



PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland  
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 3.30pm  
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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  
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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

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

## Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again.

Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

**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***

Rodney Beer, Margaret Sullivan, Chris Van Wyck

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

Romeo Carlos, Honora Enright, Michael John Enright, Michael Patrick Enright, Annesley Fernando, Barbara Filas, Shirley King, Marcelina Manalo, Evelyn Marquez, Joseph William Palmer, Clara Constantine Pererie, Therese Ryan, Imelda Mary (Millie) Saunders

### ***We pray for those who are sick at this time***

Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, Patrick Brennan, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Ashley Lavis, Benedicto Masilungan, Neecia O'Brien John O'Reilly, Joan O'Reilly, Jen Phillips, Margaret Pratt, Anne Standing, Lachlan Tonkinson, Pauline Wade, Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler, Anthony Zysek

### ***We pray for those who will be Baptised***

Emma Grace Bowes, Wrenlee Rose Milligan, Alphonse Brian Moore, Isabelle Violet Nichol, Xavier John Nichol, Arthur Stanley James Olsen, Amelia Ellen Penglaze, Thomas Hensley Taylor

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.

## **REFLECTION**

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

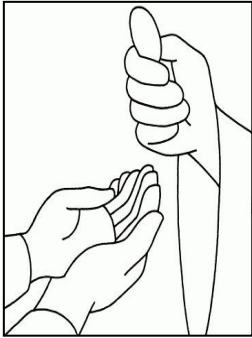
The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

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## 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 Anthicad



## *Soul of Ireland Pilgrimage*

Accompanied by Fr Andrew Doolan

Prepare for a unique journey into Ireland's heart and soul. Traverse the ancient paths of our Catholic heritage from Sts Patrick, Brendan, Kevin, Columba and Declan in the footsteps of pilgrims past and present. Come to the grace-filled shrine of Our Lady of Knock and witness along the way the unsurpassed beauty of Ireland's monasteries, rugged coastline, historic cities and their legendary hospitality. This journey is the perfect mix of fun, faith and friendship!

COMMENCES MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026

For more information contact [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com)

## **KURRI KURRI CHURCH PRESENTS FAITH STORIES**

presented by Paul Elarde

Including a miraculous testimony by Juliana Elarde: "I walked out of my wheelchair in Lourdes"

**Location:** Kurri Kurri Parish Hall,  
102 Barton Street, KURRI KURRI  
**Date:** Friday July 10, 6:15pm - 9pm;  
Saturday July 11, 10am - 4pm.

Scan the QR code to register for this FREE event. Contact Yvonne for more info on 0450 323 206.



## **Young Adult Retreat 2026: To Be Human**

*Friday 17 July to Sunday 19 July,  
Camp Elim - Forster*

The Young Adult Retreat returns this year, inviting young adults aged 18–35 to explore what it means *To Be Human* and fully alive in this life and for eternity. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, and connect with other young adults from across the Diocese. Featuring expert speakers from around NSW and Australia, a dynamic and engaging program, praise and worship, and the sacraments, this promises to be a transformative weekend.

Register:

<https://ALIVEYA26.eventbrite.com.au>



## **Ignite Youth Conference**

Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus.

Sydney 9-12 July, 2026  
Brisbane 24-27 September, 2026  
For more information go to: [igniteconference.com.au](http://igniteconference.com.au)

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

[Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](http://Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle).



### ATTENTION Parishioners of Maitland Parish

All Maitland Parish parishioners (encompassing communities of Campbells Hill, Paterson and Largs) are invited to attend Stage One Maitland Parish Assembly gathering to be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at St John's Hall Maitland from 10am.

### RCIA ENQUIRY EVENING

**Are you interested in finding out what is involved in becoming a Catholic or know someone that is?**

Are you/they feeling called into a relationship with God? Becoming a Catholic is a spiritual journey that is firstly about developing a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. This journey is known as the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**, it is highlighted by ceremonies or "rites" which help you to experience the love and support of a caring faith community.

If you would like to find out more there will be an Enquiry Evening on August 5 at 7PM, in the THERRY CENTRE East Maitland.

RSVP to the parish office on 49338918 or [chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au), or the RCIA team Margaret 0419 335 878.

### CRAFT GROUPS

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

### CHANGE TO PARISH OFFICE HOURS

New Parish Office hours are:  
Tuesday-Friday **9.30am to 3.30pm**,  
Lunch 1pm to 1.30pm.  
Closed Mondays.

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

### IMPORTANT —Volunteer Registration

The Clergy and Office Staff value the contributions of all our parishioners across the Region. The type of unpaid parish based roles will determine your status as a volunteer - an unregistered parish helper; registered volunteer; or registered volunteer with checks and training.

Please visit the Diocesan website for information and to access the enquiry form - [Volunteer](#). If you are already registered and your involvement changes, or you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

**Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!**

Sunday 5 July 2026

This year marks forty years since Saint Pope John Paul II's historic address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs. His words continue to resonate deeply with those communities and the wider Australian Church.

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources](#)

### NAIDOC WEEK FLAG RAISING

Join us on **Monday 6 July 2026, 8:45am**, Civic Park, Newcastle for the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony followed by a procession to Foreshore Park for the Awabakal Newcastle NAIDOC Community Festival. Show your support!

Register here: [NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony](#)

### VINNIES ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL

The envelopes for St Vincent de Paul Society can be returned in the regular collection.

Thank you for your generosity. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Donations can also be made at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) or by phone 131812

### WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Monday 29th June** (*St Peter and St Paul*)

**Tuesday 30th June** (*First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church—optional*)

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

**Wednesday 1st July**

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

**Thursday 2nd July**

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

**Friday 3rd July** (*St Thomas, Apostle*)

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

**Saturday 4th July** (*St Elizabeth of Portugal—optional*)

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

**Sunday 5th July**

**9.30am Latin Mass** - St John the Baptist Oratory Cathedral St Maitland.

**Confessions** Saturday 3:30pm - 4.30pm  
Sunday 8.45am – 9:25am

**First Sunday of Month Polish Mass**

**9.00am** St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St, Maitland)

### PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

**Mon 29th June**

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

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

**Tues 30th June**

**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 1st July**

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

**Thurs 2nd July**

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

**Fri 3rd July**

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

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

**Sat 4th July**

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