



**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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#### Safeguarding Promotors

Rebecca Piefke & Louise Gilchrist  
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We are in the country of the Worimi,  
Gamilleri, 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 15:1-2. 22-29**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4**

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

### **Second Reading**

**Revelation 22:12-14. 16-17. 20**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the

Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come; all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**

**John 17:20-26**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*May they be joined as one.*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,

I pray not only for these,  
but for those also

who through their words will believe in me.

May they all be one.

Father, may they be one in us,  
as you are in me and I am in you,  
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.

I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you love me.

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'

## Presentation of the Oil of Chrism

### Congregation:

Spirit of God  
may the celebration of Confirmation  
strengthen these children  
to be signs of your love in the world.  
Let them come to understand the significance  
of the anointing with Chrism as they grow to maturity.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. Amen

### 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.

## Prayers of Intercession

**Celebrant:** May the Spirit of Truth promised by Jesus empower our prayers as we intercede for the needs of ourselves, our Church and our world.

### Prayer Leader:

We pray for our Church, that the Spirit of truth inspire, strengthen and console its leaders, especially Pope Leo, Bishop Michael and our Priests and Deacons.

We pray. . . Lord hear us.

We give thanks for the presence of Father George in our Region; we ask the Holy Spirit to give him many blessings as he celebrates his Ordination and Birthday, and continues to lead us with his steadfast faith.

We pray. . . Lord hear us.

We ask Our Lady help of Christians that she may intercede for all families and guide them to have faith in her loving Son Jesus.

We pray. . . Lord hear us.

We pray for all the families in the parish Sacrament Programme, as they move towards the Sacrament of Confirmation, that their hearts, may burn within them in readiness for the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

We pray. . . Lord hear us.

For all those affected by these floods, surround them with Your love and protection. Keep the rescue workers safe as they help those in trouble.

We pray. . . Lord hear us.

For all in our community who are not well and cannot be with us as we celebrate the Eucharist, that they experience the healing touch of our Loving Saviour.

We pray . . . Lord hear us.

For all who have died recently, especially Edward Atkinson, Kenneth Hartup, Geoffrey Lawrence, Tony Morresey, Sr Helen Ryan, Norm Tobin and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they enjoy the life in the presence of the risen Lord Jesus.

We pray. . . Lord hear us.

**Celebrant:** Father of goodness, we are confident you always hear our prayers because we make them in the Spirit you have given to us through the prayer of Jesus, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

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

Edward Atkinson, Kenneth Hartup, Geoffrey Ivan Lawrence, Tony Morresey,  
Sr Helen Ryan op, Norm Tobin

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

Br Anselm (Tom Saunders), Troy Beavis, James Blake, Eileen Bourke, Gwen Cuskelly, Peter Cuskelly,  
Maureen Ellis (nee Cahill), Ann Keegan, Nell Meyn, William (Bill) O'Connor, Fr Paul O'Neill,  
Margaret (Dot) Saunders, Pam Tobin (nee Tenison Woods), Frank Wills, Kathryn (Kathy) June Zysek

***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***

Max William Hall, Ruby Isla Hall, Ellie Claire Harris, Zephie Belle Hogan,  
Sophia Rae Mudd, August Warwick Plank

***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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## National Volunteer Week

Thank you for generously volunteering your time.  
Your willingness to give your time and service is greatly appreciated.

**Change to Wednesday Mass Time at Largs.** Please be advised that the Wednesday Mass at Largs will be moving to a new time of 6:00 PM, starting from June. This change is intended to make Mass more accessible for families, particularly those involved in the youth group. We warmly invite all families and parishioners to join us at this new time.

## Make A Difference



### Volunteers Required

**Youth Team (In Development)** are you passionate about supporting young people in their faith journey, assisting with youth group, the youth Mass and other youth activities? This is a great opportunity to help shape something new and vibrant for our young people!

**Parish Office Support** We are also looking for a volunteer to assist with data entry in our parish office. We require someone who is competent in computers, with training provided. The suggested amount of time required is approximately two hours per week.

These volunteers must fulfil Diocesan safeguarding requirements. If you are interested in either role or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office. [chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au) or 49338918.

**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](http://vinnies.org.au) or by phone 131812

### Piety stall St Joseph's East Maitland

The stall will be open after all Masses this weekend.

Welcome to all those children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Today is the Presentation of the Oils.

## 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 7:00am

Friday to 8:00am Saturday

**Saturday** Mass, Rosary, Reconciliation: 8:00am - 10:00am, Mass (Vigil): 5:00pm,

2nd Saturday: Mass 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

### 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](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au)

### 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](mailto:rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au)

### Bible and Prayer Group for families

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

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

### Tues 27th May

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

### Wed 28th May (St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop)

**7.00pm** Liturgy of the Word with Communion,  
Holy Family, Largs

### Thurs 29th May (St Paul VI, pope)

**7.00am** Liturgy of the Word with Communion,  
St Joseph's, East Maitland

### Fri 30th May

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

### Sat 31st May

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

### Sun 1st June

**9.00am** Mass - Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland) Resumes 20th July.

Please see the front of the bulletin for weekend Mass times

## PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

### Mon 26th May

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

### Tues 27th May

**9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
St Joseph's, East Maitland **Funeral**  
**6.00pm** Bible Study for families, Prayer Room  
St Joseph's East Maitland

### Wed 28th May

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

### Thurs 29th May

**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 30th May

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

### Sat 31st May

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