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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
Asst Priests: Fr Paul Chacknikunnel
Fr Priyantha Fernando
Fr Anil Kuchipudi
Fr Anthony Coloma

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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



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a

joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**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

Sophia Batley, Kenneth Melchor Halasan, Mercedes "Sally" Lawler, Fay Sheehan

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Mick Bourke, Marjorie and Basil Delanty, Diana Jordan, Terry Killen, Fr Francis Pidgeon (CSSR), Bruce Trappel

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Julie Abbey (Canberra), Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Lorraine Bartlett, Ron Bartlett, Patrick Brennan,
Bronwyn Brokenshire, Wayne Canny, Olga Charlton, Rita Clarin, Richard Cooke, Luke Crotty,
Christine Edwards, Joanna Green, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Kevin Johns, Brian Jordan, Ellen Jory,
Maria Belsie Kennedy (USA), Karen Kenyon, Margaret King, Peter Levestam (Fiji), Michael Lockyer,
Tanya McBlane, Emmanuel Marquez, Gina Marquez, Pauline Martin (Sis), Lesley Marshall,
Donna Melia, Margo Nancarrow, Colleen Nolan, John O'Reilly, Joan O'Reilly, Brian Perrin, Jen Phillips,
Jennifer Reynolds, Roberts Family, Olga Rusak, Anne Standing, Margaret Sullivan,
Arlo John Vandermeer, Pauline Wade, Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will, John Williams, Maureen Wilson,
Jo Winkler, Elfrieda Zimmerman, Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Dusty Arthur Terrence Bolton, Billy Jason Slade, Indie Louise Slade

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 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

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis used to say we can *only* join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

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IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL KENNEDY (republished 22/3/2026)

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



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Spirituality and the Significance of Country: What Can We Learn?

Please join the *Listen to the Heart: Moving Forward Team* to listen to, and ask questions of, Fr Darryl Mackie and Auntie Wanda Smith as we continue the journey to increase our knowledge and understanding of the deep spirituality of First Nations Peoples, connection to Country, and relationship with our Faith.

Therry Centre, EAST MAITLAND Saturday 2nd May from 8:30am - 12:30pm

RSVP: Wednesday 29 April using QR code or email helenm.belcher@bigpond.com



St Joseph's East Maitland Projects 2026:

20-24 April: Installation of interior / exterior security cameras in Church

11-12 May: Upgrading of lighting In Therry Centre

13-14 May: Upgrading of lighting in the Church

The Church / Therry Centre will be closed for other events on these dates.

A Parish Assembly for the East Maitland Parish will be held on: Saturday 16 May in the Therry Centre at 2 pm.

Congratulations

We congratulate Jane Wild on her appointment to the position of Parish Manager. Jane is a regular parishioner with extensive experience in office management. Please join us in welcoming Jane and supporting her as she begins her role in our Region

ANZAC Day

Mass will be held at 8am on Saturday 25 April at St Joseph's East Maitland.

Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick East Maitland 17th April 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.

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new Assistant Priest Fr Anthony Coloma. We thank God for the gift of his faith-filled life and dedicated service. We Pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain and strengthen Fr Anthony as he serves in the Parishes of the Chisholm Region.

Thank you

A big thank you to all the people who helped make Easter Liturgies so special for everyone who attended. Your hard work and dedication are appreciated.

Youth Group

Primary school aged Youth Group will recommence Tuesday, 2 April at St Joseph's East Maitland from 5—7 pm.

High school aged Youth Group will recommence Friday, 24 April at St John's Hall Maitland from 7—8.45pm.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tuesday 14th April

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 15th April

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 16th April

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 17th April

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

9.00am Mass, Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm

Saturday 18th April

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 19th April

9.30am Latin Mass - St John the Baptist Oratory Cathedral St Maitland. (Confessions from 8.45am – 9:25am)

PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

Mon 13th April

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

5.00pm

Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 14th April

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

6.00pm

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

Wed 15th April

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

Thurs 16th April

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

Fri 17th April

7.30am

Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland

9.30am

Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 18th April

5.30pm

Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield