



**PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland**  
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm  
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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 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 continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors.



### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1*

**(R.)** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

### Second Reading

*11 Peter 2:20-25*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own

body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*John 10:14*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

*.John 10:1-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of  
them.

I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will  
be safe:

he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

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

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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**Dianne Bergant CSA** was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of *The Bible Today* (1979-2005), *Biblical Theology Bulletin* (1990-2014), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1992-2001), *New Theology Review* (1997-2003), *Teaching Theology and Religion* (2003-2005), and *Chicago Studies* (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

### 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.

### 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.

### Fishing Weekend

You are invited to a beach fishing weekend in Forster with God for Blokes  
From 10 to 12 July 2026.

A low key weekend for men who want to look at faith and God issues in a non-threatening environment. There will be fishing and other recreational activities as well as sharing from other men about faith.

For more information and registration  
[Trybooking.com/DLPKG](http://Trybooking.com/DLPKG)



**We pray those who have recently died**

Dianne Bowen

**We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including**

Charlie Cauchi, Mollie Collins, Dennis Linich, Frederick Thomas, Elaine Wheatley, Ivan Wilkes

**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, 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, Margaret Pratt, 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**

Rudy Rae Compton, Sophia Kate Eather, Aliyah Jayne Fullick, Adalynn Chisimdiri Igwe, Sophia Louise Matas, Immanuel Christopher Ross Notzon,

**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 Kavelata, Phoenix Katz, Robyn McAllister, Katie Pearson, Charlotte Rose, Hayden Smith, Keryn Stirrat, Jennifer Taylor, Gabrielle Tranter

**Ordination of Mr Christopher Voigt**

The Most Reverend Michael Kennedy and the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle cordially invites

The People of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Mr Christopher Voigt

By

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy

On Saturday, 23 May 2026 at 10am

In Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West  
All are Welcome — No RSVP required

**Celebration of Retirement**

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:



**Marian Talks**

You are invited to attend the Marian Talks "Behold your Mother"

Explaining and Defending the 4 Marian Dogmas presented by Simon Carrington on Fridays, 8, 15, 22, 29 May

at Mackillop Parish, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown

6.30pm: Holy Rosary

7.00pm: Talk

A suggested donation of \$20 per talk is appreciated but not compulsory and includes refreshments



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**chapeljazz School Spectacular 2026**

Join us on 17 May 2026 from 11.00am until 4.30pm in the grounds of the Catholic Church Morpeth as we celebrate the 2026 Chapel Jazz School Spectacular. This is a free event featuring five talented High Schools showcasing their musical and vocal talent. A sausage sizzle, cakes, tea and coffee and other delicacies will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Enquiries: 0414254 230 or on Facebook @CHAPELJAZZ MORPETH

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: P 4979 1390

**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 Aunty 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 8:30am - 12:30pm

RSVP: Wednesday 29 April using QR code or email

[helenm.belcher@bigpond.com](mailto:helenm.belcher@bigpond.com)

**St Joseph's East Maitland Projects 2026:**

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.

**MORPETH PARISH ASSEMBLY**

On Sunday, 26 March 2026 at 2pm at the Corcoran Centre, in the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church.

**EAST MAITLAND PARISH ASSEMBLY**

To be held in the Therry Centre on **Saturday 16 May** at 2 pm.

**Bible and Prayer Group for families**

6pm Tuesdays in the Prayer Room of St Joseph's East Maitland during school term. For enquiries please contact Sr. Joseph on 49338918.

**Parish results from 2025 Church Life Survey**

The results of the parishioner surveys conducted at the end of last year can be accessed online on the Maitland Catholic Region website—News & Bulletins page—[News & Bulletins | Maitland Catholic Parishes - Chisholm Pastoral Region](#). The results will be a resource for upcoming Parish Assemblies. Further information about upcoming Parish Assemblies are on this page.

**Middle East Emergency Appeal  
- Aid to the Church in Need**

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please visit [www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal)

**National Count of Attendance—May 2026**

The 2026 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place over the first four weekends in May. This is conducted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Everyone who is present at Mass or other assemblies will be counted.

**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 27th April**

**Tuesday 28th April** (*St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr*)

**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wednesday 29th April** (*St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor*)

**6.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thursday 30th April** (*St Pius V, pope - optional*)

7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Friday 1st May** (*St Joseph the Worker - optional*)

**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**9.00am** Mass Mary Mother of Hope Oratory Chisholm

**Saturday 2nd May** (*St Athanasius, bishop, doctor*)

**8.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sunday 3rd May**

**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 27th April**

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

**5.00pm** Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

**Tues 28th 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 29th April**

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

**Thurs 30th April**

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

**Fri 1st May**

**7.30am** Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland

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

**Sat 2nd May**

**5.30pm** Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield