



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 Anthicad
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Fr Anil Kuchipudi
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Regional Office

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Safeguarding Promotors

Rebecca Piefke & Louise Gilchrist
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We are in the country of the Worimi,
Gamilleroi, Wonnarua, Gweagui, Darkinjung,
Biripi and Awabakal peoples. We respectfully
acknowledge their Elders, celebrate their
continuing culture and the living memory of
their ancestors.

First Reading

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:1. 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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

Alan Edmonds, Elizabeth Ann Harold, Joseph Lawler

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Don Bailey, Ted Burgess, Richard Breiner, Brett Christiansen, Tegan Christiansen, Pam McFadyen,
Bill Molnar, Domenico (Mick) Della Porta, Eileen Palmer, Dr Newton Potter, John Tobin, Sarah Ward,
George & Myra Whiteley

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, Richard Cooke, 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

Casey Amara Doyle, Riley James Hawkins, Chloe Marie McLellan, Fox Oliver Reid, Rylee Mae Watt

Use the words below to complete these sentences.



When you are invited to be
a _____, go and sit in the
_____ place.



If you put yourself _____ others,
you will be put down.



When you are _____ to a
wedding feast, don't sit in
the _____ place.



If you _____ yourself,
you will be honored.



When you give a _____,
invite the _____, crippled,
the lame and the _____.
They _____ pay you back.

CANNOT GUEST
HUMBLE INVITED
BEST BLIND FEAST
ABOVE WORST
WEDDING POOR

On this Social Justice Sunday, Australia's Bishops invite us to seriously consider our Christian responsibility to those who are in homelessness and mental ill-health. Like Jesus, we are to "offer service...to our sisters and brothers created in the image of God." Yet it is more than practical assistance or knowing about situations and causes of poverty. We are called to get to know the names of people and to hear their stories. God is love, and love notices, listens and responds to each person uniquely. As pilgrims of hope in this Year of Jubilee, we walk as equals with each other, and work towards a society of dignity and inclusion for all. Let us build a culture of encounter with those living in homelessness and mental ill-health. Let us find and be 'Signs of Hope on the Edge.'

Click in the link to view the statement or search Social Justice Statement 2025-2026

[Social Justice Statement 2025-2026 FINAL](#)

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

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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



Prayers for Fr George as he Begins his Sabbatical

We keep Fr George in our prayers as he begins his sabbatical journey. May this time be one of rest and renewal. We thank him for his faithful service and look forward to welcoming him back refreshed and inspired in early December.

HSC Mass at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland, on Sunday 14th September at 6: 00pm.

This special celebration is an opportunity to come together in prayer and support for our Year 12 students as they prepare for their HSC exams. All welcome to attend. Following the Mass, we'll gather for a BBQ. We hope to see you there!

Mass of Thanksgiving for Children Who Have Completed the Sacraments of Initiation

We invite you to join us in celebrating a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the children who have recently completed the Sacraments of Initiation. Sunday, 7th September, 6:00pm, at St Joseph's, East Maitland.

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. Interested? Please reach out to Rebecca Piefke rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au

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 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.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 1st September *(World Day of Prayer for Creation)*

Tues 2nd September

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 3rd September *(St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor Memorial)*

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 4th September

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 5th September *(Spring Ember Day)*

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 6th September

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 7th September

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)

Graced Encounters in the Community of Creation: Cultivating Hope in Action 10th September 2025



In the Season of Creation, we take time to discover how God is present in all of creation as experienced in our everyday lives. With a focus on the Ignatian motif of "finding God in all things," this workshop will explore the wisdom of living our lives through a lens of grace that generates hope for all in our community of creation. We are excited to welcome Dr Ann-Maree O'Beirne RSM to the Diocese as she shares her lived passion and love of creation. For more information on this free event and to register scan the QR code.

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. In order to enhance the reverence of our 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.

Bible and Prayer Group for families

6pm Tuesdays in the Prayer Room of St Joseph's East Maitland during school term.

Piety Stall at St Joseph's East Maitland be open before and after Sunday morning and Sunday evening this weekend. Helpers needed to run stall, see Marion at the

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.

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 1st September

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 2nd September

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 3rd September

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

Thurs 4th September

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 5th September

7.30am - 8am Saturday Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 6th September

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield