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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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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

Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us
glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our
ancestors, so that, once they saw what
kind of oaths they had put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of
their enemies;

for by the same act with which you took
vengeance on our foes you made us
glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men
offered sacrifice in secret

and this divine pact they struck with one
accord: that the saints would share the
same blessings and dangers alike; and
forthwith they had begun to chant the
hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has
chosen to be his own.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews

*We will look for the city designed and built by
God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings
that we hope for, or prove the existence
of the realities that at present remain
unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors
were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the
call to set out for a country that was the
inheritance given to him and his
descendants, and that he set out without
knowing where he was going. By faith he
arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised
Land, and lived there as if in a strange
country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were
heirs with him of the same promise. They
lived there in tents while he looked
forward to a city founded, designed and
built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite
of being past the age, was made able to
conceive, because she believed that he
who had made the promise would be
faithful to it. Because of this, there came
from one man, and one who was already
as good as dead himself, more
descendants than could be counted, as
many as the stars of heaven or the grains
of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving
any of the things that had been promised,
but they saw them in the far distance and
welcomed them, recognising that they
were only strangers and nomads on
earth. People who use such terms about

themselves make it quite plain that they
are in search of their real homeland.
They can hardly have meant the country
they came from, since they had the
opportunity to go back to it; but in fact
they were longing for a better homeland,
their heavenly homeland. That is why
God is not ashamed to be called their
God, since he has founded the city for
them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to
the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to
sacrifice his only son even though the
promises had been made to him and he
had been told: It is through Isaac that
your name will be carried on. He was
confident that God had the power even to
raise the dead, and so, figuratively
speaking, he was given back Isaac from
the dead.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and
ready: You know not when the Son of
Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no
need to be afraid, little flock, for it has
pleased your Father to give you the
kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms.
Get yourselves purses that do not wear
out, treasure that will not fail you, in
heaven where no thief can reach it and
no moth destroy it. For where your
treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and
have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting
for their master to return from the
wedding feast, ready to open the door as
soon as he comes and knocks. Happy
those servants whom the master finds
awake when he comes. I tell you
solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit
them down at table and wait on them. It
may be in the second watch he comes,
or in the third, but happy those servants if
he finds them ready. You may be quite
sure of this, that if the householder had
known at what hour the burglar would
come, he would not have let anyone
break through the wall of his house. You
too must stand ready, because the Son
of Man is coming at an hour you do not
expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this
parable for us, or for everyone?' The
Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then,
is faithful and wise enough for the master
to place him over his household to give
them their allowance of food at the
proper time? Happy that servant if his

master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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

Joan Carey, Denis Duff (Ireland), Fr Chris Riley

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Thomas Bourke, Elaine Cusick, Nancy Marion Grogan, Bert Humphreys, Joan Kealy, Lorrie McCarthy,
Katherine O'Dea, Margaret O'Neill, Sr Paula Redgrove RSM, Eileen Shaw Sharkey,
Elizabeth (Peta) Saunders, Margaret Sawyer, Joyce Turner, Les & Joyce White

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

Charlotte Patricia Jayne Buffier, Arlee Norma Ann Dunstan, Leila Marie Herron, Lucas John McMahon

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



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

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



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 – Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

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, parish of Lochinvar

Please note the incorrect location for the Feast of the Assumption Vigil was printed in last weekends bulletin.

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 please call the parish office 49338918 or email rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au

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

Craft Group at Holy Family Largs Hall every Tuesday from 9.30am. Morning Tea provided. Everyone welcome. Bring your craft or just come for the company.

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

Celebrating First Holy Communion

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate a sacred milestone in the lives of our parish children as they receive their First Holy Communion. With hearts full of faith and wonder, they come to the table of the Lord for the very first time, partaking in the Body and Blood of Christ.

Children When you receive Jesus in the Eucharist, may you feel His love surrounding you, guiding you, and filling your heart with peace. This is not just a ceremony it is a beautiful beginning of a lifelong friendship with Christ. May your soul be nourished, your spirit be strengthened, and your heart be forever open to His grace.

Parents and the SOI Team Thank you for nurturing the faith of the children and walking with them on this sacred journey. Your love and example are the foundation upon which their faith is built. Let us all pray for these young communicants, that they may grow in holiness, walk in the light of Christ, and always know the joy of being part of God's family.

May this day be filled with blessings, joy, and the peace of Christ.

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.atrrium@gmail.com

aMeN caMiNo Weekend Experience – MYALL COAST
Saturday 6 / Sunday 7 September Experience an aMeN caMiNo weekend walk during this year's Season of Creation at the beautiful Myall Coast. Suitable for both beginner and practiced walker, with opportunities for prayer and reflection in nature, set amongst the beautiful wildflowers and gorgeous coastline. Join us for one day or two, walking 5km or 12kms. Start and end point is St Stephen's Catholic Church, Tea Gardens. Learn more: [aMeN caMiNo Weekend Experience - Catholic Diocese of Maitland Newcastle](#)

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 11th August (St Clare, virgin, memorial)

Tues 12th August (St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious optional)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 13th August (St Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest, martyr, optional)

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 14th August (St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr, memorial)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

5.30pm Vigil Mass, The feast of the ASSUMPTION
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Fri 15th August (The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

8.00am Mass, Mary Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm

9.30am Mass, St Patricks, Lochinvar

Sat 16th August (St Stephen of Hungary, Optional)

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 17th August

9.00am Mass - Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

9.30am Latin Mass - St John the Baptist Oratory

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 11th August

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

5.00pm

Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 12th August

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 13th August

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

Thurs 14th 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 15th August

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

9.30am

Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 16th August

5.30pm

Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes , Beresfield

Please see the front of the bulletin for weekend Mass times