



PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland

Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm

Closed for lunch 1.00pm - 1.30pm

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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

Pastoral Associate: Christopher Voigt

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Urgent Priest on Duty 0428 017 273

Regional Office

Jane Wild, Janine Sidoti, Sandra Buck

**Spiritual care of sick & aged in care or at
home:** Phone office 49338918

Funeral Ministry:

0428 220 997

Safeguarding Promotors

Amber Carter, Brian Lacey

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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 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the
sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts
of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in
heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of
the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been
given to me.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

Julie Abbey (Canberra), Michael Thomas Hickey

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Steve Brokenshire, Philip Carroll, Kenneth Hartup, Christopher Terence (Terry) Hickey, Boyd Higgins,
Marcelina Manalo, Rita and Constantino Marquez, Evelyn and Jaime Marquez, Tom O'Brien,
Crisanta and Simeon Regudo, Chris Small, Myrell Mary Suters, Jennifer (Jenny) Therese Szmyneec,
Margaret (Waggs) Warby

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,
Benny Masilungan, 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

Billy Thomas Irwin, Jonathan Paul Jordan, Levi James Logan, Calais Maree Madden, Storm Margaret Renwick,
Callie Eva Roberts, Lilah Joan Roberts, Willow Rose Turner, Frankie Mae Margaret Warren

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, 22 and 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.

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

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

The Magdalene Award honours women who embody these same qualities—women whose lives reflect commitment, service, and the compassionate spirit of Mary Magdalene within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Established as a tribute to these remarkable contributors, the Award offers a public affirmation of their quiet, consistent and faith-filled impact on our community.

Sunday 26 July 2026 9:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Awards Presentation immediately following Mass
Morning Tea to conclude the celebration

Enquiries may be directed to Mission and Evangelisation

Booklaunch for: *Julian Tenison Woods: The Human Journey: Priest, Founder, Friend*

By Sr Janice Tranter rsj

Launch will be held at the Diocesan Resource Centre, on Sunday 31st May at 2pm.

All welcome

Rsvp by 25th May to ph 49484063 or office@ssjl.org.au



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".

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).

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

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

RUTHERFORD PARISH ASSEMBLY
To be held at St Paul's on **Sunday 31 May at 2pm.**

LOCHINVAR PARISH ASSEMBLY
To be held at St Patrick's on **Sunday 17 May at 10.30am.**

MAITLAND PARISH ASSEMBLY
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.**

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.

Prayer for Christian Unity
A combined Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity will be held in the Immaculate Conception Church Morpeth on **Tuesday 19th May at 11.00am.** Friendship and light refreshments to follow.

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.

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.

Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria
Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in need* invites you to pray a decade of the rosary this week for persecuted Christians in Nigeria. To find out more visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26.

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.

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 18th May** (*St John I, pope, martyr*)
- Tuesday 19th May**
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Wednesday 20th May** (*St Bernadine of Siena*)
8.00am Mass, Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
- Thursday 21st May** (*St Christopher Magellanes, priest, and companions, martyrs*)
7.00am Mass St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Friday 22nd May** (*St Rita of Cascia, religious*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
9.00am Mass, Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm
- Saturday 23rd May**
8.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Sunday 24th 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 18th May**
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
- Tues 19th 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 20th May**
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Thurs 21st May**
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland
- Fri 22nd May**
7.30am Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield
- Sat 23rd May**
5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes ,Beresfield