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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

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

*As long as Moses kept his arms raised,
Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*This is how the people of God become
equipped and ready for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and,

welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

Justice, Pope Leo says, 'cannot be reduced to the mere application of the law or the work of judges, nor limited to procedural aspects.' As the Pope points out, 'the persistence of the widow who urges the judge to recover his sense of justice' speaks to the real meaning of the concept. Justice means more than the keeping or enforcing of rules. Because justice is a cardinal virtue, the Pope reminds us, it should always inform and guide our consciences and actions. 'When justice is exercised,' he says, 'one places oneself at the service of individuals, society and the state, with full and unwavering dedication.' Referring to 'the deep desire for justice that is present in each of us, the thirst for justice that is the key instrument for building the common good in every human society,' the Pope encourages us to consider what justice demands with respect to individual dignity and communal relationships. True justice, he affirms, 'establishes a circularity of social relations, which places the value of every human being at its core.' For Christians, therefore, justice cannot be selfish or dismissive. Rather, justice should positively orient our relations with each other. 'As we know,' the Pope continues, 'justice becomes concrete when it reaches out to others, when each person is given their due, until equality in dignity and opportunity among human beings is achieved.'

[Quotes from Address for the Jubilee of Justice, 20 September 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2025/september/documents/20250920-giubileo-operatori-giustizia.html>]

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MESSAGE FROM POPE LEO XIV FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labours.

When I served as a missionary priest and bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories.

This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "missionaries of hope among the peoples," let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth.

Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. God bless you all!

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The full video message from Pope Leo XIV is available on the Vatican News YouTube channel and on our website can be accessed via this youtube link: [Pope Leo XIV Delivers His First Video Message for World Mission Sunday | Catholic Mission](#)

We pray those who have recently died

Elizabeth Anne Patterson, Jaime Soares

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Angeles Adapon, Kevin Bridge, Frank Carmody, Br Edward Collins, Louise Considine (Prouse), Mieczyslaw Grabski, Joan Jackson, Dan McCarthy Jnr, Evelyn Marquez, Jaime Marquez, Michael O'Brien, Ian Searston

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, Wayne Canny, Olga Charlton, Rita Clarin, Richard Cooke, Luke Crotty, Robert Dewsbury, 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, Paul Anthony Will, John Williams, Maureen Wilson, Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman

We pray for those who will be baptised

Henry Flynn Bush, Laurence Dominic Bush, Harper-Rose Leslie Cooke, Lenny William Cullen, Grayson Brooks Forrest, Harrison Robert Priestley, Oliver Jack Priestley, Evie Rose Skelton, Hallie Grace Skelton, Beau Alexander Smith, Edmund Allan Stephen Turnbull, Narissa Natalia Vella

We pray for those who will be married

Antony William Bonaccoiso and Annabelle Cordelia Woodbury

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, 12th November, Wednesday, 10th 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: 15th November (please note change of date) , 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



Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick East Maitland Friday 24th October 10am.

Refreshments will be served in the Therry Centre Foyer following Mass.

Volunteers are needed to provide either sandwiches or a cake/slice and to assist with serving on the day. Please add your name to the volunteer sheet on the notice board in the church if you are available to assist or provide a plate. Dishes can be delivered to the Therry Centre on the Friday morning after 9am. Please show your support and appreciation for the elderly members of St Joseph's Parish. For further details contact Maree Bradley on 0418641096.

A group of enthusiastic young people from the Maitland Catholic parishes will be attending the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)** — a national three-day event in Melbourne (30 Nov – 2 Dec 2025) for youth in Year 9 to age 25. **To help support these young people financially**, we're holding a **Trivia Night** and we'd love your support! **When:** Friday, 7th November **Time:** Arrive 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start **Where:** Therry Centre **Cost:** \$10 per person Please gather a **team of 10**. If you have more than 10 and can't fill a second table, let us know and we'll help organise seating. If you can't make a table of 10, let us know! **Pre-payment and team names are required before the event** to ensure a smooth start. Direct deposit details are available on request, or you can pay cash to Bec. We're also gratefully accepting **raffle prize donations**. Any contributions from individuals or businesses would be a big help. Let us know asap if you're able to come along, we'd love to welcome you for a fun night in support of our young people.

Regional Memorial Liturgy will be held at St Joseph's East Maitland on Wednesday 5th Nov at 6pm. The funeral Ministry team warmly welcomes and encourages your support for those who grieve, as a sign of the compassionate Christ amongst us.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 20th October

Tuesday 21st October

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 22nd October (St John Paul II pope—optional)

8:00am Mass, Our Lady of Hope Oratory, Chisolm

6:00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 23rd October (St John Capistrano, priest—optional)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 24th October (St Anthony Claret, bishop—optional)

10.00am Anointing Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 25th October

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 26th 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 8.25am—9:25am)



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Free call: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/mission



Catholic mission envelopes are available in all churches this weekend. Please find the message from Pope Leo on page 2. The full video message from Pope Leo XIV is available on the Vatican News YouTube channel and on the catholic missions website via this youtube link: [Pope Leo XIV Delivers His First Video Message for World Mission Sunday | Catholic Mission](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeoXIVDeliversHisFirstVideoMessageforWorldMissionSunday)

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy invites you to the priesthood ordination of Deacon Anton Suranga Perera on Saturday 8th November at 10am in Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West. Refreshments to follow the ceremony. The St Joseph's East Maitland 8am Mass will go ahead on this day but there will be no Reconciliation or Holy Hour as the clergy will be attending the ordination.

November Mass offering envelopes are available in the church porches.

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. Are you able to help by opening the stall once a month? Please let Marion know or contact the parish office. chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 20th October

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 21st October

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 22nd October

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

Thurs 23rd October

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

7.00pm Cenacle Rosary of the Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Meeting at 2 Erin Close, Ashtonfield

Fri 24th October

7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland

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

Sat 25th October

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield