



**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  
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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

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*In the place of sin, you give  
repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who  
cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that  
you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you  
lenient to all.

You show your strength when your  
sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those  
who know it;

but, disposing of such strength, you are  
mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your  
power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a  
lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to  
his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good  
hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

## Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Romans

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a  
way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our  
weakness. For when we cannot  
choose words in order to pray properly,  
the Spirit himself expresses our plea in  
a way that could never be put into  
words, and God who knows everything  
in our hearts knows perfectly well what  
he means, and that the pleas of the  
saints expressed by the Spirit are  
according to the mind of God.

**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 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

*Let them grow together until the  
harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds,  
'The kingdom of heaven may be  
compared to a man who sowed good  
seed in his field. While everybody was  
asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel  
all among the wheat, and made off.  
When the new wheat sprouted and  
ripened, the darnel appeared as well.  
The owner's servants went to him and  
said, "Sir, was it not good seed that  
you sowed in your field? If so, where  
does the darnel come from?" "Some  
enemy has done this" he answered.  
And the servants said, "Do you want us  
to go and weed it out?" But he said,  
"No, because when you weed out the  
darnel you might pull up the wheat with  
it. Let them both grow till the harvest;  
and at harvest time I shall say to the  
reapers: First collect the darnel and tie  
it in bundles to be burnt, then gather  
the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them,  
'The kingdom of heaven is like a  
mustard seed which a man took and  
sowed in his field. It is the smallest of  
all the seeds, but when it has grown it  
is the biggest shrub of all and becomes  
a tree so that the birds of the air come  
and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The  
kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a  
woman took and mixed in with three  
measures of flour till it was leavened all  
through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in  
parables; indeed, he would never  
speak to them except in parables. This  
was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since  
the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to  
the house; and his disciples came to

him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

**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**

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

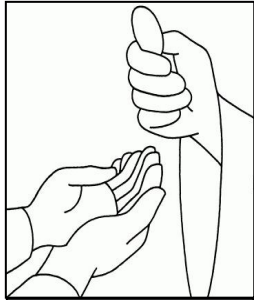
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## Receiving Holy Communion with Reverence

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***

Delma Joy Ellis, Fatima Zambrano Morales de Garwacki

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

Damien Francis Brennan, Alexander Thomas Brown, Angela Dagook, Frank Ingruber, Margaret (Mag) McCarthy, Joy McNamara, Pat McNamara, Louise Mungoven, Mollie O'Brien, Janina Orlowski, Addolorata Rega, Edith Saunders

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

Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, Graham Bell, Patrick Brennan, Pam Brunner, 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***

Aaliyah Jayne Clark, Paul Liam Martinez, Houston Robert Towns

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.

## **PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP MICHAEL KENNEDY REGARDING THE SOCIETY OF ST PIUS X**

A pastoral letter from Bishop Michael Kennedy addressed to the People of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle regarding the Society of St Pius X is available for viewing via the Maitland Catholic Parishes website—[News & Bulletins | Maitland Catholic Parishes - Chisholm Pastoral Region](#); and a printed version is available on Church noticeboards.

## **A WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

If you are new to our region in one of our six parishes, please contact the Parish Office if you wish to receive the weekly Bulletin and other information via email. This is also an invitation to existing parishioners who may wish to receive this publication and others electronically. Parish information is available on the front page of this Bulletin.

## **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. Safe-guarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390



## REMINDER East Maitland Parishioners' Meeting this weekend—Sunday, 19 July 2026

A meeting of parishioners to consider Bishop Michael Kennedy's recent letter, and the possible regrouping of parishes in the Chisholm region, is to be held in St Joseph's Church this Sunday 19 July at 9.30 am. All are invited to attend. Those not able to attend the meeting will be welcome to express their views sometime after the meeting.

**MAITLAND PARISHIONERS:** Calling members of Maitland Parish - please gather for Stage 2 of our Parish Assembly to discuss preference/s for regrouping of parishes from 10am - 1pm, St John's Hall Maitland on the **1 August, 2026**. This gathering is preceded by Mass Centre gatherings.

## 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.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

**FRIDAY, 24 JULY 2026**

Due to the unavailability of staff, the Parish Office will be closed next Friday, 24 July 2026. Please see the contact information on the front page. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## REMINDER: FROM 1 JULY 2025 ONWARD PLANNED GIVING IS NOT TAX DEDUCTABLE

In June 2025, information was shared with parishioners throughout the Diocese regarding changes to planned giving and parish collections. The tax-deductible component of planned giving was removed, and so tax receipts are no longer issued. Your valued contributions continue to benefit your Parish and the work of the Church. We thank you for your ongoing financial support.

## 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.

## CRAFT GROUPS

Monday 9.30am-12pm Therry Centre, East Maitland  
Tuesday 9.30am Holy Family Largs Hall

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

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Monday 20th July** (*St Apollinaris-optional*)

**Tuesday 21st July** (*St Lawrence of Brindisi—optional*)

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

**Wednesday 22nd July** (*St Mary Magdalene*)

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

**Thursday 23rd July** (*St Bridget-optional*)

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

**Friday 24th July** (*St Sharbel Makhluf-optional*)

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

**Saturday 25th July** (*St James, Apostle*)

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

**Sunday 26th 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 20th July**

**9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**5.00pm** Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

**Tues 21st 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 22nd July**

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

**Thurs 23rd July**

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

**Fri 24th July**

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

**Sat 25th July**

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