



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
Asst Priests: Fr Priyantha Fernando
Fr Anil Kuchipudi
Fr Anthony Coloma
Deacon: Christopher Voigt

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Regional Office

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Safeguarding Promotors

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We are in the country of the Worimi,
Gamilleroi, Wonnarua, Gweagui, Darkinjung,
Biripi and Awabakal peoples. We respectfully
acknowledge their Elders, celebrate their
continuing culture and the living memory of
their ancestors.



First Reading

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

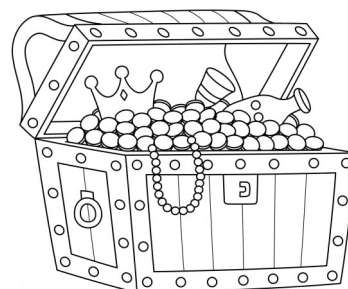
Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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

Karen Jones, Sr. Julie Rees RSM, Leanne Richardson, Reginald Stanley Wood

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Lily Dougherty, Max Guy, Thomas Murphy

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Graham Bell, Patrick Brennan, Pam Brunner, Sharon Dzurmskyj, Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson,
Karen Kenyon, Margaret Knapp, 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, Amelia Vanhoogstraten, Pauline Wade, Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler,
Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Zahli Rose Aquilina, Raelynn Louise Clark, Alfie David Cockbain, Mila Maeve Lawrence,
Nate Bennett Lawrence, Hudson Blake McFadyen, Iylah Poppy Stammer, Zahli Kay Stammer,
Percy Thomas Wills

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

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

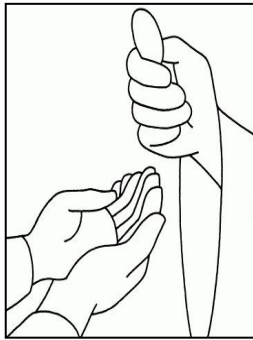
The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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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



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.

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.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection Update

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, which together with the Latin Patriarchate, cares for the Catholics of the Holy Land and its several neighbouring countries, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your kind and generous donation of \$3,303.55 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2026: this is the combined donation across the three mass centres of Beresfield, East Maitland, and Maitland.

Please know that your contribution, added to those from around the world, will be used to make a direct difference in the lives of the Holy Land Christians and indirectly will assist others who share their plight. The Franciscans of the Holy Land pray every day for their benefactors and supporters and in no way take for granted the assistance they receive. So please be assured that you are included in their daily prayer.

Fr Mario Debattista ofm Commissary of the Holy Land in Australia

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.

[The Synodal Way - A Journey into what the inspiration of the Global Synod now asks of us.](#)

Join us as we explore the key themes of the Final Document of the Global Synod Assembly.

Thursday 30th July, 6.00-7.30pm at St Brigid's Parish Hall, Raymond Terrace.

Use the link above to register now.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

[Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.](#)



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.

MULTICULTURAL NSW—Safe Places for Faith Communities Grants 2024-2025

Earlier this year saw the completion of works as planned for the installation of internal and external security cameras at East Maitland, Lochinvar and Morpeth which assists with the safeguarding of parishioners and deters vandalism. Additionally, security fencing was installed at Morpeth.

These works were made possible through NSW Government grants. Our parishes continue to seek funding to undertake works of benefit to all parishioners.

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.

MAITLAND PARISH ASSEMBLY—CHANGE OF VENUE

For Parishioners of Maitland Parish, the Stage 2 gathering will now be held at the **School Library All Saints College St Peter's Campus** on Saturday, 1 August 2026 between 10am to 1pm. Please enter via Hunter Street, Maitland.

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 or CCF as soon as possible.

Any deposits made for the benefit of parishes or schools should be clearly identified to ensure these generous fundraising donations are allocated to the correct accounts and used for its intended purpose.

CRAFT GROUPS

Monday 9.30am-12pm Therry Centre, East Maitland

Tuesday 9.30am Holy Family Largs Hall

Morning Tea provided. Everyone welcome!

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 27th July

Tuesday 28th July

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 29th July (*Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus*)

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 30th July (*St Peter Chrysologus—optional*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 31st July (*St Ignatious of Loyola*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 1st August (*St Alphonsus Ligouri*)

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

Sunday 2nd August

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 27th July

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

5.00pm

Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 28th 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 29th July

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

Thurs 30th July

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

Fri 31st July

7.30am

Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland

9.30am

Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 1st August

5.30pm

Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes ,Beresfield