



**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**  
**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

**Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18**

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1**

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
 whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
 before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
 have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:  
 'Seek his face.' **(R.)**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,  
 hide not your face.  
 Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
 you have been my help. **(R.)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
 in the land of the living.  
 Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
 Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue  
 him; protect him for he knows my name.  
 When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with  
 you.' I will save him in distress and give  
 him glory. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

**Philippians 3:17 - 4:1**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

**Luke 9:28-36**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the

Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that

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

**REFLECTION by Nick Brodie**

Pope Francis draws our attention to Peter, James and John. Understandably weary, they were struggling against sleep and almost missed the Transfiguration entirely!

'The drowsiness of the three disciples appears to be a discordant note', the Pope muses. These three disciples later fall asleep at Gethsemane! 'This sleepiness in such important moments is surprising', the Pope remarks.

In this regard, the apostles can help us think about Lent. 'It is a period', the Pope suggests, 'in which God wants to awaken us from our inner lethargy, from this sleepiness that does not let the Spirit express itself.' In their sleepiness these apostles make good role models for us. Despite their exhaustion, they remained open to the working of Grace. 'We might think', the Pope says, 'that it was the light of Jesus that reawakened them.'

'Like them, we too are in need of God's light,' the Pope affirms. And that light, he adds, 'makes us see things in a different way: it attracts us, it reawakens us, it reignites our desire and strength to pray, to look within ourselves, and to dedicate time to others.'

We might sometimes feel sleepy, in faith as in work, but we can still be witnesses to the Transfiguration if we are really open to the light of Christ.

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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, *(all bow)*  
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.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

**Celebrant:** As we gather around this Eucharistic Table as the Lord's own family, we bring our prayers before our heavenly Father.

**Prayer Leader:**

We pray to the Holy Spirit: for our Holy Father Pope Francis, to give him the strength he needs in this trying time, for Bishop Michael and our Priests and Deacons, that they be strengthened in their work for unity and peace among God's people.

Let us pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for peace in our world, that leaders of nations can work together to bring freedom from war and violence to all peoples.

Let us pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray to St Joseph to watch over our religious Sisters and keep them true to the vows that they have taken, in their dedicated life of prayer.

Let us pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those preparing for first Holy Communion: that they come to the Sacred Banquet with hearts ready to know the presence of their Lord and Saviour.

Let us pray. . . Lord hear our prayer.

For all gathered here, that through our observance of Lent, we may deepen our understanding of Christ's death and Resurrection and be better prepared to celebrate Easter.

Let us pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who are not well, especially those dear to us who are suffering from ill health, that they may know the healing of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

Let us pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

For all those who have died that we owe so much especially Reginald Jones and Valma McArthur that the Lord may reward them with a place in His Kingdom.

Let us pray. . . . Lord hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** God, our loving Father, in your kindness and compassion, hear and answer this prayer, we make through Christ our Lord.

***We pray those who have recently died***

Reginald Jones, Velma McArthur,

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

Darren Bailey, Leo Bunt, Kevin Bourke (ACT), Jonathan Cervený, Paul Dever, Janet Gamble,  
Mary Anne Gillis, Belinda Hamilton, Stanley John Shaw,

***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, Barbara Filas,  
Reg Glover, Terry Hickey, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Margaret King,  
David Latimore, Michael Lockyer, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Roberts family, 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***

Layla Jade Coleman, Grayson Michael Doyle, Elsie Christine Doyle, Violet Jayne Fitzpatrick,  
Luca James Heffernan, Kinsley Mae Howe, Heath David Winsor Okeefe, Effie Elizabeth Stainton,  
Harriet Terese Thompson, Maeve Gabrielle Williams

***We pray for The Elect and Candidates***

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

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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## Sacramental Program – Presentation of the Creed

This weekend, we warmly welcome the children and families who are journeying through our **Sacramental Program**. During all Masses, these children will take part in the **Ritual of the Presentation of the Creed**, a special moment where they receive the words of our faith as they continue preparing for their Sacraments.

As a parish family, let's keep these children in our prayers and support them with our encouragement.

We are so glad to have them and their families with us!

## Bible and Prayer Group for families

6pm Tuesdays in the Prayer Room of the East Maitland Church, during school term.

## Catechism In A Year

Join us as we go through the 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.

## Craft Group

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

## Piety stall

St Joseph's East Maitland Church will be opened after each Mass. New stock, bibles and children's books available.

## Parish Office

The office will be closed on Tuesday 25th March until 2pm due to staff attending training offsite.

## Stations of the Cross

Will be held at St Joseph's East Maitland every Friday, 6.30pm during Lent.

## ACTiv8 Youth Groups

St Joseph's East Maitland on Tuesday's at 5:00pm and Holy Family Largs on Wednesday's 5:30pm. If you are interested in your child being involved and learning more about the catholic faith in an engaging environment scan the QR code below and a member of the Youth Ministry Team will reach out to you.



## Youth Mass and Canonization Celebration of Blessed Carlo Acutis

On April 27, 2025, the Chisholm region will host a youth-focused celebration in honor of Carlo Acutis' canonization, a momentous occasion in the Church's Jubilee Year. Carlo, a modern role model for young people, inspires us all through his deep faith and love for the Eucharist.

We invite you to a special Mass at 4:00 pm at St. Bede's Catholic College, Chisholm, with priests from the Hunter Deanery joining us in this sacred celebration. This Mass will be led entirely by our young people of the Hunter Deanery, showcasing their faith, dedication, and leadership. We encourage everyone to come and support them as we celebrate a saint who will shape the future of our youth. If your child would like to participate in any way, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Let's come together in faith and joy for this historic event!

## Anointing Mass

The Anointing Mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield, Friday 21st March, 10.00am. All welcome

## Caritas Australia

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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413



### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Monday 17th March** (*St Patrick, bishop*)

**Tues 18th March**

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

**Wed 19th March** (*St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

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

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

**Thurs 20th March**

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

**Fri 21st March**

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

**10.00am** Anointing Mass Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield

**Sat 22nd March**

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

**Sun 23rd 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

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

**Mon 17th March**

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

**5.00pm**

Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

**Tues 18th 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 19th March**

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

**Thurs 20th 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 21st March**

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

**9.00am**

Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

**Time change due to Anointing Mass**

**Sat 22nd March**

**5.30pm**

Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times