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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

Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 11:1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary

remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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.

2026 CHRISM MASS



Tuesday 31 March, 7:00pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral with
Bishop Michael Kennedy
Bishop Michael invites you to
join him, the clergy and
people of the diocese in
celebrating this year's
Chrism Mass. The Mass will
be followed by refreshments
in the Southern Cross Hall.

**Please note that there will be no 5:30pm
Mass at East Maitland on this day.**

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IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL KENNEDY

To the People of the Chisholm Pastoral Region

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish to thank you for the optimism, energy and efforts that are underpinning your ongoing journey of discernment as a Chisholm Pastoral Region.

As you will be aware, the region is made up of six parishes and includes eight Mass centres. Ten primary and secondary schools proudly educate our young people. Four hard working Priests are ministering with you. The Nazareth Sisters, the Lochinvar Josephites, and the Dominicans continue to be a consecrated presence among you in their respective ways.

I have been heartened by the more than 900 responses received to the National Church Life Survey you completed last November. The results offer hope and a reminder of the steadfast commitment you have to the mission of the Church and your personal faith.

Over the last month your Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils have spent time discerning the feedback and what the Holy Spirit might be asking of us.

Many of you may have gathered or are due to gather with these teams to identify some priorities moving forward. These priorities and their concrete actions will be presented and discussed at a Regional Assembly this year.

In light of the incredible response to this process, growing parish leadership capacity, changing demographics of the region, some financial challenges, new possibilities for property use and our diocesan journey of renewal, I ask that you consider how a re-grouping of parishes and Mass centres with a dedicated priest to that, or those parishes, might further enable identified priorities to truly flourish.

I assure you of my prayers for you and my keen interest in your discernment and progress in this part of the Diocese where I have witnessed much vitality and enthusiasm.

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy

Receiving Holy Communion with Reverence

Dear Parishioners,

As the children are currently preparing to receive the Sacraments, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a gentle reminder to all, so that we may give them a good example through our reverence and practice.

Please observe the following guidelines while receiving Holy Communion:

1. You may receive Holy Communion either in the hand or on the tongue. If receiving in the hand, please place one hand over the other, forming a throne, and consume the Host immediately in front of the minister.
2. The Sacred Host must be consumed at once. Please do not walk away holding the Host.
3. Only those who have received their First Holy Communion may receive communion during mass. If an adult or a child has not yet received the First Holy Communion, they may come forward for a blessing with arms crossed over the chest.
4. The Sacred Host must never be shared with others, including children. If your child has not received First Holy Communion, please do not give them the Sacred Host.

I request our practising parishioners to kindly assist others in receiving Holy Communion with reverence.

Fr George

We pray those who have recently died

Kevin Gordon, Aileen Heather Leverage, Dermid McGrath (Canberra)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Darren Bailey, Janet Gamble, John Henderson, Gloria Kelly

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Cher Burkey, Patrick Brennan, Bronwyn Brokenshire, Wayne Canny, Olga Charlton, Rita Clarin, Richard Cooke, Luke Crotty, Christine Edwards, Joanna Green, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Kevin Johns, Ellen Jory, Karen Kenyon, Margaret King, Peter Levestam (Fiji), Michael Lockyer, Tanya McBlane, Gina Marquez, Pauline Martin, Donna Melia, Margo Nancarrow, Colleen Nolan, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips, Jennifer Reynolds, Roberts Family, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, Margaret Sullivan, Crystal Towers, 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

Hallie Islet Carter, Millie May Cooper, Ziggie Lou Cooper, Francesca Jane Crich, Jax James Milne

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) The Elect & Neophytes

Paige Andrews, Hamish Antill, Ashe-Leigh Arrowsmith, Scott Arrowsmith, Daniel Bourne, Brooke Bower, Cooper Browne, Ruby Carter, Javanna Dawson, John Digby, Elina Finch, Saithong Fafie, Brooke Fyfe, Maddelin Hovington, Scott Jones, Debra Kaivelata, Phoenix Katz, Robyn McAllister, Katie Pearson, Charlotte Rose, Hayden Smith, Keryn Stirrat, Jennifer Taylor, Gabrielle Tranter



Security Cameras Installation – Update

Last year our parish was granted the NSW Multicultural Grant for the installation of security cameras at Lochinvar, Morpeth and East Maitland Churches.

The cameras at Lochinvar and Morpeth have now been successfully installed. The installation of cameras at East Maitland Church will take place after Easter.

The primary purpose of installing these cameras is to improve the safety and security of our church properties and the people who gather there. In recent years we have experienced several incidents around our church premises, including copper piping theft, break-in attempts, syringes being found in the toilets and other ongoing safety concerns.

The installation of cameras is intended purely as a deterrent and a safeguarding measure for our community and property.

If you have any feedback or concerns, please feel free to contact the Parish Priest or the Parish Team Leader, Michael Healy.

High School Youth Group

We are pleased to share with you that our newly established High School Youth Group is going well and we have, on average, 13 – 15 young people coming each week. The Youth are engaging well with the Alpha program that we have been running for them, and enjoying both some Praise and Worship music and the friendships they are developing with other young people. Next Saturday they will be having their Alpha Retreat Day on the Holy Spirit. Please keep this ministry in your prayers, as it is an important outreach for our young people.

All teenagers (Yr 7 and over) are most welcome to attend Youth Group on Friday nights in St John's Hall, Maitland from 7pm to 8:45pm.

Piety Stall at St Joseph's East Maitland will be open this weekend.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM – 2026

Holy Thursday – 2nd April

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
- St Joseph's, East Maitland

Watch and Pray –

Prayer and Adoration Vigil (following Mass)

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield (concludes at 9:00pm)
- Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill (concludes at 9:30pm)
- St Joseph's, East Maitland (Therry Centre Foyer)

Good Friday 3rd April

Stations of the Cross

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield 10:00am
- St Paul's, Rutherford 10:00am
- St Joseph's, East Maitland 10:00am
- St Patrick's, Lochinvar 10:00am
- St Columba's, Paterson 10:00am
- Immaculate Conception Morpeth 10:00am
- Sacred Heart Campbells Hill 10:30am

The Passion of the Lord – 3:00pm

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
- St Joseph's, East Maitland

Holy Saturday – 4th April

- Morning Prayer 9:00am—St Joseph's, East Maitland

Easter Vigil Masses - 7.00pm

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
- St Joseph's, East Maitland

Easter Sunday

All regular Sunday Masses except for

East Maitland 6pm Mass which will not be celebrated

Visitation Ministry

Anyone wishing to be visited/or knows of someone who needs to be visited please contact our team or the parish office.

Carol Su'a - 0419713361 Yvonne McIntyre - 0408966318 Thank you.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 23rd March

Tuesday 24th March

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 25th March (*The Annunciation of the Lord*)

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 26th March

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 27th March

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.00am Mass, Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm

Saturday 28th March

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 29th March

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

Mon 23rd March

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 24th March

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

6.00pm Bible and Prayer Group for families, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 25th March

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

Thurs 26th March

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

Fri 27th March

7.30am Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland

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

Sat 28th March

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield