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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

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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 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles

*Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has
saved me from the power of Herod.*

King Herod started persecuting certain
members of the Church. He beheaded
James the brother of John, and when
he saw that this pleased the Jews he
decided to arrest Peter as well. This
was during the days of Unleavened
Bread, and he put Peter in prison,
assigning four squads of four soldiers
each to guard him in turns. Herod
meant to try Peter in public after the
end of Passover week. All the time
Peter was under guard the Church
prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try
him, Peter was sleeping between two
soldiers, fastened with double chains,
while guards kept watch at the main
entrance to the prison. Then suddenly
the angel of the Lord stood there, and
the cell was filled with light. He tapped
Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get
up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains
fell from his hands. The angel then
said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.'
After he had done this, the angel next
said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and
follow me.' Peter followed him, but
had no idea that what the angel did
was all happening in reality; he
thought he was seeing a vision. They
passed through two guard posts one
after the other, and reached the iron
gate leading to the city. This opened
of its own accord; they went through it
and had walked the whole length of
one street when suddenly the angel
left him. It was only then that Peter
came to himself. 'Now I know it is all
true,' he said. 'The Lord really did
send his angel and has saved me
from Herod and from all that the
Jewish people were so certain would
happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

**(R.) The Lord set me free from
all my fears.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St
Paul to Timothy

*All that remains now is the crown of
righteousness.*

My life is already being poured away
as a libation, and the time has come
for me to be gone. I have fought the
good fight to the end; I have run the
race to the finish; I have kept the faith;
all there is to come now is the crown
of righteousness reserved for me,
which the Lord, the righteous judge,
will give to me on that Day; and not
only to me but to all those who have
longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me
power, so that through me the whole
message might be proclaimed for all
the pagans to hear; and so I was
rescued from the lion's mouth. The
Lord will rescue me from all evil
attempts on me, and bring me safely
to his heavenly kingdom. To him be
glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the
rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out
against it. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

*You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of
the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say
the Son of Man is?' And they said,
'Some say he is John the Baptist,
some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or
one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he
said, 'who do you say I am?' Then
Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the
Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of
Jonah, you are a happy man!
Because it was not flesh and blood
that revealed this to you but my Father
in heaven. So I now say to you: You
are Peter and on this rock I will build
my Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against
it. I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven: whatever you
bind on earth shall be considered
bound in heaven; whatever you loose
on earth shall be considered loosed in
heaven.'

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:

Our Lord Jesus teaches us today that how we respond to the Gospel is of utmost importance.
Let us now respond in prayer with firm hope and trust that God is attentive to our needs.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop Michael, and all who shepherd the Church. May the Lord grant them
wisdom, courage, and strength in their ministry.

We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those suffering from war and terror in the Holy Land: may God bring true and lasting peace, and
soften the hearts of those consumed by hatred and violence.

We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

For our countrymen who have lost their faith and no longer turn to God in prayer: may the Lord rekindle
in them a deep awareness of His loving presence.

We pray to the Lord...Lord, hear our prayer.

That more people may respond generously to God's call to serve in His vineyard, as Saint Peter and Saint
Paul did, trusting in His love and grace.

We pray to the Lord...Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: that we may be encouraged by the words of Jesus and persevere in prayer, especially in
times of hardship and stress.

We pray to the Lord...Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are sick: may they experience the gentle and healing touch of our Saviour.

We pray to the Lord...Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, especially Lyla Reid, Ruth Watts and for all whose anniversaries occur at this
time: may they be raised with Christ and share in the eternal praise of the Father in heaven.

We pray to the Lord...Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Lord of heaven and earth, we rejoice to call you our Father. Standing with Jesus your Son, we
place our trust in your love and mercy. Hear these prayers we offer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray those who have recently died

Lyla Kathleen Reid, Ruth Watts

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Bernadette Barry, Honora & Michael Patrick Enright, Michael John Enright, Gerard (Ged) Harvey, Shirley King, Rob Lucas, Peter Markham, Jim Toner, Patricia Ann White, Rev John Woods

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Robert Dewsbury, Patrick Brennan, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Rita Clarin, Christine Edwards, Barbara Filas, Judith Gavril, Reg Glover, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Ellen Jory, 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

