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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
Deacon: Christopher Voigt

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Regional Office

Jane Wild, Janine Sidoti, Sandra Buck

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Safeguarding Promotors

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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

Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of
Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of
Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from
Ephraim

and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the
nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to
sea,

from the River to the ends of the
earth.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 R. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Romans

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds
of the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual,
but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of
God has made his home in you. In fact,
unless you possessed the Spirit of
Christ you would not belong to him,
and if the Spirit of him who raised
Jesus from the dead is living in you,
then he who raised Jesus from the
dead will give life to your own mortal
bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no
necessity for us to obey our unspiritual
selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you
do live in that way, you are doomed to
die; but if by the Spirit you put an end
to the misdeeds of the body you will
live.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father,
Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding
these things from the learned and the
clever and revealing them to mere
children. Yes, Father, for that is what it
pleased you to do. Everything has
been entrusted to me by my Father;
and no one knows the Son except the
Father, just as no one knows the
Father except the Son and those to
whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and
are overburdened, and I will give you
rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from
me, for I am gentle and humble in
heart, and you will find rest for your
souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my
burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

"Come to me, all you who labour and are
overburdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



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

Hugues de Rocquigny

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Ruth Bradbery, Gwen Cuskelly, Eric Gordon, Jack Locke, Ted Meyn, Ernie Turner

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, Colleen Nolan, 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

Kinsleigh Jayde Elaine Tuckwell, Rhett Adam Walker Tuckwell

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 by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

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Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!

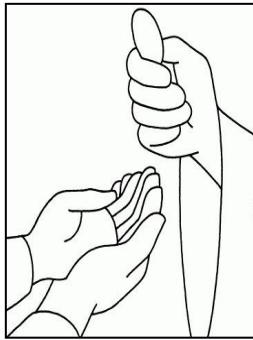
Today we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. This year marks forty years since Saint Pope John Paul II's historic address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs. His words continue to resonate deeply with those communities and the wider Australian Church.

Continue the celebration 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](#)

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



PRE-LOVED BOOK SALE

Someone's favourite book is waiting to become your new favourite book! At our pre-loved book sale, you'll find religious texts, non-religious reads, and a few hidden gems, all lovingly passed on and ready for a new home.

Card sales only, most items \$5 or under.

All proceeds support the outreach work of CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning.

WHERE: Diocesan Resource Centre
Cnr of Tudor St & Parry St, Newcastle West

WHEN: 8th to 24th July
10.00am—2.00pm

For more information call Mary on 0409033449 or email domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au

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>



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.



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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

[Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](http://Events-CatholicDioceseofMaitland-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 11th 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 TERRY CENTRE East Maitland.

RSVP to the parish office on 49338918 or 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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR

St Joseph's East Maitland

Saturday July 11, 2026 8.30-9.30am

(following 8am mass)

Exposition, Benediction, Rosary and Confession

July has long been designated the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus in the Liturgical calendar of the Church. Regular participation in the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation is essential to receive the graces made available through the Precious Blood of Jesus.

You are invited to join us as we invoke the Precious Blood for strength, healing and deliverance from evil for ourselves, our loved ones and for the whole world.

URGENT APPEAL FROM VINNIES

The St. Vincent de Paul store in High Street, East Maitland are looking urgently for **donations of blankets and doonas** to give to people in need. Donations can be made in store.

Financial donations can also be made at vinnies.org.au or by phone 131812

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 6th July (*St Maria Goretti-optional*)

Tuesday 7th July (*St Peter To Rot—optional*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 8th July
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 9th July (*St Augustine Zhao Rong and companions-optional*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 10th July
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 11th July (*St Benedict*)
8.00am Mass and **reconciliation**, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 12th 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 6th July
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 7th July
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 8th July
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 9th July
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland

Fri 10th July
7.30am Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 11th July
8.30- 9.30am Eucharistic and Marian Holy Hour
Exposition, Benediction, Rosary, Reconciliation
5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield