



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
Asst Priests: Fr Paul Chackanikunnel
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Regional Office

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Funeral Ministry:

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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 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking
into the sky? Jesus has been taken
into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt
with everything Jesus had done and
taught from the beginning until the day
he gave his instructions to the
apostles he had chosen through the
Holy Spirit, and was taken up to
heaven. He had shown himself alive
to them after his Passion by many
demonstrations: for forty days he had
continued to appear to them and tell
them about the kingdom of God.
When he had been at table with them,
he had told them not to leave
Jerusalem, but to wait there for what
the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had
said, 'what you have heard me speak
about: John baptised with water but
you, not many days from now, will be
baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked
him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are
you going to restore the kingdom to
Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to
know times or dates that the Father
has decided by his own authority, but
you will receive power when the Holy
Spirit comes on you, and then you will
be my witnesses not only in
Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and
Samaria, and indeed to the ends of
the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while
they looked on, and a cloud took him
from their sight. They were still staring
into the sky when suddenly two men
in white were standing near them and
they said, 'Why are you men from
Galilee standing here looking into the
sky? Jesus who has been taken up
from you into heaven, this same Jesus
will come back in the same way as
you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to
shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets
for the Lord.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Ephesians

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand
in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory, give you a spirit of
wisdom and perception of what is
revealed, to bring you to full
knowledge of him. May he enlighten
the eyes of your mind so that you can
see what hope his call holds for you,
what rich glories he has promised the
saints will inherit and how infinitely
great is the power that he has
exercised for us believers. This you
can tell from the strength of his power
at work in Christ, when he used it to
raise him from the dead and to make
him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far
above every Sovereignty, Authority,
Power, or Domination, or any other
name that can be named, not only in
this age, but also in the age to come.
He has put all things under his feet,
and made him, as the ruler of
everything, the head of the Church;
which is his body, the fullness of him
who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all
people my gospel. I am with you
always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*While blessing them, he was taken to
heaven.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see
how it is written that the Christ would
suffer and on the third day rise from
the dead, and that, in his name,
repentance for the forgiveness of sins
would be preached to all the nations,
beginning from Jerusalem. You are
witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you
what the Father has promised. Stay in
the city then, until you are clothed with
the power from on high.' Then he took
them out as far as the outskirts of
Bethany, and lifting up his hands he
blessed them. Now as he blessed
them, he withdrew from them and was
carried up to heaven. They
worshipped him and then went back to
Jerusalem full of joy; and they were
continually in the Temple praising
God.

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.

Prayer of Intercession

Celebrant:

We too can share in the joy and confidence of the Apostles on Ascension Day, as we worship God and pray for the needs of our world.

Prayer Leader:

Let us pray for our Church leaders, especially Pope Leo, our bishops, and priests. May they always proclaim the Gospel with power and strengthen the mission of the Church throughout the world.
We pray to the Lord. . . **Hear us, O Lord.**

We ask the Holy Spirit to guide the leaders of all nations, that they may seek peace and foster Christian unity across the world.
We pray to the Lord. . . **Hear us, O Lord.**

For those preparing to receive the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation: may the Holy Spirit guide them to walk in the light of Christ Jesus with open hearts.
We pray to the Lord. . . **Hear us, O Lord.**

For the people in our land in Australia, who have lost their homes and possessions in the recent floods, give them the strength and courage in the faith of Jesus to rebuild their lives again.
We pray to the Lord. . . **Hear us, O Lord.**

May the Holy Spirit give many blessings to the volunteers who continue to work hard to help those in need in this trying time.
We pray to the Lord. . . **Hear us, O Lord.**

We pray for all our people whose health is failing: that they may experience the healing touch of the Savior.
We pray to the Lord. . . **Hear us, O Lord.**

We ask our loving Saviour to take into His care those who have died recently, especially Fr Brian Gore, Molly Griffiths, Anne Peters, Teresa Sultana, William Temperley and those who have lost their lives in the recent floods, grant them the joy and peace promised to us by Jesus.
We pray to the Lord. . . **Hear us, O Lord.**

Celebrant: Father, we accept the word of Jesus into our hearts, and hope in the life of his promise. And with trust, we ask you these things, through the same Christ Jesus, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

We pray those who have recently died

Fr Brian Gore, Molly Marina Griffiths, Anne Peters, Teresa Sultana, William (Bill) Temperley

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Philip Carroll, Harold Doherty (Jnr), Garry Dunn, Michael Montgomery, Jadwiga Nowik,
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, Christine Edwards, 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, Crystal Towers,
Martina Van Den Broek, Arlo John Vandermeer,
Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be baptised

Brody Phillip Alexander, Chelsea Patricia Alexander, Ava Claire Boreham, Alexander John Hopwood,
Kingsley Beau Ibanez, Hudson Geoffrey McCudden, Lyla Insel Staniland,
Pippa Imke Staniland, Alys Lusía Tupou, Layla Judith White

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

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

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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Renewing Our Sacramental Life – Step One: Sacrament & Liturgy

REPEAT SESSION Missed it last year? Here's your chance to catch up! You're Invited! Join us as we begin a powerful journey of renewal. This engaging formation session is open to **everyone**—from ministry teams and liturgical ministers and all members of our faith community. Whether you're involved in Baptism prep, RCIA, music, hospitality, or simply part of the Assembly, this is your chance to reconnect with the heart of our Church: **sacrament and liturgy**.

Let's come together to be inspired, renewed, and ready to be signs of hope in our world. **SATURDAY 14 JUNE, 2025 9.30 am – 12.30 pm.** The Corcoran Centre, James St Morpeth **RSVP** by 5pm **MONDAY 09 JUNE** via scan QR code or Phone **02 4933 8918**



Step 2. Missed It Last Year? Here's Your Chance! Ministering at Two Tables – Word & Sacrament

If you didn't attend last year's session, we're offering a **catch-up opportunity** for all liturgical ministers—**presiders, proclaimers, communion ministers, musicians, servers, sacristans, hospitality teams, and Liturgy Team members.**

What's Involved: Mass, Liturgy: Structure & Meaning, Proclaiming the Word, Eucharist & Communion Ministry, Final Reflections

Facilitators: Fr Andrew Doohan & Louise Gannon rsj **SATURDAY 05 JULY, 2025 8.45 for 9.00am** start with Mass, concluding 3.30pm, Immaculate Conception Church & the Corcoran Centre, James St Morpeth. Bring - Folder & handouts from the Sacrament & Liturgy workshop, A pen, BYO Lunch (morning tea is provided) **RSVP** by 5pm **MONDAY 30 JUNE** via online form; scan QR code or Phone **02 4933 8918**



Piety stall St Joseph's East Maitland

The stall will be open after all Masses this weekend.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 3rd June

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 4th June

6.00pm Mass Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 5th June (St Boniface, bishop, martyr)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 6th June (St Norbert, bishop, St Marcellin Champagnat, religious)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland

Sat 7th June

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

Sun 8th June Pentecost Sunday

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

9.30am Latin Mass - St John the Baptist Oratory (Cathedral St Maitland. Confessions from 8.45am)

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 this weekend.** This change is intended to make Mass more accessible for families, particularly those involved in the youth group.

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be conducted throughout our Masses on the weekends of 8th/15th June. **Your donation can help rebuild lives.** Your support is greatly appreciated. Donations can also be made at vinnies.org.au or by phone 131812

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 or 49338918.

Liturgical Ministry

Our Region is renewing and nurturing our community of **Liturgical Ministers.**

We invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider serving in ministry.

You will find the **Expression of Interest** form in your church porch. Please complete and return to the parish office.

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

Bible and Prayer Group for families

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 2nd June

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

Tues 3rd June

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

Wed 4th June

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

Thurs 5th June

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 6th June

8.30am - 8.00am Sat Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 7th June

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield