



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

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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 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of

different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,

From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of 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.'

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

Sr Tess Connolly rsj

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

James Blake, Eileen Bourke, Peter Cuskelly, Maureen Ellis (nee Cahill), Nell Meyn, William (Bill) O'Connor,
Fr Paul O'Neill, Kathleen Mary Petersen, Anselm (Tom) Saunders, Margaret (Dot) Saunders,
Grace and Anthony Theuma, Barrie Webeck, Evelyn Webeck,

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Claudia Furgivele, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson,
Maria Belsie Kennedy (USA), Karen Kenyon, Ashley Lavis, Emmanuel Marquez, Lesley Marshall,
John O'Reilly, Joan O'Reilly, Margaret Pratt, Margaret Sullivan, Lachlan Tonkinson,
Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler, Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Indie Margaret Main, Banjo Hilton 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

Prayer- Presentation of the Oil of Chrism Ritual

Congregation: *Spirit of God may the celebration of Confirmation strengthen these children to be signs of your love in the world.*

Let them come to understand the significance of the anointing with Chrism as they grow to maturity.

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

2026 Magdalene Awards

Nominations for the 2026 Magdalene Award are now open!

The Magdalene Award recognises a woman who embodies the courage, leadership, and faithfulness of Mary Magdalene – the first witness to the Risen Christ and known as “the apostle to the apostles”.

The Award affirms a woman living in and committed to the Catholic Diocese of Maitland–Newcastle whose life and service reflect Gospel values and the spirit of Mary Magdalene.

The 2026 Award recipient will receive the perpetual statue for the year, along with a spiritual nourishment opportunity (such as a retreat/ faith formation experience or bookshop voucher) to an agreed value.

The Nomination Pack, Eligibility Criteria and key information is available via the link below.

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/2026-magdalene-awards/>

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.

Bishop’s Staff Day – Parish of East Maitland – 2 June 2026

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. This year, East Maitland is one of seven parishes included to help tell the story of their parish: its faith, its people, its quiet acts of service and hope.

MAITLAND PARISH ASSEMBLY—28 May 2026

An assembly to include faith communities at Campbells Hill, Largs and Paterson, will be held at Holy Family Church hall in Largs on Thursday 28th May at 5pm.

RUTHERFORD PARISH ASSEMBLY—31 May 2026

Parishioners are invited to attend the assembly to be held at St Paul’s Rutherford on Sunday 31 May at 2pm.

RECENTLY HELD PARISH ASSEMBLIES

The Parishes of East Maitland and Lochinvar successfully held their Assemblies last weekend. Thank you to the organisers and to all parishioners who attended.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 18-24 MAY 2026 – YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

To all our wonderful volunteers who contribute to our parishes through your ministries, the Clergy and the Parish Office Staff say “Thank You”: we are incredibly grateful and value your commitment.

If you wish to become involved, please register through the Diocesan Website - [Volunteer - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#) .

DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

[Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#).

IMPORTANT NOTICE—UPCOMING CHANGE TO PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From Tuesday, 2 June 2026, Parish Office hours will be Tuesday-Friday **9.30am to 3.30pm**, Lunch 1pm to 1.30pm. Closed Mondays.

Presentation of the Oil of Chrism
 We warmly welcome the children who are preparing for sacraments.
 We pray that they continue to be blessed by the Holy Spirit as you walk this journey of formation.

National Count of Attendance—May 2026
 The last week of the 2026 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place this weekend and will require your assistance as five age groups need to be identified and included in the count.

**National Reconciliation Week
 27 May – 3 June 2026**
 The words of Pope St John Paul II in his address to First Nations peoples at Alice Springs in 1986 are poignant for us today as we celebrate the theme of 'ALL IN for Reconciliation' during National Reconciliation Week:
 “... the Church ... in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.”
 We pray next Sunday with our First Nations People for Reconciliation.

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 around the world and for world peace.

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 25th May (*Our Lady Help of Christians*)

Tuesday 26th May (*St Philip Neri, Priest*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

Wednesday 27th May (*St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop*)
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 28th May
7.00am Mass St Joseph’s, East Maitland

Friday 29th May (*St Paul VI, pope*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
9.00am Mass, Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm

Saturday 30th May
8.00am Mass, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

Sunday 31st 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 25th May
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph’s, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell’s Hill

Tues 26th 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 27th May
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph’s, East Maitland

Thurs 28th May
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph’s East Maitland

Fri 29th May
7.30am Adoration, St. Joseph’s East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 30th May
5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes ,Beresfield