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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

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It was impossible for him to be held by the
power of Hades.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand
nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul
to Hades

nor allow your holy one to
experience corruption.

You have made known the way of
life to me,

you will fill me with gladness
through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of
life.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St
Peter

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the
blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to
us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*They recognised him at the breaking of the
bread.*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him.

He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

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We pray those who have recently died

Helen Jones, Dianne Ralston, Sr Clare McCudden, Judy Hardy

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Philomena Barrett, Greg Grant, Helen McCrohon, Fr James Saunders, Jack Saunders, Alice Smith, Charles Smith, Leslie James Sharkey, James Taylor, Rodney Taylor

We pray for those who are sick at this time

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

Sylvia Helena Gilbert, Ava-Maree Malo Pisa, Grace Elizabeth Pisa, Maleah Rose Pisa

We pray for those who will be Married

Saugat Pandeya and Esha Durgapal

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

Message from Fr George

Bishop Michael has appointed Fr Paul Chackanikunnel as the Parish Administrator of Wallsend-Shortland Parish effective from 20 April, 2026.

At present Fr Paul is on holiday. Once he returns I will inform you of a suitable date for us as a Chisholm Region parish communities to gather, express our gratitude, and wish him well in person as he begins his new appointment.

In the meantime, I kindly ask you to keep Fr Paul in your prayers, that the Lord may continue to guide and strengthen him in his ministry.

Fr George

Reintroduction of Communion from the Chalice

On the weekend of 25th/26th April, St Joseph's, East Maitland will recommence offering Communion under both kinds.

The offering of both the Body and Blood of Jesus emphasizes the completeness of the sacrament and recognizes the unity of Christ's body and blood. However, the choice is up to the individual as the Church maintains that Christ is fully present in each species, meaning that receiving under one kind does not diminish the grace received.

Initially, a limited amount of wine will be consecrated while we determine how many people choose to consume from the Chalice and so we can avoid an excess of Sacred Blood being left after Communion has finished.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding:



You are warmly invited to celebrate the retirement of Elizabeth (Liz) Doyle.

In celebration of Liz's extraordinary 33 years of faithful service to the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, supporting four bishops and the life of our Diocesan community with dedication, professionalism and grace.

Friday 1 May 2026 - 9:30am Mass
Sacred Heart Cathedral
841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West.

Mass will be followed by a celebration in the Southern Cross Hall and Morning Tea.

RSVP by 24 April at:



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.

Camera Installation- Church Closure

The installation of cameras will be occurring between 20-24 April at St Joseph's East Maitland. There will be no access to the church during this period

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

Parish Office Maitland Closure

The office will be closed on Tuesday 21st April as staff are attending a formation day.

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

National Count of Attendance

The 2026 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place over the first four weekends in May.

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

Changes to sick list

Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks only. Please contact the office if you wish to add a name to the sick list.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 20th April

Tuesday 21st April (*St Anselm, bishop, doctor - optional*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 22nd April

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 23rd April (*St George, martyr or St Adalbert, bishop, martyr—both optional*)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 24th April (*St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr—optional*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

9.00am Liturgy, St Aloysius Primary School

Saturday 25th April (*Anzac Day*)

8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 26th April

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

First Sunday of Month Polish Mass

9.00am St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

Mon 20th April

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 21st 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 22nd April

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

Thurs 23rd April

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

Fri 24th 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