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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**

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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**

**Amos 6:1. 4-7**

A reading from the prophet Amos

*You who give yourself to licentiousness and  
revelry will be exiled.*

Woe to those ensconced so  
snugly in Zion  
and to those who feel so safe on  
the mountain of Samaria.  
Lying on ivory beds  
and sprawling on their divans,  
they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal;  
they bawl to the sound of the harp,  
they invent new instruments of  
music like David,  
they drink wine by the bowlful,  
and use the finest oil for anointing  
themselves,  
but about the ruin of Joseph they  
do not care at all.  
That is why they will be the first to  
be exiled;  
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The almighty Lord says this:

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

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2**

**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

## **Second Reading**

**1 Timothy 6:11-16**

A reading from the first letter of St  
Paul to Timothy

*Obey the commandments until the coming of the  
Lord.*

As a man dedicated to God, you must  
aim to be saintly and religious, filled  
with faith and love, patient and gentle.  
Fight the good fight of the faith and  
win for yourself the eternal life to  
which you were called when you made  
your profession and spoke up for the  
truth in front of many witnesses. Now,  
before God the source of all life and  
before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as  
a witness for the truth in front of  
Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of  
doing all that you have been told, with  
no faults or failures, until the  
Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be  
revealed  
by God, the blessed and only  
Ruler of all,  
the King of kings and the Lord of  
lords,

who alone is immortal,  
whose home is in inaccessible  
light,  
whom no man has seen and no  
man is able to see:  
to him be honour and everlasting  
power. Amen.

**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 16:19-31**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

*During your life good things came your way  
just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.  
Now he is being comforted while you are in  
agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There  
was a rich man who used to dress in  
purple and fine linen and feast  
magnificently every day. And at his  
gate there lay a poor man called  
Lazarus, covered with sores, who  
longed to fill himself with the scraps  
that fell from the rich man's table.  
Dogs even came and licked his sores.  
Now the poor man died and was  
carried away by angels to the bosom  
of Abraham. The rich man also died  
and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up  
and saw Abraham a long way off with  
Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out,  
"Father Abraham, pity me and send  
Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in  
water and cool my tongue, for I am in  
agony in these flames." "My son,"  
Abraham replied "remember that  
during your life good things came your  
way, just as bad things came the way  
of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted  
here while you are in agony. But that  
is not all: between us and you a great  
gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if  
he wanted to, crossing from our side  
to yours, and to stop any crossing  
from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

## **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.

## **Gospel Reflection**

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

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**Greg Sunter** has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

***We pray those who have recently died***

Renata Stephenson

***We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including***

Margaret Allen, Daniel Brennan, Michael William Brennan, Gerald Collins, Kevin Newson, Clem O'Brien

***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, Jennifer Reynolds, 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***

Liana Amelie Bazar, Amelia Isla Bright, Maeve Elise Chaney, Milla Rose Joseph, Scarlett Mae Lawler, Arthur Thomas Molin, Noah William Moore, Lucy Punch

***We pray for those who will be married***

Siboney Corrales-Palacio & Brendan May

**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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## 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 the East Maitland 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.

**Formation and training sessions will be held on Thursday, 23 October, from 2.30-3.30pm & 7:00-8:00 pm in St Joseph's Church, led by Fr Paul.** Attendance to one session 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. **Morpeth's session will be at 7pm on Wednesday 29th October in Immaculate Conception Church.** Please note training will be provided in other communities at a later date.

## Synodality and the New Diocesan Governance Framework

A letter from Bishop Michael Kennedy on Synodality and the New Diocesan Governance Framework is available on our Diocesan website under [Media Releases and Statements](#). In coming months, an invitation will be extended for those who feel called to contribute their insight, skills, and experience to express their interest to be members of advisory boards and councils. Copies of the letter are available at the back of the Church.

**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.

**Thank You for Your Generosity** On behalf of the Mary Mother of Hope Oratory at Chisholm, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of \$1533.60, towards the acquisition of essential liturgical items and sacred vessels. Your support is truly invaluable and will greatly enhance the reverence and beauty of our liturgical celebrations. Your kindness helps us to create a sacred space that inspires faith and devotion in our young people. With your generosity, we are able to continue building a place of prayer, reflection, and encounter with Christ for all who gather here. Thank you once again for your thoughtful contribution to the Oratory Fund. May God bless you abundantly for your support. Fr Priyantha

**111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees & Jubilee of Migrants—Sunday, 5 October 2025** The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which coincides with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions, is "MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES OF HOPE." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has created online resources—including liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews—to help celebrate this special day. The document 'Under the Southern Cross: A Journey of Faith and Unity' marks the 75th anniversary of the release of 'On Immigration', the Pastoral Letter issued by the Australian Archbishops and Bishops in 1950. Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmmr/2025>

**St Vincent de Paul Food Appeal** on the weekend of 11th/12th October. Parishioners are asked to donate non-perishable items, e.g. ring pull tins of meat/veg, cereal, long-life milk, etc, to be distributed to the needy via The Hub. Please leave in church porches. Your generosity is appreciated.

**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 Sunday morning and Sunday evening this weekend.

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Monday 29th September** (*Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels*)

**Tuesday 30th September** (*St Jerome, priest, doctor*)  
**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wednesday 1st October** (*St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor*)  
**6.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thursday 2nd October** (*The Holy Guardian Angels*)  
**7.00am** Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Friday 3rd October**  
**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Saturday 4th October** (*St Francis of Assisi*)  
**8.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sunday 5th October**  
**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 29th September

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

### Tues 30th 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 1st October

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

### Thurs 2nd October

**9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland  
**7.00pm** Apostolate of Prayer to St. Joseph of the Eternal Family Prayer Meeting at 2 Erin Close, Ashtonfield

### Fri 3rd October

**7.30am-8am Saturday** Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**9.30am** Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

### Sat 4th October

**5.30pm** Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield