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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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Rebecca Piefke 49338918

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

2 Mc 12:43-45

A reading from the book of Micah

Judas, the leader of the Jews, took a collection from the people individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmae, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action, in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered from the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62(63):2-6, 8=9

**(R.) For you my soul is thirsting, O
Lord my God.**

Second Reading

Phil 3:20-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 7:11-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the towns-people were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

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



May the souls of the
faithful departed
through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.

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.

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



ACTiv8 Youth Groups

St Joseph's East Maitland on Tuesday's at 5:00pm and Holy Family Largs on Wednesday's 5:30pm. If you are interested in your child being involved and learning more about the catholic faith in an engaging environment please call the parish office 49338918 or email rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au

KIDS CORNER

The people who saw Jesus raise the dead man to life were frightened, but they praised God. Use the words below to find out what they said.

visited
God
appeared
great
people
prophet



A _____ has
_____ among us; _____ has
_____ his _____.

Dear friends,

As the year **2025** draws to a close, our schools are preparing for the summer holidays, and children are filled with excitement as they plan their break. In our parishes too, we are approaching the **end of the liturgical year** and preparing to begin a new one (**Year A**), with **Advent and Christmas** just around the corner.

Amid this busy and joy-filled season, I would like to share with you an **update on what's happening across our parish community**—to offer greater understanding and clarity in both our **pastoral** and **administrative** areas. This is a **detailed report**, and I ask for your **patience in reading** and your **support** as we continue our shared mission of faith and service.

1. Appointment of Christopher Voigt as Pastoral Associate

We are pleased to announce that **Christopher Voigt** has been appointed by the Diocese to serve in our region as **Pastoral Associate**, commencing his role on **Monday, 20 October 2025**.

Many of you will already know Christopher, as he has been a regular presence—especially within the **East Maitland community**—and a familiar face at our Masses. He now serves as an **Acolyte** and is continuing his formation for the **Permanent Diaconate**, preparing to serve the Church and our community more fully in the years ahead.

Christopher has previously served as a **Lay Parish Leader** for two years in Toronto, as **Office Manager to Bishop Michael** in Newcastle about two years and is now focusing more fully on his formation for the Diaconate ministry. His family is actively involved in many parish ministries, especially at **St Joseph's, East Maitland**.

We warmly **welcome Christopher** to this new role and wish him every blessing in his ministry among us. As he settles into his position, he will become increasingly involved in responding to the **pastoral needs** of our region and in building connections across our diverse parish communities.

2. Training and Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Recently, three **training sessions** for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs)** were held across our region—two at **East Maitland** and one at **Morpeth**. A total of **57 people** attended, including both current ministers and new participants discerning this sacred ministry. After the sessions, participants renewed their commitment to ministry: some to distribute only the **Consecrated Host**, others the **Precious Blood**, and some **both**.

I sincerely thank all who responded generously to this call and who serve **Christ Himself** through their availability to the community.

The Importance of Regular Training

Regular training for EMHCs is vital for maintaining reverence, understanding, and consistency in the Church's liturgical life. It ensures that ministers carry out their duties with both dignity and devotion.

Upholding reverence for the Eucharist

- **Deepens faith:** Ongoing formation helps ministers grow in personal devotion and understanding of the Eucharist as the Real Presence of Christ. This revitalized faith helps them model reverence and love for the Blessed Sacrament for the entire congregation.
- **Promotes appropriate conduct:** Training ensures EMHCs know how to dress, act, and handle the consecrated hosts and vessels with the utmost care and respect, preventing irreverence and scandal.

Reinforces sacred responsibility: Regular sessions remind ministers that their role is a sacred responsibility, not simply a functional task or a position of honour.

Ensuring consistency and liturgical correctness

- **Uniform procedures:** Training provides a standard set of procedures for distributing Communion, handling mishaps (such as a dropped host or spilled Precious Blood), and preparing for Mass. This consistency creates a seamless and unified liturgical experience for the community.
- **Updated guidelines:** Liturgical norms and diocesan guidelines can change over time. Regular training keeps ministers up-to-date on proper procedures, including how to handle new health-related concerns.

Clarifying the role: EMHCs are extraordinary ministers who assist when there are not enough ordinary ministers (bishops, priests, and deacons). Training reinforces this distinction and prevents the misuse or over-reliance on extraordinary ministers.

Enhancing pastoral care for the homebound

- **Fostering connection:** Many EMHCs bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, an essential pastoral ministry that connects these members to the parish community.
- **Practical skills for visiting the sick:** Specialized training equips ministers with the skills to administer Communion to the sick, which includes understanding different ritual forms, bringing the day's Scripture readings, and being sensitive to a person's physical and emotional state.

Offers a prayerful presence: Ministers are trained to do more than just deliver the host; they offer companionship and prayers, turning a simple visit into a meaningful, Christ-centered encounter.

Addressing ongoing challenges

- **Overcoming misconceptions:** Regular formation helps prevent the misconception that ministers are simply distributing bread, reminding them and the faithful of the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist.
- **Sustaining commitment:** Ongoing training and formation help volunteers stay committed to their ministry, especially in parishes that may experience high turnover.

Building community: Group training sessions help build a sense of community and fellowship among the EMHCs, allowing them to support one another in their shared ministry.

This ministry is a profound expression of the Church's life, flowing from a deep love of the Eucharist and a desire to make Christ present among His people. For this reason, **ongoing formation and annual renewal of commitment** remain essential.

To re-establish regular ministry at Mass, we require a sufficient number of ministers to create a sustainable monthly roster. Some parishioners hesitate to volunteer, fearing over-commitment due to limited numbers—but the more who come forward, the more balanced the schedule will be.

I warmly encourage all parishioners to consider serving in this and other ministries of our parish and region. In doing so, we build up the **Mystical Body of Christ**—a community where Jesus is truly present, and where all are united as one in faith and love.

I also note that some current **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs)** on the roster have not yet attended the recent training sessions. This formation is essential for all ministers, including those who bring Holy Communion to the homebound and the sick. Future rosters will be based on those who have completed the parish or regional formation.

If you missed the earlier sessions, please make every effort to attend one of the upcoming sessions: **Tuesday, 18 November, at St Paul's Church, Rutherford, at 7.00 p.m. Wednesday, 19 November, at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland, at 7.00 p.m.**

Together, let us strengthen our devotion and commitment in this sacred ministry of sharing Christ with others.

3. Parish Survey and Upcoming Parish/Regional Assembly

Over the past six months, **James Camden**, Director of the **Diocesan Mission & Evangelization Team**, has been visiting our region, working closely with **Bishop Michael** and the renewed diocesan team following a comprehensive review of mission initiatives.

James' mission is to **listen, learn, and dream together** about the future of our parishes and the region as a whole. His approach involves:

- Meeting with parish leaders to understand local contexts and community life
- Sharing insights from the recent diocesan discernment process
- Discussing early strategies and areas of focus currently being developed

Exploring **Bishop Michael's vision for mission and evangelization** across the Diocese, particularly for the **Chisholm Region**

In his pastoral letter dated **23 September 2025**, Bishop Michael encouraged all parishioners to **actively participate** in discerning the future direction of our parishes and communities. In consultation with the Bishop and Vicars General, **Fr George** has initiated a **Parish Survey** as a key preparatory step for the **Parish/Regional Assembly** in **February 2026**.

At the **Regional Pastoral Council meeting on 2 October 2025**, the proposal to conduct the survey through the **National Church Life Survey (NCLS)** was presented and endorsed. The survey will take place over **three weekends** — the last two in **November** and the first in **December 2025** — and represents a vital stage in shaping the **future mission and ministry of our Church**.

According to the statutes of the **Diocesan Parish Pastoral Council**, *"With the Parish Priest, the Pastoral Council will be responsible for organizing a Parish Assembly at least once during each term of the Council"* (Section 5.1/2).

The **Parish/Regional Assembly** is the ideal forum for parishioners to share their insights, hopes, and concerns about the Church's mission, and to discern together as members of the **Mystical Body of Christ**. The survey will provide essential data and perspectives to guide these conversations.

I warmly encourage every parishioner to **take part in the Parish/Regional Survey** and support this important initiative. Together, let us help shape the mission, ministry, and future of the Church in our region.

4. Mass of Thanksgiving for Louise Gilchrist

Louise Gilchrist has been a valued member of our community through her **18 years of dedicated service** as **Parish Manager** in the Regional Parish Office. Her commitment and care have been deeply appreciated as she worked faithfully alongside the clergy who have served our region over the years, including those currently among us.

As Louise concludes her time in this role, we wish to express our **heartfelt gratitude and affection** for all she has contributed to our parish life. To thank her for her service and to pray for her future, a **Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated on **Saturday, 22 November 2025, at 6.30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Campbell's Hill**.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this **Vigil Mass** to join in thanking God for Louise's generous service, to show our appreciation, and to wish her every blessing for the years ahead.

5. Youth Ministry – A Vital Mission of the Church

Youth Ministry is an intentional way of engaging young people with the message of the Gospel. It is an invitation to be part of something greater—to step into the journey of discipleship within a community where young people can

grow in faith, discover their identity, and form lifelong friendships grounded in shared values and belief in Christ. By engaging and forming young people now, parishes ensure the ongoing vitality of faith and mission for future generations.

Youth ministry is not only an invitation to hear the **Good News of Jesus**; it is also a **challenge to follow Him**. For this reason, every youth ministry must be firmly rooted in the **Gospel message**, empowering young people to serve and evangelise in their own unique way.

In today's fast-changing world, this mission is more urgent than ever. As **Pope Paul VI** wrote in *Evangelii Nuntian-di* (14):

"Evangelising is, in fact, the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity."

Youth ministry shares in this vocation. It must always foster a **culture of welcome, listening, and empowerment**, inviting young people to take part in the vision and mission of the Church. When youth are entrusted with ownership of their ministry, they are inspired to share their gifts and proclaim the Gospel with joy.

Youth programs are essential for the future of the Church, especially here in Australia. They provide safe, faith-filled spaces where young people can experience God through prayer, liturgy, service, and friendship—growing as missionary disciples who live the Gospel in everyday life.

It is truly a **blessing** to have an active youth presence and vibrant programs within our region. A group of enthusiastic young people from our **Region/Parishes** will be attending the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)**—a national three-day celebration of faith to be held in **Melbourne from 30 November to 2 December 2025** for youth in **Year 9 to age 25**.

It is our responsibility to support such motivated youngsters to attend this festival spiritually and financially. To help support them financially, in our region we are hosting a **Trivia Night** and we'd love for you to be part of it!

When: Friday, 7 November

Time: Arrive at 6:45 p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. start

Where: Therry Centre

Cost: \$10 per person – teams of up to 10 people

If your group has more than 10 players and can't form a second team, or if you'd like help joining a table, just let us know and we'll assist with seating arrangements. **Pre-payment and team names** are required to ensure a smooth start. Payment can be made via direct deposit (details available on request) or in cash to **Rebecca Piefke (Bec)**.

We are also gratefully accepting **raffle prize donations**—contributions from individuals or local businesses are most welcome and will directly support our young people.

Please let us know soon if you'll be joining us. We look forward to a joyful evening of **fun, friendship, and faith**, as we come together to encourage and support our youth preparing for this inspiring experience at **ACYF 2025**.

Thank you sincerely for your cooperation and commitment to our parish communities, shown through your love for Jesus our Lord. There is no other way to love God than by loving others, and no better way to serve God than by serving one another.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Paul Chackanikunnel

Acting Parish Priest

We pray those who have recently died

Margaret Archinal, Darren William Davidson

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Nell and Wal Dilley, Jane Mary Edmonds, Johnie Edmonds, Joseph Edmonds,
Margaret and John Edmonds, Neville Ellicott, Judith and Colin Garbutt, Sister Loretto Grehan (RSM),
Edward Grzegorzczuk, Waleria Grzegorzczuk, Megan Hamilton, Frank Heagney, Jessie Hill, David Killen,
Mary Lannen, Mollie Linich, Dan McCarthy (snr), Harry McNamara, John O'Brien,
Monica Bernadette Reinhard, Lorna Sykes, John Szczudluk, Paul and Maria Szczudluk, Alice Thomas,
Alonzo and Gladys Warren, Madeline Wills, Kathy June Zysek, Stanislaw and Anna Zysek

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, Marny Cringle, 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

Zachary James Baillie, Emilia Grace Callow, Austin Lawrence Hall, Molly Rose Hall, Sebastian Lucas Hall,
Gracie Rose Smith, Jack Ross Smith, Tommy Jay Smith.

We pray for those who will be confirmed

Jakob Joseph William Harshman

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 3rd November (*St. Martin de Porres, religious—optional*)

Tuesday 4th November (*St Charles Borromeo, bishop*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 5th November
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
6.00pm Regional Memorial Liturgy, St. Joseph's, EM

Thursday 6th November
7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 7th November
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
8.00am Mass, Our Lady of Hope Oratory, Chislm

Saturday 8th November
8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
10:00am Ordination of Deacon Anton at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sunday 9th 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—9:25am)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION / ROSARY/ BIBLE STUDY

Monday 3rd November
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tuesday 4th November
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

Wednesday 5th November
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thursday 6th November
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

Friday 7th November
7.30am –8.00am Adoration, St Joseph's, EM
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Saturday 8th November
NOTE: No Reconciliations or Holy Hour at East Maitland today
5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

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Thankyou 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. 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.

On behalf of the Church in Zambia we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

Your gift is helping empower women, provide essential healthcare, and bring hope to vulnerable communities.

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 Positive Impact for many around the world



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



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)
- 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.

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."

Craft Group at Holy Family Largs Hall every Tuesday from 9.30am. Morning Tea provided. Everyone welcome. your craft or just come for the company.

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

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 will be open at all Masses. Helpers needed to run stall, please see Marion at the stall.

Volunteers Needed – Largs Youth Group

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help support our Largs Youth Group each Wednesday evening during school term, from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. Interested? Please reach out to Rebecca Piefke rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au

Please see the front of the bulletin for weekend Mass times