



**PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland**  
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm  
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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.

### **First Reading Exodus 17:1-7**

A reading from the book of Exodus

*He showed him water, that the people might drink.*

The whole community of the sons of Israel moved from their camp in the desert of Zin at the Lord's command, to travel the further stages; and they pitched camp at Rephidim where there was no water for the people to drink. So they grumbled against Moses. 'Give us water to drink' they said. Moses answered them. 'Why do you grumble against me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?' But tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

### **Second Reading Romans 5:1-2. 5-8**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through

Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### **Gospel John 4:5-42**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again:

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?'

' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat;' but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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

### 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.

**Celebrant:** May God's face shine in blessings on us as we make our prayer in faith and hope.

### Prayer Leader:

We pray with thanks for the return to health of Pope Francis. May he continue to improve and lead us in our faith.

In faith we pray... **hear us, O Lord.**

We pray for our Church, that the Holy Spirit may direct our leaders to proclaim the living waters of the Gospel to a world in need.

In faith we pray... **hear us, O Lord.**

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.

In faith we pray... **hear us, O Lord.**

We pray for those who thirst for peace and reconciliation in our world, that the Spirit may guide them in their untiring quest.

In faith we pray... **hear us, O Lord.**

As we celebrate the feast day of the Annunciation of the Lord on Tuesday, we ask our Holy Mother Mary to teach all our

families to resist temptations that come between us and the love of Jesus.

In faith we pray... **hear us, O Lord.**

Loving God, we lift up to you our brothers and sisters facing persecution for their faith. Grant them strength, courage, and perseverance in the face of adversity. We pray for their safety, their families, and for an end to violence and injustice.

In faith we pray... **hear us, O Lord.**

For those who have died recently including Bonifacio Andres, Airlie Montgomery, Eufronio Renido, Marianito Renido and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they live forever in the presence of the Lord.

In faith we pray... **hear us, O Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Lord, You pour out Your Spirit on us, the living water that wells up into eternal life. We thank You for Your wondrous gift; in the same Spirit, we make our prayers through Christ our Lord.

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

Bonifacio Andres, Airlie Montgomery (Nowra), Eufronio Renido, Marianito Renido

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

Delia Acosta, Romana Kauter, John Lear, Jaime Marquez, Marcelina Manalo,  
John Sheridan, Angela Sturmer, Edward Wright

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

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Ian-Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett,  
Ron Bartlett, Robert Dewsbury, Patrick Brennan, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Rita Clarin, 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***

Thomas James Callister, Eleanor Susan Maree Elwell, Reeve Jean Foley, Hudson Zach Galbraith,  
Elijah Arlo March, Pippa Florence Mcpherson, Sadie Belle Reynolds,  
Braxdon James Smith, Royce Vance Stashynsky,

***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

***We pray for those who are to be Married***

Roy Anthony Romano & Eles Jade Frangieh-Nencioni

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

## Pastoral Notes

Since the Year A gospels for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are of major importance in regard to Christian initiation, the readings of Year A can be used every year on these three Sundays. The Year A readings are particularly appropriate where there are Elect (Catechumens)

## Palm Sunday Preparation

We invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating Palm Sunday on the weekend of 12/13th April. We encourage you to bring your own palms and greenery to be blessed during the Mass.

## Altar Servers - East Maitland Triduum

The East Maitland Easter Triduum will be celebrated on April 17-19th this year. If you or your children would like to be an altar server, please email the parish office with your name and contact details by March 30th so we can be in touch regarding rehearsals. [chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au)

## Bible and Prayer Group for families

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

## Craft Group

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

## 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.

## Email Distribution

If you wish to be added to the parish distribution list please email [chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au). You will receive the bulletin each week plus other announcements.

## 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!

**Please note there will be no 6pm Mass on April 27th**

## Piety stall

St Joseph's East Maitland Church will be closed this weekend 22/23 March.

## 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 24th March

### Tues 25th March *(The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD)*

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

### Wed 26th March

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

### Thurs 27th March

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

### Fri 28th March

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

### Sat 29th March

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

### Sun 30th 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)

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

### Mon 24th March

**9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**5.00pm** Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

### Tues 25th 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 26th March

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

### Thurs 27th 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 28th March

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

### Sat 29th March

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

See front of bulletin for weekend Mass times