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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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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

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

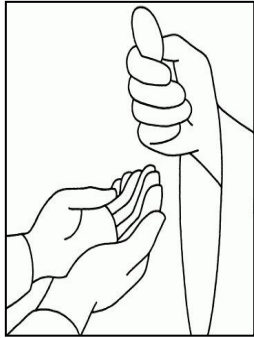
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Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of *The Bible Today* (1979-2005), *Biblical Theology Bulletin* (1990-2014), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1992-2001), *New Theology Review* (1997-2003), *Teaching Theology and Religion* (2003-2005), and *Chicago Studies* (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

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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



We pray those who have recently died

Charlie Cover, Tanya Jane Crich, Rosa Wickham

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Agnes Imelda Cahill, Nicholas Dilley, Ronald (Ron) Hungerford,
Warren Michael Markham, Carmel O'Brien,
Sr Helen Rankin OP, Arthur Henry (Bart) Trappel

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, James (Jim) Smith, Anne Standing, Lachlan Tonkinson, Pauline Wade, Carla Whiting,
Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler, Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Lachlan John Every, Blair Maree Kerkhoff, Ava Adriana Smith, Koah Gabriel Wallace, Colt James Williams,
Ardy John Wilson, Lani Alyce Wilson

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL

The envelopes for Vinnies 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 or by phone 131812

PROJECT COMPASSION 2026—CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Please check Church Notice Boards for Certificates of Appreciation from Caritas Australia for the generous donations received from each parish for Project Compassion 2026.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit
[Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.](#)

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390



EAST MAITLAND PARISHIONERS - MEETING

A meeting of parishioners to consider Bishop Michael's recent letter, and the possible regrouping of parishes in the Chisholm region, is to be held in **St Joseph's Church on Sunday 19 July at 9.30 am.** All are invited to attend.

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 Terry 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.

ANointing MASS ST PAUL'S RUTHERFORD

You are warmly invited to attend the Anointing Mass at St Paul's Rutherford, on Friday, 17 July 2026 at 10am.

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.

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.

DEPOSITS MADE TO CBA EAST MAITLAND

On 5 June 2026, two deposits were made into the Commonwealth Bank Account for the Diocese with descriptions "Mothers' Day Raffle" and "Quiz". If you have any information on the origin of these funds, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 13th July (*St Henry-optional*)

Tuesday 14th July (*St Camillus de Lellis—optional*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 15th July (*St Bonaventure*)
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 16th July (*Our Lady of Mt Carmel-optional*)
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 17th July
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
10am Anointing Mass, St Paul's Rutherford

Saturday 18th July
8.00am Mass and **Reconciliation**, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 19th 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 13th July
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 14th 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 15th July
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 16th July
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland

Fri 17th July
7.30am Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 18th July
5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes ,Beresfield