



PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland
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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
Pastoral Associate: Christopher Voigt
Presbytery 4934 5783

Urgent Priest on Duty 0428 017 273

Regional Office

Jane Wild, Janine Sidoti, Sandra Buck

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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 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They laid hands on them, and they received
the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the

body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to 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.

We pray those who have recently died
Terry Burt, Ellen Jory, Margaret Anne Williams

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including
Gregory Beer, Bernardita Cureton, Rita Farrelly, Norma Killen, Daphne Lantry, Marian Lisowski,
James and Mark Mate, Bernadette McGrath, Sr Mercie Rowe RSM, Roma Sharkey

We pray for those who are sick at this time
Patrick Brennan, Claudia Furgivele, Maria Belsie Kennedy (USA), Emmanuel Marquez, Lesley Marshall,
John O'Reilly, Joan O'Reilly, Margaret Pratt, Margaret Sullivan, Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler,
Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised
Amelia Jane Burgman, Savannah Incorvil, Remi Pearl Moffet, Bobbi Anna Moffet, Addison Blaire Pace,
Erikson James Pace, Hallie Leslee Paterson

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

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.

Scan to Register



ALIVE Catholic Youth

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: 2-5pm

Where: The Factory Theatre, Adamstown

[RSVP here](#)

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 ft. 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.

Reintroduction of Communion from the Chalice

St Joseph's, East Maitland will now be 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.

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

God could not be
everywhere and
therefore he
made mothers—
Rudyard Kipling

Happy Mother's Day

To all our mothers,
may God bless you
always with peace
and joy.



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

Followed by refreshments in the Southern Cross Hall

All are Welcome

chapeljazz School Spectacular 2026

Join us on 17th 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



The annual Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle 2026 Cursillo 3 days will be held from 11th to 14th June at Rathmines with the theme "Joy of the Lord is my strength".

What is a Cursillo 3 day Weekend? A Cursillo weekend is three days and nights, residential-style gathering, offering short talks and meditations, about matters of faith and spirituality; small group discussions and casual but intimate opportunities for dialogue with others; as well as music and meals, fun and friendship. The time together may leave you feeling uplifted, inspired and nourished.

WHERE: Catalina Conference Centre. 171 Dorrington Road, Rathmines 2283.

WHEN: Thursday 11 June 2026 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start to approximately 5:30 pm Sunday 14 June 2026

COST: \$360.00 per person, incl. 3 nights' accommodation and all meals. (Single room supplement with shared ensuite \$50).

The Cursillo movement has been alive and active across the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese since

1970. Cursillo represents a renewal within the life of the Church and is predominantly led by lay people – both men and women. If you are interested in joining the Cursillo Movement, enrolling for the Cursillo 3 days, or just wishing to learn more about Cursillo, please feel free to contact either of the following:

DAVID MCGOVERN: 0493 394 323 or via email: livedogster@gmail.com

JOANNE STANDING: 0401 438 967 or via email: joannestanding@gmail.com



EAST MAITLAND PARISH ASSEMBLY
To be held in the Therry Centre on **Saturday 16 May** at 2 pm. Parishioners are warmly invited to come along and participate.

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) continues to 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.

St Joseph’s East Maitland Projects 2026:
11-12 May: Therry Centre will be closed for the upgrading of lighting.
13-14 May: St Joseph’s Church will be closed for the upgrading of lighting.
Installation of security cameras at St Joseph’s is complete and are operational from 1 May 2026.

Caritas Project Compassion - return by 17 May
Any outstanding Project Compassion envelopes and boxes need to be returned by 17 May 2026 to the parish office or in the regular Sunday collection. Thank you again for your generosity to those in need.

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.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE
As a matter of safeguarding we ask that you do not share keys with anyone else.
1. If you have keys that you **are** using: please contact the parish office so that we can update the registers.
2. If you have keys that you **are not** using could you contact the office to arrange them being returned to our files.
Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility and we appreciate your compliance and support in this area.

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

Craft Group is held every Monday 10am-12pm in the meeting room at St Paul’s School Rutherford. Come along for a conversation and a cuppa.

This month’s **anointing Mass** will be held on Friday the **15th of May** at St. Patrick’s Lochinvar at 10.00am, all welcome.

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 11th May

Tuesday 12th May (*Sts Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs - optional, St Pancras, martyr—optional*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

Wednesday 13th May (*Our Lady of Fatima - optional*)
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 14th May (*St Matthias, apostle*)
7.00am Mass St Joseph’s, East Maitland

Friday 15th May
7.00am Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
9.00am Mass, Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm
10.00am Anointing Mass, St Patrick’s, Lochinvar

Saturday 16th May
8.00am Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

Sunday 17th 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

PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

Mon 11th May
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell’s Hill

Tues 12th 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 13th May
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; St Joseph’s, East Maitland

Thurs 14th May
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph’s East Maitland

Fri 15th May
7.30am Adoration, St. Joseph’s East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 16th May
5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes ,Beresfield