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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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Fr Anil Kuchipudi

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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

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of
Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at
Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your
own flesh and blood. In days past
when Saul was our king, it was you
who led Israel in all their exploits; and
the Lord said to you, "You are the man
who shall be shepherd of my people
Israel, you shall be the leader of
Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel
came to the king at Hebron, and King
David made a pact with them at
Hebron in the presence of the Lord,
and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of
the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Colossians

*He has taken us into the kingdom of
his beloved Son.*

We give thanks to the Father who has
made it possible for you to join the
saints and with them to inherit the
light.

Because that is what he has done: he
has taken us out of the power of
darkness and created a place for us in
the kingdom of the Son that he loves,
and in him, we gain our freedom, the
forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything
invisible,

Thrones, Dominations,
Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through
him and for him.

Before anything was created, he
existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the
dead,
so that he should be first in every
way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled
through him and for him,
everything in heaven and
everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the
kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*Lord remember me when you come
into your kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the
cross watching Jesus. As for the
leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved
others,' they said, 'let him save himself
if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen
One.' The soldiers mocked him too,
and when they approached to offer
him vinegar they said, 'If you are the
king of the Jews, save yourself.'
Above him there was an inscription:
'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there
abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?'
he said. 'Save yourself and us as
well.' But the other spoke up and
rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of
God at all?' he said. 'You got the
same sentence as he did, but in our
case we deserved it: we are paying for
what we did. But this man has done
nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said,
'remember me when you come into
your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,'
he replied, 'today you will be with me
in paradise.'

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

Janette Marie Bindon, Colleen Bryde, John Rampling

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Gerard David Brennan, Greg Bourke, Neville Carmody, Kevin Collins, Mary Clare Healey, Mary Nesbitt,
Sr Yvonne Wynn RSM.

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Cecelia Adapon-Capistrano, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett,
Patrick Brennan, Wayne Canny, Olga Charlton, Rita Clarin, Richard Cooke, Marnie Cringle, Luke Crotty,
Robert Dewsbury, Christine Edwards, Joanna Green, Reg Glover, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Ellen Jory,
Karen Kenyon, Margaret King, Loretta Lamoury (NZ), Peter Levestam (Fiji), Michael Lockyer,
Gina Marquez, Margo Nancarrow, 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

Chilli Foreman, Hugh Richard Fursdon, Oliver James Fursdon,
Francis Gabriel Joseph Richardson Gufatarona, Eddie Alexander Kevin,
Hudson Patrick-James Leard, Elliot Joseph Ritchie, Layla Maeve Ritchie, Hudson Ray Voisin.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Catechumens and Candidates

Ashe-Leigh Arrowsmith, Scott Arrowsmith, Daniel Bourne, Brooke Bower, Cooper Browne, Javanna Dawson,
John Digby, Elina Finch, Saithong Fafie, Jay France, Brooke Fyfe, Jacquelin Gribble, Scott Jones, Phoenix Katz,
Robyn McAllister, Katie Pearson, Michael Roberts, Keryn Stirrat, Jennifer Taylor, Gabrielle Tranter

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 **Wednesday, 10th December** between 11am - 3pm. If you wish to visit at another time, 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 on 13th December .
Sunday	Scheduled Mass Times: 8:30am & 6:00pm



Parish/Region Survey

Our parish and regional leadership, including our clergy have taken up Bishop Michael's invitation to begin a period of consultation with all parishes.

It begins on the weekend of 22/23 November with our participation in the National Church Life Survey.

Please note: Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill will participate on 29th November as the Thanksgiving Mass for Louise Gilchrist will be on 22nd November.

Your voice, your answers, your time, will help give us the best picture of our parish in more than five years.

Your generous participation is valued.

- This is a voluntary, anonymous, and confidential survey
- Most people complete it within 10 -15 minutes
- Choose one response for each question unless it states otherwise
- If you need any assistance there will be parishioners who can help you after Mass
If you are unable to finish in the time we are allocating, please stay after Mass and give yourself a little more time

Just to note that the digital link for those wishing to complete the survey online is here: [Attender Survey Introduction](#)

Maitland (Largs)	TAN02506
Maitland (Campbells Hill)	TAN02505
Maitland (Paterson)	TAN02507
Beresfield	TAN00201
Rutherford	TAN03701
Lochinvar	TAN02401
Morpeth	TAN03001
East Maitland	TAN01401

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 24th November (*Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and companions,, martyrs*)

Tuesday 25th November (*St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr—optional*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 26th November

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 27th November

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 28th November

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.00am Mass, Mary Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm

Saturday 29th November

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 30th 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 24th November

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

Tuesday 25th 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 26th November

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

Thursday 27th November

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

Friday 28th November

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

Saturday 29th November

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes , Beresfield

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Special Human Library with Joe Rubio – Organising for Mission Monday 24 November, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Diocesan Resource Centre – Cnr Tudor & Parry Street, Newcastle West Joe Rubio has helped scale a parish-centred organising strategy that trains parish leaders to turn pastoral care into civic power. Learn more [at our website](#)

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."

Sacraments of Initiation for Children 2026

If you would like your child to receive their Sacraments next year, please attend one of the following sessions.

Tuesday 6pm on 9th December at St Paul's Church Rutherford OR

Wednesday 6pm on 10th December at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland, OR

Thursday 6pm on 11th December at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Beresfield.

For further detailed information please take a parent letter from your church foyer, check the school 'compass' or email SOlchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

RCIA NEWS – Christian Initiation of Adults

Some of our parishes have the privilege of accompanying a group of people who have recently begun their journey of Christian Initiation. This presents us all with the opportunity to take up our responsibility as part of the parish community. As it says in the RCIA, 'the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptised.' (n 9). The aim is for the Team and the parish leadership to work in collaboration with all of us (parishioners) together. The RCIA Team facilitates some aspects of the participants journey through hosting weekly gatherings focused on reflection on the Word of God and exploration of some aspects of our Catholic faith and practice. The other important aspect of the journey of Christian Initiation is their joining the life of the community. They learn what it means to be Catholic and to live a Catholic life today from you, all of you. Christian initiation is more like an apprenticeship than a classroom course. So, when you see one of these 'new' people, say hello and do whatever is your natural way of getting to know people. Invite them to gatherings, to coffee or whatever is on. Don't be shy about talking about your faith and what it means. You are the face of Christ to each other and to those seeking Christian Initiation. What a privilege we have been given! If you would like to learn more about this important ministry and perhaps how you might be able to be more involved, please contact the RCIA Team through me. Margaret Smith | mwmsmith@bigpond.com 0419 335 878

The Combined Churches of Morpeth present Carols at Closebourne—5 December 2025 6-9pm, on the lawns of Morpeth House, 365 Morpeth Road, Morpeth. Enquiries 0432799722. Free sausage sizzle, photos with Santa and coffee available to purchase. Enjoy a full programme of Christmas Carols.

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.

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. Nativity scene raffle is on again at the piety stall.