



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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Fr Priyantha Fernando,
Fr Anil Kuchipudi

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Safeguarding Promotors

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.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*They assembled the church and gave
an account of all that God had done with
them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through
Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put
fresh heart into the disciples,
encouraging them to persevere in the
faith. 'We all have to experience many
hardships' they said 'before we enter
the kingdom of God.' In each of these
churches they appointed elders, and
with prayer and fasting they
commended them to the Lord in whom
they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and
reached Pamphylia. Then after
proclaiming the word at Perga they went
down to Attalia and from there sailed for
Antioch, where they had originally been
commended to the grace of God for the
work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the
church and gave an account of all that
God had done with them, and how he
had opened the door of faith to the
pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse

*He will wipe away all the tears from their
eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new
earth; the first heaven and the first earth
had disappeared now, and there was no
longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and
the new Jerusalem, coming down from
God out of heaven, as beautiful as a
bride all dressed for her husband. Then
I heard a loud voice call from the throne,
'You see this city? Here God lives
among men. He will make his home
among them; they shall be his people,
and he will be their God; his name is
God-with-them. He will wipe away all
tears from their eyes; there will be no
more death, and no more mourning or
sadness. The world of the past has
gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne
spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of
creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new
commandment: love one another as I
have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

*I give you a new commandment: love one
another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been
glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my
disciples.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate **City Life for True Lovers**

'Love one another as I have loved you.'
You may think that Our Lord's
extravagant extreme of love in
voluntarily undergoing death for us, is
something no human being could ever
measure up to.

But actually, something like this
happens whenever a mother or father
sits by the bedside of a child suffering
the terrible pain of a chronic illness or
traumatic accident and, perhaps, even
facing the prospect of death. Such a
parent will invariably say 'I would rather
suffer and die than see my child suffer
and die.' It is the same with a person
seeing their much loved life partner in a
similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree
and in less fraught circumstances, has
the opportunity to absorb, to some
extent, the sufferings of others. We are
thus given the possibility of fulfilling the
command: 'Love one another as I have
loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be
realised at the end of history, not in a
garden of Paradise, but as in a
wonderful City where all tears will be
wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our
way to that future City, resolving to be
alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's
command: 'Love one another as I have
loved you.'

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968,
and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of
Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a
Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-
93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He
then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish
priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law
at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

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: To our God, who is there for us with everlasting trust and love, we place our prayers before Him.

Prayer Leader:

For Pope Leo XIV: May the Holy Spirit rest upon him in his new role as Shepherd of our Church, guiding him to lead all people to the everlasting love of God.

We pray in faith... Lord, hear us in Your love.

We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, that they be supported in their efforts and strengthened by their reliance on God.

We pray in faith... Lord, hear us in Your love.

Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit to those who are suffering during the unrest in Ukraine. Bring Your peace and love to those in need and remove the hatred that is in their country.

We pray in faith. Lord... hear us in Your love.

For all people who volunteer their time and talents in our communities as they give themselves for the love of our God.

We pray in faith... Lord, hear us in Your love.

We pray for those who are not well. May they feel the loving presence of Your love and find relief in their sufferings.

We pray in faith... Lord, hear us in Your love.

May the angels and saints escort those who have died into the glory of heaven, especially Kenneth Burdekin, Ronald Jennings, Daphne Lantry and Kath Sherring and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rejoice in the company of our loving God.

We pray in faith... Lord, hear us in Your love.

Celebrant: Jesus loved even the one who betrayed Him. He forgave those who hanged Him on the cross. Let us call on the Holy Spirit to unite us in faith and grant us the trust to love as He loved.

We pray those who have recently died

Kenneth Burdekin, Ronald Jennings, Daphne Lantry, Kath Sherring (VIC)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Raymond Bennett, Steve Brokenshire, Cheryl Dunn, William Laurence Gillis (Laurie),
Norma Killen, Roland Lee Snr, Rita Marquez, Tom O'Brien, James Skinner,
Myrell Suters, Margaret Warby

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Robert Dewsbury, Patrick Brennan,
June Carlson, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Rita Clarin, Barbara Filas, Reg Glover,
Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Margaret King, David Latimore,
Loretta Lamoury (NZ), Peter Levestam (Fiji), Michael Lockyer, Gina Marquez, Brian Perrin,
Jen Phillips, Roberts family, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, William (Bill) Temperley, Crystal Towers,
Martina Van Den Broek, Arlo John Vandermeer, John Williams,
Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be baptised

Lottie Isla Cameron, Vincent James Cameron, Charlotte Ava Burrell,
Raphaella Dewthilini Fernando, Pearce Kauter, Philomena Kauter, Poppy Kauter,
Arden Isiah McDonald, Huxton Clancey McDonald, Ryker Archie McDonald, Ellie Jude Pickles

We pray for the Neophytes, 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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Places of Pilgrimage in Our Region

St. John's Chapel Maitland

Open for pilgrimage on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month between 9:00am and 4:00pm

St. Joseph's, East Maitland

Monday

Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am

Tuesday

Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am

Mass open from: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday

Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am

Thursday

Rosary: 6:30am, Mass: 7:00am,

Private Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30am

Friday

Rosary: 6:30am, Mass and Private Adoration: 7:00am - 9:00am,

1st Friday: 24-hour Private Adoration from 7:00am Friday to 8:00am Saturday

Saturday

Mass, Rosary, Reconciliation: 8:00am - 10:00am,

Mass (Vigil): 5:00pm, 2nd Saturday: Mass at 8:00am

followed by Eucharistic & Marian Holy Hour, Benediction & Reconciliation at 8:30am Dates: 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December

Sunday

Scheduled Mass Times: 8:30am & 6:00pm



Chapel Jazz showcasing school bands spectacular, Sunday 18th May, 11.00am - 3.45pm in the grounds of Immaculate Conception church, Morpeth. All Welcome, please come and join us after Mass. Enquiries contact 0414254230.

Grateful thanks to Maitland Patch-workers group who generously donated a beautiful quilt for us to raffle in our fundraising for the restoration of the Sacred Heart Church. We are so pleased to say the 'Happy' winner was Penny Tully. Many thanks also to the people who sold all the tickets and to all who brought tickets.

SAVE THE DATE 2025 Diocesan Cursillo

Come journey with us! A beautiful weekend of renewal prepared by the Diocesan Cursillo team, laypersons, religious and priests. The weekend is held at the Catalina Conference Centre, on Lake Macquarie, 171 Dorrington Rd, Rathmines **7.30pm Thursday June 12 and concludes with Mass on Sunday afternoon June 15.** Cost is \$360 which includes 3 night's accommodation, all meals/morning and afternoon teas, and all resources supplied. If you're interested or have any questions please contact the following for a registration form.

Jane Scott janeloureyscott@gmail.com 0438 009 611
Greg Standing gregstanding@gmail.com 0412 252 218

St Joseph's Parish History Depository.

We are in search of photos and archival material of the old St Joseph's Church and early photos of the new St Joseph's Church especially those that depict the history of our parish and past significant parish events. The Diocesan Archives Office has been of enormous help, but they have limited resources. If anyone could help, please contact the Parish Office, leaving your name and contact details. Thank you, Judy Healey.

Bible and Prayer Group for families

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

Piety stall St Joseph's East Maitland

The stall will be open after all Masses this weekend.

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

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

will be conducted throughout our Masses on the weekends of 8th/15th June. This is an opportunity to think of others who are struggling in our community.

Your donation can help rebuild lives. Your support is greatly appreciated. Donations can also be made at vinnies.org.au or by phone 131812

Celebrating 1700 Years of the Nicene Creed

Join us for a special formation event hosted by Mission & Evangelisation with guest speaker Associate Professor Joel Hodge, National Head of the School of Theology at ACU. Friday, 23 May 2025

St John the Baptist Shrine, Maitland

Choose one of two sessions: 3:30pm or 6:00pm

Dive deep into the history and theology of the Nicene Creed, the cornerstone of our faith for 1700 years! This free, face-to-face event will be the first of an ongoing formation series in 2025.

Session 1: 3:30-5:30pm

Session 2: 6:00-8:00pm

Light supper served between sessions so both groups can connect and enjoy fellowship.

Don't miss this rich opportunity to grow in faith and understanding. All are welcome! To register scan the QR code.



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 contact Bec Piefke rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au

Young Adult Retreat 27th - 29th June Catalina Lakefront Retreat, Rathmines. Young adults aged 18-35 (young married couples & kids welcome!) Join us for a weekend of community, worship, inspiring talks, Adoration, and time to encounter Christ's love.. **Register now or get in touch:** mission@mn.catholic.org.au
Come and be refreshed, inspired, and connected!

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 20th May (*St Berardine of Siena, priest*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 21st May (*St Christopher Magallanes, priest, & companions, martyrs*)

7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 22nd May (*St Rita of Cascia, religious*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 23rd May

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 24th May

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

Sun 25th May

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)

Please see the front of the bulletin for weekend Mass times

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 19th May

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

5.00pm

Tues 20th May

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
Bible Study for families, Prayer Room
St Joseph's East Maitland

6.00pm

Wed 21st May

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

Thurs 22nd May

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St Joseph's East Maitland
Marian Movement of Priests Rosary
2 Erin Close Ashtonfield **PH: 0449762976**

7.00pm

Fri 23rd May

8.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 24th May

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield