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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
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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 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you

who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except
through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my
Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told
you.

I am now going to prepare a place
for you,
and after I have gone and prepared
you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.

You know the way to the place
where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know
where you are going, so how can we
know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the
Life.

No one can come to the Father
except through me.

If you know me, you know my
Father too.

From this moment you know him
and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.'

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord

**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.

WELCOME



This weekend children preparing for sacraments will be presented with the Lord's Prayer.

We warmly welcome these children and their families.

We pray that you continue to be blessed by the Holy Spirit as you walk this journey of formation.

THE MORPETH PARISH ASSEMBLY

This was successfully held last Sunday, 26 April 2026 at the Corcoran Centre. Thank you to the organisers of the gathering and to all parishioners who attended.

A reminder to all parishioners to check the weekly bulletin for upcoming Parish Assemblies for your local parish. Information for East Maitland and Beresfield is included in this edition.

ALIVE Catholic Youth Launch

The Diocese is excited to launch ALIVE Catholic Youth - a clear identity and visible home for young people in the Diocese.

When: 24 May 2026

Time: 2pm-5pm

Where: The Factory Theatre, Adamstown

RSVP at [ALIVE Catholic Youth Launch - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)— Diocesan Events

The launch event will be a dynamic and exciting program designed for young people and their supporters.

Praise & worship will be led by a nationally acclaimed team of worship leaders featuring Louisa Daniels.

There will be an opportunity for encounter, worship & being called on into faith. A number of exciting plans will be announced alongside some good news stories of where ALIVE is already taking shape in schools and parishes.

We pray those who have recently died
Brian Jordan, Ellen Jory, Paul Whiteley, Margaret Williams

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including
Stephen Bartlett, Nicholas Black, Mollie Collins, Br. William Doheny FMS, Mary Helen Kealy,
Ronald Joseph Lawler, Darcy Martin, Eunice Morris, Gerard Saunders, Jessie Tobin

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, Ellen Jory, Maria Belsie Kennedy (USA),
Karen Kenyon, Margaret King, Peter Levestam (Fiji), Michael Lockyer,
Tanya McBlane, Emmanuel Marquez, Gina Marquez, 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
Alice Louise Ayscough-Love, Theodore Paul Ayscough-Love, Henry Douglas House, Matilda Anne Mexon,
Bentley Dennis Christopher Warby

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

Reintroduction of Communion from the Chalice

St Joseph's, East Maitland is now 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.

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

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

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: 0414254230 or on Facebook @CHAPELJAZZ MORPETH

Bishop's Staff Day Invitation. Tuesday, 2 June 2026, 10am to 2pm East Maitland Parish

East Maitland Parish is included in Bishop's Staff Day this year. We are calling on parishioners to take part.

This special gathering is an opportunity for diocesan staff to step out from their offices and into parish life to "come together around our shared mission" and connect more deeply with parish communities.

Over 200 staff will be split into groups of 40 to visit one of seven parish sites, with East Maitland Parish being one site.

Your presence will help tell the story of our parish: its faith, its people, its quiet acts of service and hope. In meeting one another, we strengthen the bond that holds us together as the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Further information to come.

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

BERESFIELD PARISH ASSEMBLY
To be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Saturday 23 May** at 2pm.

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

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.
Installation of security cameras at St Joseph’s is complete and are operational from 1 May 2026.

CRAFT GROUPS
Monday 9.30am-12pm, Therry Centre, East Maitland
Tuesday 9.30am Holy Family Largs Hall
Morning Tea provided. Everyone welcome!


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

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.

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

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.

World Mission Rosary
Throughout the month of May, Catholic Mission will be praying the *World Mission Rosary* each Monday to Friday from **2.00—3.00 pm**.
We warmly invite you to join us online as we pray for the needs of people around the world and for world peace.
Teams link:
tinyurl.com/RosaryPrayer26
QR Code



Eucharist and Marian Holy Hour—9 May 2026.
8.30am to 9.30am following 8am mass at St Joseph’s East Maitland. Exposition, Benediction, Rosary and Confession. Let us pray together with Mary for the Holy Spirit’s power and guidance that we may witness the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 4th May
Tuesday 5th May
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
Wednesday 6th May
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
Thursday 7th May
7.00am Mass St Joseph’s, East Maitland
Friday 8th May
7.00am Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
9.00am Mass, Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm
Saturday 9th May
8.00am Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

Sunday 10th 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 4th May
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell’s Hill
Tues 5th May
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 6th May
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
Thurs 7th May
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph’s East Maitland
Fri 8th May
7.30am Adoration, St. Joseph’s East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
Sat 9th May
5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes ,Beresfield