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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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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

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Garry Michael Brennan, Mary Alice Ernst, Kathleen Beatrice Hughes, Annie and Leo Lantry, Jean Murray,
Jim Mullett, Mary Dorothy Redgrove, Margaret Robin

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

Isabella Kate Burton, Emiliano Artini Gudino, Santiago Leandro Gudino, Noah Ray Mudd, Maisie Joanna Wilson

November Spiritual Bouquet – Praying for the Holy Souls

The Church dedicates the month of **November** to prayer for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory** — our brothers and sisters who have died in God's grace but may still be undergoing purification before entering the fullness of His heavenly glory.

Helping the Holy Souls

Our Catholic faith reminds us that **death does not end our communion in Christ**. Bound together in the **Communion of Saints**, we are called to support the faithful departed through our **prayers, sacrifices, almsgiving**, and above all, through the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**.

The Church teaches: At **every Mass** throughout the world, the Church intercedes for those who "have fallen asleep in the Lord."

Praying for the dead is a holy duty, rooted in **Sacred Scripture** (*2 Maccabees 12:44–46; 2 Timothy 1:16–18*) and reaffirmed by the **Second Vatican Council (Lumen Gentium 49–50)**, which teaches that our spiritual union with those who have died is **not broken but strengthened** through the exchange of spiritual goods.

Spiritual Bouquet of Masses

This year, our parish will once again offer a **Spiritual Bouquet of Masses throughout the month of November**, with a special remembrance on **2 November - All Souls' Day** - for the repose of the souls of our departed loved ones.

- **November Mass Envelopes** are available at the entrance of all our churches or within the **Planned Giving envelope sets**.

- Please **write the names** of those you wish to include in the Spiritual Bouquet on the envelope provided or place a separate list inside it.

Envelopes may be returned with the **Mass stipend** via the collection baskets or delivered directly to the **Chisholm Region Parish Office**.

With faith, love, and hope in God's mercy, let us assist the Holy Souls on their journey to eternal life, confident in the power of prayer offered in communion with the whole Church. This is the unity we profess each time we say in the Creed: *"I believe in the Communion of Saints..."*

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

The Story of Youth Ministry in the Chisholm Region

Youth Ministry in the Maitland Region began in 2004 when Naomi Riley, inspired during Mass and navigating the loss of her father, felt called to create a Catholic youth group. At the time, the Baptist Youth Group in Rutherford was thriving, and Naomi saw a need for something similar in the Catholic community. With support from Fr Brian Mascord, Fr Tony Potts, Leon Warren and others, the first Young People's Mass launched in 2005, followed by junior and senior youth groups.

Momentum grew following World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, with regular planning meetings and a growing team of dedicated volunteers including Greg Standing, Sue O'Donohue, Robyn Maher, and the Maher, O'Donohue, McGregor and Lancaster families. Highlights from those early years include the Journey of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon, outdoor Christmas Vigil Masses, and Good Friday Stations of the Cross. Music ministry, supported by Antioch and local musicians, played a central role in creating a welcoming and prayerful space.

A major milestone came in 2009 with the appointment of the first official Youth Ministry Coordinator, Anne Maher. Under her leadership, the ministry expanded to new areas such as Largs, launched leadership programs like Sr Judy Bowe's Step Up, and ran creative outreach events like Battle of the Bands.

In 2012, the ACTiv8 Youth Team was formed—young adults living in community, supporting youth groups, leading school

programs, and beginning Wednesday morning prayer and adoration with Fr Paul O'Neill. That same year, new youth groups launched in Paterson and Lochinvar.

Inspired by the 2008 World Youth Day theme (Acts 1:8), ACTiv8 reflects a call to action—to activate faith in young people. It provides a place for youth aged 7 to 18 to build friendships, encounter Christ, and grow in faith through fun and inclusive programs.

In 2013, Melissa Fenech became Youth Ministry Coordinator. That year, youth from the region travelled to World Youth Day in South America and attended the first Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne. The ministry was renamed ACTiv8 Chisholm Youth, with three guiding goals:

- To Encounter – meeting young people where they are
- To Engage – connecting them with programs and events
- To Encourage Active Participation – empowering them to be involved in Church life

In 2014, the coordinator role was shared between Samantha Hill (Youth Groups, school ministry and engagement and youth Mass) and Stefanie Lloyd (Youth Team). In 2015, Bec Piefke stepped into the role and continues to lead the ministry today,

preparing children for sacraments, and running youth groups and Youth Masses, alongside a passionate team of volunteers.

Recently, Charlie Chedid and Danielle Mills have taken on leadership of the Largs Youth Group. The East Maitland Youth Group and Youth Mass have been blessed by the support of Sue O'Donohue, Sr Joseph, Alf Capito, Sue Jordan, Colleen Robertson, and Bev Bailey and previously Margaret Sheridan plus many other volunteers whose presence and service have been invaluable.

Many volunteers, past and present, have shaped this ministry. Special thanks to:

- Kade, the longest-standing youth participant, whose joyful commitment is an inspiration.
- Anthony, who has cooked thousands of sausages over the years.
- Greenhills Daily Bakehouse, who generously donate sausages and bread each week.

Our music ministry remains a vital part of Youth Ministry, creating a prayerful and welcoming space every Sunday and Tuesday night. This ministry has been lovingly led by Sue, whose dedication over the years has been extraordinary.

Finally, we give thanks for the clergy, past and present, whose pastoral care and presence have guided this ministry, as well as our parish staff teams, whose unseen efforts and administrative support have made so much possible behind the scenes.

As we celebrate 20 years of Youth Ministry in the Maitland Catholic Region, we honour the countless volunteers, leaders, families, young people, and faithful supporters who have helped shape this beautiful story of faith, friendship, and mission.

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



Thank you from St Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank all those parishioners who donated food and toiletry items to the appeal over the last few weeks. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by those in need.

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.

NOTE: 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 Memorial Services

November is a special time when we remember our dearly departed.

- Regional Memorial Liturgy will be held at St. Joseph's East Maitland, Wednesday 5th November at 6pm
- Rosary at East Maitland Cemetery, 2nd November at 10:30 am
- Rosary at St. Paul's Rutherford, 2nd November at 5pm at the columbarium
- Prayers at Campbell's Hill Cemetery, 2nd November at 6pm (NOTE: not in church as previously indicated)
- Liturgy at St Patrick's Lochinvar, 4th November at 6.30pm
- Mass at Morpeth Cemetery, 10th November at 6pm celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord
- Liturgy in the Paterson Cemetery 19th November at 6pm. Please bring your own chair; the Liturgy will be held in the Church should there be inclement weather.

November Mass offering envelopes are now available in the church porches.

Meeting for the **Morpeth Eucharistic Ministers** will be held in the church on Wednesday 29th October at 7pm.

Piety Stall at St Joseph's East Maitland be open before and after Sunday morning and Sunday evening Masses this weekend.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 27th October

Tuesday 28th October (*Sts Simon and Jude, apostles*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

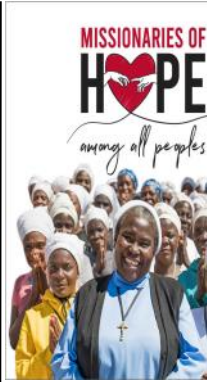
Wednesday 29th October
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 30th October
7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 31st October
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 1st November (*All Saints*)
8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 2nd November
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)



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

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Support Our Youth Attending the Catholic Youth Festival – Melbourne (Nov 30 – Dec 2)

Young people from our Parish region will be attending the Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne later this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to grow in faith, connect with others, and be inspired in their journey with Christ.

How you can help:

Bucket Collection – A collection will take place at all Masses next weekend to help cover costs for the young people attending.

Trivia Night Fundraiser – Join us for a fun night out!

Date: Friday, November 7

The Therry Centre

6.45pm for a 7pm start

Cost: \$10 per person

Form a table of 10, or join a table!

To RSVP, please contact Bec Piefke

rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au

Prepayment and team names are kindly requested.

Raffle Prize Donations – If you're able to contribute a raffle prize, please drop it off at the Parish Office.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Let's get behind our young people and show them the support of their parish community!

Bible and Prayer Group for families

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

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Mon 27th October

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

Tues 28th 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 29th October

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

Thurs 30th 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 31st October

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

Sat 1st November

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield