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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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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

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of
Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says.
Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured
wisely, skilfully and successfully must
leave what is his own to someone who
has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is
vanity and great injustice; for what does
he gain for all the toil and strain that he
has undergone under the sun? What of
all his laborious days, his cares of office,
his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have
been our refuge.**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to
true life with Christ, you must look for the
things that are in heaven, where Christ is,
sitting at God's right hand. Let your
thoughts be on heavenly things, not on
the things that are on the earth, because
you have died, and now the life you have
is hidden with Christ in God. But when
Christ is revealed – and he is your life –
you too will be revealed in all your glory
with him.

That is why you must kill everything in
you that belongs only to earthly life:
fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil
desires and especially greed, which is
the same thing as worshipping a false
god; and never tell each other lies. You
have stripped off your old behaviour with
your old self, and you have put on a new
self which will progress towards true
knowledge the more it is renewed in the
image of its creator; and in that image
there is no room for distinction between
Greek and Jew, between the circumcised
or the uncircumcised, or between
barbarian and Scythian, slave and free
man. There is only Christ: he is
everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in
spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus,
'Master, tell my brother to give me a

share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he
replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or
the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he
said to them, 'Watch, and be on your
guard against avarice of any kind, for a
man's life is not made secure by what he
owns, even when he has more than he
needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was
once a rich man who, having had a good
harvest from his land, thought to himself,
"What am I to do? I have not enough
room to store my crops." Then he said,
"This is what I will do; I will pull down my
barns and build bigger ones, and store all
my grain and my goods in them, and I will
say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty
of good things laid by for many years to
come; take things easy, eat, drink, have
a good time." But God said to him, "Fool!
This very night the demand will be made
for your soul; and this hoard of yours,
whose will it be then?" So it is when a
man stores up treasure for himself in
place of making himself rich in the sight
of God.'

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'In our life as disciples,' Pope Leo says,
'we can always risk falling into a rut, a
routine.' Feeling too comfortable, we can
adopt 'a tendency to follow the same old
pastoral plans without experiencing
interior renewal and a willingness to
respond to new challenges.'

The history of the Church, the pope
reminds us, is a story of adaptation. He
encourages us to look for apostolic
'openness to change, to new events,
encounters and concrete situations.'

The first apostles showed us the way.
We should, Pope Leo says, try and
recapture 'their readiness to consider
new approaches to evangelisation in
response to the problems and difficulties
raised by our brothers and sisters in the
faith. 'We need to ask ourselves', he
says: 'Who is Jesus Christ for us today?
What place does he occupy in our lives
and in the life of the Church? How can
we bear witness to this hope in our daily
lives and proclaim it to those whom we
meet?' 'If we want to keep our identity as
Christians from being reduced to a relic
of the past,' the pope suggests, then, 'as
Pope Francis often reminded us, it is
important to move beyond a tired and
stagnant faith.' We are not called to be
hoarders of piety, but givers of hope.

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Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean
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and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics. In
2017 he was awarded the Bruce Mansfield Prize for the best article in
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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

Bill Bourke (Goulburn), Graham Dark OAM, Sheila Hickey, Stephen (Steve) Andrew Jones,

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Marie Euston, John Funnell, Ella Henderson, Lydia Juan, Peter Kearney, Hope and Joel Lawrence,
Paul Orłowski, Ethel Sell,

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Cecelia Adapon-Capistrano, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Robert Dewsbury,
Patrick Brennan, Wayne Canny, Luke Crotty, Olga Charlton, Rita Clarin, Christine Edwards, 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

Gianna Grace Beetge, Harry Ethan Blaik, Penelope Mae Kronenberg, Murphey Jane Mason, Spencer Henley Murray,
Theodore Anthony Parker, Kaylee Ann Xiu Chang Xu

Places of Pilgrimage in Our Region

St. John's Chapel Maitland The Chapel will not be open for Pilgrimage visits during the day except on the following dates between 11am - 3pm. Wednesday, 10th September Wednesday, 15th October, Wednesday, 12th November, Wednesday, 9th December If you wish to visit outside of these dates, please make an appointment in advance.

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



Dear friends,

With deep gratitude and affection, I write to thank you for the warmth, love, and support you extended to me during the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of my Priestly Ordination on Saturday, 26 July 2025, at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland.

The entire day was beautifully and thoughtfully organised, and I, along with many others, was truly moved by how everything unfolded. The Jubilee Mass, enriched by uplifting music, heartfelt prayers, and your valued presence, was the spiritual heart of the occasion. Presided over by Bishop Michael and concelebrated by my brother priests and our deacon, it was a grace-filled and profoundly meaningful liturgical experience. I am especially grateful to our sacristans, choir members, readers, altar servers, and all who contributed their time and talents to make the celebration so inspiring and vibrant.

The celebration in the hall that followed was equally remarkable—joyful, vibrant, and seamlessly coordinated. The sincere words of felicitation, the abundance of delicious food, and the joyful spirit of fellowship created a memorable atmosphere of shared gratitude and celebration. The representative presence of our various parish communities, along with our beloved religious sisters, added to the beauty of the occasion—reflecting the Christian charity and unity we profess and strive to live each day.

I am particularly thankful to Bishop Michael for his gracious presence and for presiding over the Jubilee Mass, and to all the clergy who joined in making the occasion so special.

A heartfelt thanks to Fr George for his leadership and initiative, and to the dedicated team—Fr Anil Kuchipudi, Rebecca Piefke, and Vicky Grogan—for their outstanding organisation and thoughtful attention to every detail. I am also truly grateful for the warm greetings and kind gifts received from our parishioners and friends—both on the day and in the various communities where I have celebrated Mass.

Your love and care have deeply affirmed my vocation and renewed my joy and commitment in serving you and our community. I humbly ask for your continued prayers and support as I journey ahead in ministry.

With every blessing and sincere thanks,

Fr Paul



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to inform you that Bishop Michael has kindly granted me a sabbatical leave this year, for which I am deeply grateful. The sabbatical will begin on 1st September and conclude on 30th November 2025.

During this period, Fr Paul will be taking care of the parishes with the help of the fellow clergy, parish staff and parishioners.

This sabbatical is a much-needed opportunity for reflection and prayer. I will be attending a sabbatical program at the North American College in Rome, which I hope will renew and enrich my ministry among you.

Please kindly keep me in your prayers during this time. Rest assured, you all will remain in my thoughts and prayers as well.

With gratitude and every blessing,

Fr George Anthicad

Parish Priest

All are invited to join us for the:

EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR

St Joseph's East Maitland

Saturday August 9th 2025 8.30AM-9.30AM

(FOLLOWING 8AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S)

EXPOSITION, BENEDICTION, ROSARY AND CONFESSION "MARY COMES IN OUR TIME TO LOVE US AND LEAD US ON THE WAY OF HOLINESS."

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 after 8.30am and 6pm Masses this weekend

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 3 – 8 AUGUST, 2025

God has a particular vocation in life just for you Priesthood, Diaconate, Matrimony, Religious life, Single. What's yours?

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/catholic-life/live/vocation/>

Please pray for vocations

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 4th August (St John Vianney, priest Memorial)

Tues 5th August (Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major optional)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 6th August (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

6.00pm Mass Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 7th August (St Sixtus II, pope, martyr and companions, martyrs, St Cajetan, priest optional)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 8th August (St MARY OF THE CROSS, virgin)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 9th August (St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr)

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 10th August

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)

Welcome to Families – First Holy Communion Gift Procession

We warmly welcome all families joining us today as we celebrate a special step in the faith journey of our children preparing for their First Holy Communion. As part of today's celebration, the children are invited to bring a donation to Mass to help those in need within our community. During the Mass, they will take part in the procession of gifts. This beautiful act reminds us that being part of the Christian community means caring for others, especially those who are less fortunate. In the early days of the Church, people brought food along with the bread and wine to be shared with those in need after Mass. Just as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus, our gifts today can help transform lives.

All donations received will be given to the St Vincent de Paul Society this week for distribution to those in need.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE

All practices are in the parish church and should take about 30 mins.

Wed August 6th @ 6pm and Wed Aug 13th @ 6pm

East Maitland

Wednesday August 6th Largs after the 6pm Mass

Thursday August 7th Beresfield at 6pm

Feast of the Assumption – Mass Times

Join us in celebrating the Feast of the Assumption at the following Masses:

Vigil – Thursday, 14th August

5:30 PM – St Joseph's East Maitland

Friday, 15th August

7:00 AM – St Joseph's, East Maitland

8:00 AM – Mary of Hope Oratory

(Located between St Bede's and St Aloysius Schools, Heritage Drive, Chisholm)

9:30 AM – St Patrick's, Lochinvar

OPEN DAY at the Atrium:

37 Delprat Ave, Beresfield. Wednesday 13 August from 2.00pm. All welcome. Contact Siubhan Sadler

on 0432 477 181 or email chisholm.atrium@gmail.com

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 4th August

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

5.00pm

Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 5th August

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 6th August

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

Thurs 7th August

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 8th August

7.30am

9.30am

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

Sat 9th August

5.30pm

Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Please see the front of the bulletin for weekend Mass times