

21st Sunday in ORDINARY TIME YEAR C **SUNDAY 24th AUGUST 2025**





PARISH OFFICE: 302 High St Maitland Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm Closed for lunch 1.00pm - 1.30pm Phone: 49338918 P.O. Box 215 Maitland 2320 chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au https://maitlandcatholicparishes.org.au/

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 Fr Priyantha Fernando, Fr Anil Kuchipudi Presbytery 4934 5783 Urgent Priest on Duty 0428 017 273

Regional Office

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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

Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

forgotten Have you that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat lightly; but do not discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of yourselves turned and outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



Try your best to enter by the narrow door.

Luke 13:24

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

Garry Callinan, Bev Crump, Rosemarie Cruz Flores

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Leslie Barker, Joan Baxter, Marion Crotty, Daniel Charnock, Terry Chipperfield, Clem Coffey, Marge Coffey, Margaret Hickey, Frank Hill, Amy Dolly Keating, Maria Lamoury, Shirley Edna Mills, Ciriaco, Eden and Nicolasa Minoza, Bruce Hilton Parker, Wendy Smith, Remegia Villaver, Tony Wills

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Cecelia Adapon-Capistrano, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett,
Shari Maria Brewster, 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, 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, Gayle Williams, John Williams,
Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be baptised

Skylar Evelina Nathania Enriquez, Oaklee Louise Gunther, Henry Samuel Hoawerth, Jasmine Faith Hunt, Eloise Elaine Kauter, Liliana Ann Kauter, Matilda Betty Mauger, Jacob Eddie Roderick, Isla Mae Studdert, Theo Nathan Verdich

Draw some people from many different lands, sitting at the feast in God's kingdom.



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

Sunday

MondayPrivate Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30amTuesdayPrivate Adoration: 9:30am - 10:30amMass open from: 5:00pm - 7:00pmWednesdayPrivate 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 Scheduled Mass Times: 8:30am & 6:00pm

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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



Volunteers Needed – Largs Youth Group

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help support our Largs Youth Group each Wednesday evening during school term, from 5:30pm to 6:45pm.

The program is already planned for the term, just come along, be present, and enjoy connecting with our young people in a fun and faith-filled environment. You will need to have a working with children check number and complete the diocese volunteer registration form. Whether you can commit weekly or just occasionally, your presence can make a real difference! Interested? Please reach out to Rebecca 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.

Craft Group Monday's, Therry Centre

9.30am -12pm. Morning Tea Provided. Phone: Joanne 4936 1326.

Catholic Women's League

East Maitland Branch invite you to a talk by Judy and Geoff Hicks on the work they do helping missions in overseas countries. At the Corcoran Centre, James St. Morpeth on Thursday 11th September, 10am Morning community. In order to enhance the reverence of our tea to follow the talk. Donation \$10: Proceeds to Help Judy and Geoff with their work RSVP: 4th September Colleen: 0400383950 or Anne: 0413489129 If unanswered, please leave a message on voicemail or send a text to above mobile numbers.

Piety Stall at St Joseph's East Maitland be open before and after Sunday 6pm Mass this weekend.

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.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 25th August

Tues 26th August

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 27th August (Memorial St Monica)

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 28th August (Memorial St Augustine, bishop, doctor)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 29th August (Memorial Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 30th August

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 31st 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)

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

St John's SVDP Conference is sending a huge thank you to the Campbells Hill, Largs and Paterson communities for your generous donations to our Winter Appeal \$9264.70, Largs Soup Night \$803.70 and our poor boxes. All donations help us support people facing hardships in our area.

Appeal for Support – Mary Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm

We are blessed to have a beautiful Oratory at Chisholm. dedicated to Mary, Mother of Hope. This sacred space is becoming a special place of prayer, reflection and celebrating Masses not only for our local Catholic schools of St Bede's and St Aloysius but also for the wider parish liturgical celebrations in the Oratory, we are seeking your kind support in acquiring essential liturgical items and religious articles along with sacred vessels. Our goal is to ensure that this space continues to inspire our young people in their faith journey and offers all who gather there a place of encounter with Christ. With your generosity, we can make this vision a reality. If you feel moved to contribute, donations can be made at any of our Mass centres or through the parish office. Please indicate that your donation is for the "Oratory Fund for liturgical items at Chisholm." For bank transfer details or other ways to give, feel free to contact us directly.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 25th August 9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

St Joseph's, East Maitland

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

<u>Tues 26th August</u> **9.30am-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

St Joseph's, East Maitland

Bible Study for families, Prayer Room St Joseph's East Maitland 6.00pm

Wed 27th August

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

St Joseph's, East Maitland

<u>Thurs 28th August</u> 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 29th August

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM 9.30am Prayer of the Church,

Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 30th August

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Please see the front of the bulletin for weekend Mass times