Zachary John Martin, Oliver Huxley Warner, Sophia Joy Warner

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

Our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and Vinnies are members of Hunter Community Alliance. The Alliance is embarking on a series of Listening Sessions. It wants to hear from people like you about your experience of **stretched public services and loneliness and social isolation within our community.** The aim is to find common ground in our stories and turn them into action for lasting change. **Maitland Listening Session at St. Mary's Anglican Church on Wednesday 2nd July from 5:30-7:30** [Register here](#). For further information contact Helen Belcher helenm.belcher@bigpond.com

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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Silver Jubilee Celebration for Fr Paul

Join us in celebrating with Bishop Michael, Fr Paul Chackanikunnel's 25 years of priesthood a wonderful milestone of faithful service! Saturday, 26th July. Mass at 11:00am – St Joseph's Church, East Maitland. Shared light lunch to follow in the Therry Centre. Please bring something to share. RSVP to the parish office via phone or email.

Important Notice: Mass App Contributions

Please be advised that the Mass App will be discontinued at the end of this month. If you currently make contributions through the app, we ask that you contact the parish office to discuss alternative ways to continue your support. Thank you for your generosity and ongoing commitment to our parish community.

Are you interested in finding out what is involved in becoming a Catholic or know someone that is?

Are you/they feeling called into a relationship with God? Perhaps married to a Catholic, have Catholic children, or just wanting to know more about the Catholic faith? Maybe, just the realities of life are awakening deeper questions within you/them?

Becoming a Catholic is a spiritual journey that is firstly about developing a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. This journey, is known as the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** for short, it is highlighted by ceremonies or "rites" which help you to experience the love and support of a caring faith community.

If you/they would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic and the RCIA process, please note there will be an Enquiry Evening on JULY 30th 2025 commencing at 7PM, in the THERRY CENTRE East Maitland. Should you/they decide to attend, please advise the Parish Office on 49338918 or chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au, alternatively, one of the Maitland Catholic Region RCIA Team directly, Wayne 0448 924 771 or Margaret 0419 335 878.

Bible and Prayer Group for families

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

Piety Stall at St Joseph's East Maitland will be open this weekend.

IMPORTANT PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE INFORMATION:

- Planned Giving Boxes for the new financial year are now available at your church. Please DO NOT use these envelopes until July as we have changed some membership numbers.
- Tax Receipt request forms are required to be submitted every year. These forms are currently available in the church porches and have been emailed out through our parish bulletin emails. **You need to register your request BEFORE 30 June otherwise a receipt will not be provided.**

NAIDOC Week 2025 Prayer Service 06 JULY

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week we invite you to witness a burial of a time capsule, a symbolic gesture to preserve the legacy of this milestone for future generations. The capsule will be opened in 30 years, offering a glimpse into the values and voices of today. Join us for a cultural smoking procession leading into a liturgy and concluding with light hospitality. 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Awabakal Country Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St Newcastle West RSVP for catering numbers at <https://naidoc-prayerservice.eventbrite.com.au>

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers in Child-Related Ministry

Safeguarding training will be held on **Thursday, 31st July at Hexham Bowling Club**. All volunteers involved in child-related ministry are required to attend if you haven't completed the training in the last 5 years. There are **two session options**:

Session 1: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (concludes with lunch)

Session 2: Begins with lunch at 12:00 PM, followed by training from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

To register, please email: oosqtraining@mn.catholic.org.au

LISTEN LISTEN LISTEN

As part of NAIDOC Week Fr Brian McCoy SJ is visiting Holy Family Largs. Fr Brian is a Jesuit priest that has spent most of his life working with and for the Australian Indigenous Community including many years as a priest in the Kimberly region. On Saturday 12 July at 7 pm he is giving a talk in the hall at Largs followed by supper (bring a plate). On Sunday 13 he will celebrate the 8am mass at Largs with a Cuppa and informal chat afterwards (bring a plate). Everyone is welcome. See Fr Brian on UTube.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 1st July

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 2nd July

6.00pm Mass Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 3rd July (Feast St Thomas apostle)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 4th July (Optional St Elizabeth of Portugal)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 5th July (Optional St Anthony Zaccaria, priest)

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

Sun 6th July

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)

Please see the front of the bulletin for weekend Mass times

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 30th June

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

Tues 1st July

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 2nd July

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

Thurs 3rd July

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 4th July

7.30am - 8.00am **Saturday** Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 5th July

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes , Beresfield