



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 Anichad
Asst Priests: Fr Paul Chackankunnel
Fr Priyantha Fernando,
Fr Anil Kuchipudi
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Fr John Purnell

Presbytery 4934 5783
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Regional Office

Louise Gilchrist, Janine Sidoti,
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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

Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has

now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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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.

We pray those who have recently died

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Damien Francis Brennan, Alexander Thomas Brown, Paula Browne, Lily Doherty, Max Guy,
Margaret (Mag) McCarthy, Louise Mungoven, Tom Murphy, Janina Orlowski, Addolorata Rega, Edith Saunders

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, 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, John Williams, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be baptised

Austin James Breakwell, Jordan Edward McPhee, Kobi William Robinson

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: 9th August, 13th September,
11th October, 8th November, 13th December

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

Get ready for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025

Join 10,000 young Catholics for an unforgettable Jubilee Year celebration!

The **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)** is back — and it's bigger than ever! After five years, we're thrilled to invite YOU to be part of a powerful encounter with Jesus Christ, alongside thousands of passionate young people from across the country.

What's Happening?

Together with **Bishop Michael Kennedy**, we're leading a **pilgrimage of 100 young people** from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to Melbourne for ACYF 2025!

Dates: Saturday 29 November – Wednesday 3 December

Travel: Return flights from Newcastle

Stay: Mercure Welcome Hotel (twin-share, breakfast included)

Cost: \$950 pp (includes flights, registration, transport, diocesan shirt)

All pilgrims will take part in a dynamic formation program and be commissioned on **Christ the King Sunday**

Who Can Come? 50 spots for young people aged **16–25** from parishes across the Diocese

50 Year 10 students from Catholic secondary schools (plus young teachers) — future youth ministry leaders in the making! We're aiming for **at least one young person from every parish** — let's build a vibrant diocesan identity together! **Spots are limited and will fill fast — first come, first served!**

Parishes are encouraged to **subsidise costs or support fundraising** to make this opportunity even more accessible. Please contact Bec for more information rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au



THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Environment – the Atrium For the child the Atrium is a place that facilitates a conversation with God. It is a place of quiet reflection; silence; preparation for involvement in the larger worshipping community; a place to live out one's spiritual life; a place of community and worship, rather than a classroom for instruction.

How an Atrium session works Children come to the Atrium for one and half to two hours per week. At the Atrium the children are introduced to God's Word and a set of materials to aid their meditation on the Word. After this the children work individually with materials of their own choice. This is the time when the child's heart and mind and spirit are open to God. When the time in the Atrium draws to a close, we gather for communal prayer to conclude our time together in God's presence.

The Materials The materials in the Atrium are closely linked to their biblical and liturgical sources. They are hand crafted by the catechists with the help of the local community and displayed attractively, inviting the children to explore and discover, developing their understanding of, and relationship with, God at their own pace and rhythm.

Ages 3-6 years The central theme for this age group is the Good Shepherd, who calls us by name and who loves and cares for us. The children are also introduced to the "things we see" at Mass, the Infancy Narratives, the Kingdom Parables, the essential moments of the Eucharist, the Paschal Narratives, the geography of the land of Israel and the celebration of Baptism.

Ages 6-9 and 9-12 years The central theme for these age groups is the True Vine. The children explore their connection to Jesus - the Vine - and are invited to bear fruit. The children reflect on the vastness of God's creation and gifts to humans. We also consider more extracts from the Scriptures that speak to the child's moral development. They study more fully the Mass and the many prayers that make up this one prayer of the Church.

Atrium Times Wednesday: 10am to 11:30am (3-6 years) Wednesday: 4:00pm to 5:45pm (6-12 years) More information please contact: Siubhan Sadler
0432 477 181 chisholm.atrium@gmail.com
www.cgsaust.org.au

located over the carpark from Our Lady of Lourdes Church Corner of Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave Beresfield NSW

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



Silver Jubilee Celebration for Fr Paul

Join us in celebrating with Bishop Michael,

Fr Paul Chackanikunnel's 25 years of priesthood 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.

Please Note - Due to Fr Paul's Jubilee Mass there will be no 8am Mass/Reconciliation on Saturday 26th July.

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

If you/them would like to find out more there will be an Enquiry Evening on JULY 30th 2025 at 7PM, in the THERRY CENTRE East Maitland. RSVP the parish office on 49338918 or chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au, or the RCIA Team - Wayne 0448 924 771 or Margaret 0419 335 878.

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers in Child-Related Ministry

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: osgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au

Bible and Prayer Group for families 6pm Tuesdays in the Prayer Room of the East Maitland Church, during school term.

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

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

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

A Formation Experience for adults working with 3 to 6 year old children Level One: Part One (7 Days) Beresfield 2025 National Course ID: 1-288 Thursday 3 – Sunday 6 July & Friday 29 – Sunday 31 August From 9am until 5pm each day. For further information contact: Siubhan Sadler: 0432 477 181 Email: Chisholm.Atrium@gmail.com

Parish Collection Changes

After a long period of consultation between Parish Clergy, Parish Finance Councils and Parish Administration as well as members of the Bishop's staff we are pleased to bring our parishes the following changes to Planned Giving, effective, from 1 July 2025.

- A new modernised monthly levy system, which will significantly reduce the administration burden on our parish staff and allow parishes to manage their finances more effectively.

- 1st and 2nd collections will remain. These are both essential for the sustainability of our parish community.

- Both collections will now support Clergy across the Diocese, our Parishes and the broader Diocesan community.

- The new levy system will provide parishes with increased access to broader Diocesan services and support. The nature of the services means there will no longer be tax deductions available to parishioners for these contributions.

- By removing the tax-deductible component of planned giving, we seek to further ease the administrative burden of our Parishes. The current practice of issuing tax receipts has become increasingly onerous in comparison to the tax deduction benefit for parishioners.

Your valued contributions will continue to benefit the Parish and the work of the Church and we foresee these changes to Planned Giving to be overwhelmingly positive for our parish communities.

There are no immediate changes to the way your planned giving is collected. However, for those who used the mass app, please note that this will be no longer be available from July.

We thank you for your ongoing financial support. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please speak with your Parish Priest or Parish Secretary who have more detailed information.

Piety Stall at St Joseph's East Maitland **will** be open after 8.30am and 6pm Masses this weekend.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tues 22nd July (St Mary Magdalene)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 23rd July (St Bridget, religious)

6.00pm Mass Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 24th July (St Sharbel Makhluf, priest)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 25th July (St James, Apostle)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 26th July (Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary)

11.00am Mass, Fr Paul's, Silver Jubilee, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 27th July

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 21st July

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

Tues 22nd July

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 23rd July

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

Thurs 24th 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 25th July

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

Sat 26th July

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield