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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 Anichad
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Rebecca Piefke 49338918

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

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord God spoke against those who buy
the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the
needy
and try to suppress the poor people of
the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be
over

so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our
wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the
shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the
scales,

we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings
of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you
have done.'

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the
poor.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St
Paul to Timothy

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone;
he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should
be prayers offered for everyone –
petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving
– and especially for kings and others in
authority, so that we may be able to live
religious and reverent lives in peace and
quiet. To do this is right, and will please
God our saviour: he wants everyone to
be saved and reach full knowledge of
the truth. For there is only one God, and
there is only one mediator between God
and mankind, himself a man, Christ
Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a
ransom for them all. He is the evidence
of this, sent at the appointed time, and I
have been named a herald and apostle
of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie
– a teacher of the faith and the truth to
the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to
lift their hands up reverently in prayer,
with no anger or argument.

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became
poor, to make you rich out of his
poverty.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of
money.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a
rich man and he had a steward who was
denounced to him for being wasteful with
his property. He called for the man and
said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw
me up an account of your stewardship
because you are not to be my steward any
longer." Then the steward said to himself,
"Now that my master is taking the
stewardship from me, what am I to do?
Dig? I am not strong enough. Go
begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I
know what I will do to make sure that
when I am dismissed from office there will
be some to welcome me into their homes.'

'Then he called his master's debtors one
by one. To the first he said, "How much do
you owe my master?" "One hundred
measures of oil," was the reply. The
steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit
down straight away and write fifty." To
another he said, "And you, sir, how much
do you owe?" "One hundred measures of
wheat," was the reply. The steward said,
"Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward
for his astuteness. For the children of this
world are more astute in dealing with their
own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted
as it is, to win you friends, and thus make
sure that when it fails you, they will
welcome you into the tents of eternity. The
man who can be trusted in little things can
be trusted in great; the man who is
dishonest in little things will be dishonest
in great. If then you cannot be trusted with
money, that tainted thing, who will trust
you with genuine riches? And if you
cannot be trusted with what is not yours,
who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two
masters: he will either hate the first and
love the second, or treat the first with
respect and the second with scorn. You
cannot be the slave both of God and of
money.'

**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.

Universal Prayer Response

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

‘Jesus satisfies the hunger of the crowd’, Pope Leo says. When we look to Jesus, we see how ‘he does what God does, and he teaches us to do the same.’ At no point in the Gospels do we see Jesus hoarding money for himself or explaining that the poor deserve to be poor.

‘Today,’ the pope reflects, ‘entire peoples are suffering.’ Their pain, he adds gravely, is too often ‘a result of the greed of others.’ ‘In stark contrast to the dire poverty of many,’ he adds, there is ‘the amassing of wealth by a few.’ This unholy disparity, he explains, ‘is the sign of an arrogant indifference.’ It directly ‘produces pain and injustice.’ The pope reminds us that ‘the Lord’s example is a yardstick that should guide our actions and our service: we are called to share our bread.’ Indeed, by sharing our resources justly we work ‘to multiply hope and to proclaim the coming of God’s Kingdom.’

As the pope notes, ‘Jesus’ compassion for the suffering shows us the loving closeness of God, who comes into our world to save us.’ Through compassionate action for those in distress and by working for justice in our world we can truly become God’s servants. *(Homily of Pope Leo XIV, 22 June 2025, Body and Blood of Christ)*

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JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

You cannot serve God and money

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Try to find these words:

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We pray for those who have recently died

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including
Malcolm Evander Abulencia, Peter and Patricia Bowe, Gwen Cerveney, Ellen Funnell, Marie Funnell,
Fr. John Gahan, Grace Hill, Mary Rampling, Simeon and Crisanta Regudo, Matthew Saunders,

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Cecelia Adapon-Capistrano, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett,
Patrick Brennan, Shari Maria Brewster, Olga Charlton, Robert Dewsbury, Patrick Brennan, Wayne Canny,
Rita Clarin, Richard Cooke, Luke Crotty, 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, Pauline Wade, Carla Whiting, John Williams,
Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be baptised

Violet Elaine Daly

We pray for those who will be married

Eva-Rae Kernahan and Bryce Renwick

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, 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: 11th October, 8th November, 13th December

Sunday Scheduled Mass Times: 8:30am & 6:00pm



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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!](#)

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES

St Joseph's is preparing to reintroduce the sharing of the Precious Blood from the chalice. This is a significant moment for our parish community to reflect anew on the mystery of the Eucharist and for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) to refresh their theological understanding and practical skills. Bishop Michael has permitted parishes to resume Communion under both kinds but has asked that EMHCs first receive updated formation and training. This ensures that all ministers are aware of the current guidelines, pastoral considerations, and practical requirements of each community before recommencing this ministry. After the training, each EMHC will have the opportunity to discern whether they are ready to accept these responsibilities in the present circumstances. A **formation and training session will be held on Thursday, 23 October, from 7:00–8:00 pm in St Joseph's Church, led by Fr Paul.** Attendance is **compulsory** for all current EMHCs, especially those who will be distributing the Precious Blood, so that we can ensure and record that everyone has been properly trained in line with diocesan requirements. We also need a sufficient number of EMHCs to cover all our Masses, as once this practice resumes it must be continued without interruption. This is also a valuable opportunity for parishioners who may feel called to join this ministry. In addition, all members of the community are warmly invited to attend, as together we deepen our appreciation of the Eucharist—the source and summit of our Christian life. **Please make a note of this date in your diary.**

20th Anniversary of ACTiv8 Youth Ministry

This year marks a special milestone – 20 years of ACTiv8 Youth Ministry! Over the past two decades, ACTiv8 has been a place where young people have encountered Christ, grown in faith, and shared their gifts with the Church. Join us as we give thanks and celebrate:

Sunday, 19th October

5:00 PM – Praise & Worship

6:00 PM – Mass of Thanksgiving

BBQ & Cake to follow St Joseph's Church, East Maitland. All are warmly invited to come along for this joyful occasion as we celebrate what God has done and look forward to the future of youth ministry in our region.

Clergy Retreat

Please be aware that the clergy will be on retreat 12th-17th October. During this time Masses will be replaced by Liturgy of the Word.

Message from the Parish Office

As you may be aware the parish office has been understaffed for a number of weeks. If possible please email the office rather than call. Until this is resolved your patience is appreciated. chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

Bible and Prayer Group for families

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

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.

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

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 22nd September

Tues 23rd September (*St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 24th September
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thurs 25th September
7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 26th September (*Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyr, optional*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sat 27th September (*St Vincent de Paul, priest*)
8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 21st 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 22nd September

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 23rd September

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 24th September

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Thurs 25th September

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

7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary

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Fri 26th September

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM

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

Sat 27th September

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield