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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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Safeguarding Promotors

Rebecca Piefke

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 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of
God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down
the soul,

and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out
what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our
reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?

As for your intention, who could have
learnt it, had you not granted
Wisdom

and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth
been straightened

and men been taught what pleases
you,

and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

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

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10. 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
Philemon

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a
very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now
and, what is more, still a prisoner of
Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for
a child of mine, whose father I became
while wearing these chains: I mean
Onesimus. I am sending him back to
you, and with him – I could say – a
part of my own self. I should have
liked to keep him with me; he could
have been a substitute for you, to help
me while I am in the chains that the
Good News has brought me.
However, I did not want to do anything
without your consent; it would have
been forcing your act of kindness,
which should be spontaneous.

I know you have been deprived of
Onesimus for a time, but it was only
so that you could have him back for
ever, not as a slave any more, but
something much better than a slave, a
dear brother; especially dear to me,
but how much more to you, as a blood
-brother as well as a brother in the
Lord. So if all that we have in common
means anything to you, welcome him
as you would me.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*All who do not renounce their possessions
cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus
on his way and he turned and spoke
to them. 'If any man comes to me
without hating his father, mother,
wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes
and his own life too, he cannot be
my disciple. Anyone who does not
carry his cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here,
intending to build a tower, would not
first sit down and work out the cost
to see if he had enough to complete
it? Otherwise, if he laid the
foundation and then found himself
unable to finish the work, the
onlookers would all start making fun
of him and saying, "Here is a man
who started to build and was unable
to finish." Or again, what king
marching to war against another
king would not first sit down and
consider whether with ten thousand
men he could stand up to the other
who advanced against him with
twenty thousand? If not, then while
the other king was still a long way
off, he would send envoys to sue for
peace. So in the same way, none of
you can be my disciple unless he
gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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

Hazel Bendeich, Josephine Hiscox

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Raymond Francis Belcher, Hazel Bridger, John Bridger, Andrew and Florence Collins,
Mervyn and Kathleen Collins, Bernard Vaughan Campbell, Joseph Edmonds (Joe), Margaret Edmonds,
John Charles Edmonds, John Edmonds, Andrew Ferry, Bryan Hornery, Basil Keating, Thelma Keating,
Pat McGregor, Jenny Ribeyro, Ana Maria Soares, Joy Taylor, Patricia Unicom

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

We pray for those who will be baptised

Amelia Sarah Blanch, Avani Rose Kedwell - Griffiths, Luca Pavlovic, Isla Pavlovic, Ruby Elizabeth Yi Lin Low

KIDS CORNER



Jesus tells us that choosing
his way is not always easy.
When might it be hard to do
what Jesus asks us?



Blessing Prayer for Fathers

Lord God, who is Father of all, send your blessing down on these men who are fathers. For those who in the night worry for their child, grant them your comfort. For those who in the day work and struggle to provide for their child, send them your strength. For those who mourn a child, hold them in your love. For those who play, laugh, sing and dance with their child, you share in their joy. Lord God, who is Father of all, walk with these fathers, in the light times and the dark. Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your fatherly love; a symbol to their children and all who they encounter.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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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



On 14 September we observe Perpetual Day of Remembrance. This day is a public acknowledgement of the deep harm caused by the Church in the past, particularly the pain and suffering endured by survivors of abuse, their families, and those that have been lost. It is an occasion to re-commit ourselves to remembering what happened so as not to allow those things to be repeated. Our Parish will commemorate this day in our Masses on Saturday 13 September and Sunday 14 September.

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

All are invited to join us for the: **EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR** St Joseph's East Maitland Saturday September 13th 2025 8.30AM-9.30AM (FOLLOWING 8AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S) **EXPOSITION, BENEDICTION, ROSARY AND CONFESSION "MARY ASKS US TO BE HER EXTENDED HANDS TO THIS WORLD THAT HAS NOT COME TO KNOW THE GOD OF LOVE".**

Bible and Prayer Group for families

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

Piety Stall

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 stall.

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.

Message From Louise Gilchrist

After nearly 18 years of dedicated service to our parishes and parishioners, I wish to share that I have resigned from my role as Parish Manager. This decision has not come lightly. Serving our parish community has been one of the greatest honours of my life. I hold a deep and abiding love for the people of our region, and I have been truly blessed to walk alongside you in faith and service. However, in order to prioritise my wellbeing, I have discerned that it is time to take this step. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your unwavering support, kindness, and encouragement throughout the years. Your generosity of spirit has sustained me more than you know. Though I am stepping away I will carry with me the relationships and shared moments that have shaped my journey. It has been a privilege to serve, and I will always remain connected to this community in heart and prayer. *With gratitude and love, Louise Gilchrist*

Pilgrims Of Hope - 2025 NATISCC Assembly

Every three years, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATISCC) hosts a National Tri-Annual Assembly. In 2025, the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is honoured to host this gathering on the lands of the Wonnarua people at Rydge's Hunter Valley from Monday, 29 September to Friday, 3 October 2025. With the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," inspired by Pope Francis' Jubilee Year, this Assembly promises to be a meaningful event. [Registrations are open now!](#)

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!

The Dominican Sisters are seeking to employ a part-time health care worker to support the sisters in the Maitland/ Newcastle region. AIN or EN qualifications with experience, preferable. Up to 30 hours a week, including one day on a weekend essential. For further information please contact Colleen on 02 9744 9511

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 8th September (*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

Tues 9th September (*St Peter Claver, priest*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 10th September

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 11th September

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 12th September (*Anniversary of dedication of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle, The Most Holy Name of Mary optional*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 13th September (*St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor*)

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 14th 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)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 8th September

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

Tues 9th September

9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland - **Funeral**
6.00pm Bible Study for families, Prayer Room St Joseph's East Maitland

Wed 10th September

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

Thurs 11th 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 12th September

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

Sat 13th September

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield