Almighty God, hear our prayers as we call on You in times of trouble. Do not let us lose heart in Your word.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for Pope Francis, that he may receive special blessings during this time of poor health. May God renew him with strength of body and soul so that he may continue to enlighten us with his words of faith. We pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our Church; Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and all who serve You in their ministries, may they be guided with wisdom and strength as they care for the Faithful. We pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

In this Jubilee Year, may we look to the future with faith and hope, trusting in our loving God. We pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For all gathered here as we begin our Lenten journey, may we have true repentance in mind and heart. We pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have gathered to share in the Holy Eucharist, may they experience the greatness and majesty of God's true presence and be filled with peace and joy. We pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick and suffering. Grant them the grace they need in their time of trouble, and may they find the peace of Jesus in their midst. We pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, including Neil Thomas and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rejoice in their resurrection in the company of Jesus and all the saints. We pray... Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving Father, we place our prayers before You, trusting in the strength You give us through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

We pray those who have recently died

Neil Thomas

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Marcia and Barry Callinan, Michael Carter, Stella O'Brien, Jan Stefan Orłowski, John Orłowski, Gwendoline (Gwen) Richards, Nick Sawyer, Noel Smith, Michael Tobin, Peter Turnbull

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Reg Glover, Terry Hickey, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Margaret King, David Latimore, Michael Lockyer, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, William (Bill) Temperley, Crystal Towers, Arlo John Vandermeer, Rosalinda Vicente, John Williams, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be baptised

Charlie Daniel Gossip, Isabelle Patricia Jarvis, Lochlan Maxwell Jarvis, Alivia Macy Manning, Eliana Ivy Manning, Luella Isla Manning, Alfie Thomas, Chelsea Thomas, Max Thomas, Alixandra Joy Wilson, Finley Van Wilson

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, Skye Thompson, Anne Watts, Renee Wilcher



10 February 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Re: Jubilee Year Places of Pilgrimage and Indulgences

As we journey together during the Jubilee Year, I encourage you to become familiar with the Papal Bull of Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*- "Hope does not disappoint". This year provides an opportunity for personal and communal renewal and calls us to be "tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardship of any kind" (*Spes non confundit*, 10).

As part of this renewal, it is customary during years of Jubilee for the Church to make indulgences available for the faithful. Indulgences are gifts of grace of God's mercy and can be acquired through pilgrimage, visiting sacred places and works of mercy. These indulgences are outlined by the Apostolic Penitentiary for the 2025 Jubilee Year.

When making a pilgrimage or visiting a designated diocesan church of pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year the faithful will be able to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence. As I have already communicated, the following churches are our Places of Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle:

- Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West
- St Mary Star of the Sea, Newcastle
- St John the Baptist Shrine, Maitland
- St Joseph's, East Maitland
- St Joseph's, Murrurundi
- Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace, Scone
- Saints Patrick & Brigid, Cooranbong
- Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree

All pilgrims who comply with the usual conditions for an indulgence ie. receive the Sacrament of Penance, attend Mass, receive the Most Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (all preferably on the same day or otherwise close to the day) will receive a full Jubilee Indulgence upon pilgrimage to any of the churches designated above

In addition, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence through spiritual exercises, formation and engaging in the corporal works of mercy according to the usual spiritual, sacramental and prayer conditions.

May this Holy Year be marked by a hope that does not fade and spreads to all who need it in our world.
Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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Project Compassion Sunday 1st and 2nd of March This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. **Please donate today.** You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413**

Ash Wednesday Mass Times : see the weekday Mass roster below. Please note there will be no Mass at Largs.

Potential Cathedral Changes Being Considered There will be a briefing and feedback session regarding the Bishops Crypt on **11 March** at 10am or 6pm in the Victor Peters Suite at Newcastle West. The link to the info is [Potential Cathedral Changes Being Considered | Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

Craft Group Monday's, Therry Centre 9.30am - 12pm. Morning Tea Provided. Just turn up or Phone: Joanne 4936 1326.

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

Votive Candle Stand East Maitland: We can all help to keep this candle stand clean by not blowing out the candles that are left burning in the stand. The stand is designed to safely extinguish the candles as they burn down and remove the left over wax. This wax is removed and disposed of during the regular maintenance program. Thank you.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER	
Tues 4th March (<i>St Casimir</i>)	
5.30pm	Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm	Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
Wed 5th March (<i>Ash Wednesday</i>)	
7.00am	Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
9.00am	Mass, St Paul's Primary School Cola <i>All Welcome</i>
7.00pm	Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
Thurs 6th March	
7.00am	Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm	Syro-Malabar Mass, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
Fri 7th March (<i>Autumn Ember Day</i>)	
7.00am	Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland
Sat 8th March (<i>Collect of St John of God, religious</i>) optional	
8.00am	Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Sun 9th March	
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)

Rite of Election – Sunday 9 March The Rite of Election on Sunday 9 March 2025 is an opportunity to welcome all catechumens who will be baptised in their parishes at the Easter Vigil [a catechumen is an unbaptised person whose search for meaning has brought them to the Catholic Church. Please join in witness and prayerful support of those who choose to be Catholic within this Jubilee Year of Hope. It starts at 2.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West, followed by afternoon tea. RSVP for catering to E_mission@mn.catholic.org.au. Enquiries to Fiona P 0408 895 951.

Burning of the Palms Liturgy & Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday Join us after Youth Mass this Tuesday, 4th March at 6:15pm at St Joseph's East Maitland for a special Burning of the Palms Liturgy. **Please bring your blessed palms for the ceremonial burning**, and stick around afterwards for some delicious pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

World Day of Prayer 2025 – “I Made You Wonderful” Friday, 7th March 2025 Host Country: Cook Islands Join us for a day of hope, unity, and prayer as we gather with the churches of our area to celebrate the World Day of Prayer. Whether you're looking for an inspiring start to your day or a reflective evening service, there's an event for you!
10:00am: Ecumenical Service at East Maitland Uniting Church 35 William Street, East Maitland (Morning tea to follow)
10:30am Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield (Morning tea to follow)
11.00am St James Anglican, Morpeth
7:00pm St Paul's, Rutherford (Supper to follow)

Join us as we go through the **Catechism In A Year** program by Fr Mike Schmitz every 2nd Sunday in St Joseph's East Maitland Prayer Room after the 8.30am Mass. Next session Sunday 16th March.

Piety stall at St Joseph's East Maitland Church will be opened after each mass. new stock, bibles and children's books available.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY	
Mon 3rd March	
9.30am-10.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
5.00pm	Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
Tues 4th March	
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 5th March	
9.30am-10.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Thurs 6th March	
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 7th March	
7.30am	Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am	Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
Sat 8th March	
5.30pm	Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes , Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times