



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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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 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who
are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not
bread,
your wages on what fails to
satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will
have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting
covenant
out of the favours promised to
David.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

Second Reading

Romans 8:35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Romans

*No creature can separate us from the love of
God, which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the
love of Christ, even if we are troubled
or worried, or being persecuted, or
lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These
are the trials through which we
triumph, by the power of him who
loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death
nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing
that exists, nothing still to come, not
any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between
us and the love of God made visible in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of
John the Baptist's death he withdrew
by boat to a lonely place where they
could be by themselves. But the
people heard of this and, leaving the
towns, went after him on foot. So as
he stepped ashore he saw a large
crowd; and he took pity on them and
healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples
went to him and said, 'This is a lonely
place, and the time has slipped by; so
send the people away, and they can
go to the villages to buy themselves
some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no
need for them to go: give them
something to eat yourselves.' But they
answered, 'All we have with us is five
loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here
to me,' he said. He gave orders that
the people were to sit down on the
grass; then he took the five loaves and
the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven
and said the blessing. And breaking
the loaves he handed them to his
disciples who gave them to the
crowds. They all ate as much as they
wanted, and they collected the scraps
remaining, twelve baskets full. Those
who ate numbered about five
thousand men, to say nothing of
women and children.

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

Robert Eric Beh, Robyn Montgomery (Dubbo), Anna Ramprano, Graeme Sly, Ronald Whiteley, Patrick Wills

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Susannah Banister, Lionel (Alec) King

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Graham Bell, Patrick Brennan, Pam Brunner, Sharon Dzurnskyj, 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

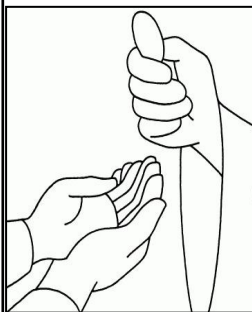
We pray for those who will be Baptised

Isla Joyce Van Maarion

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.

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

Parish Assembly Update – Summary from Six Parishes

I would like to provide an update on the Parish Assemblies that have taken place across our six parishes. The following are only the key points emerging from the recommendations and discussions. The detailed Parish Assembly reports are available on the parish notice boards for those who wish to read the full outcomes.

1. **Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield**

- Focus on developing parish leadership, training volunteers, and encouraging greater participation.
- Strengthening youth, family, and school connections.
- Building an inclusive community that welcomes diverse cultures.
- Improving communication, outreach, and long-term parish sustainability.

2. **St Joseph's, East Maitland**

- Building a welcoming and connected parish community beyond Sunday Mass.
- Strengthening engagement with families, young people, schools, and multicultural communities.
- Providing opportunities for prayer, formation, and spiritual growth.
- Encouraging participation, volunteer leadership, improved communication, and responsible stewardship of resources.

3. **St Patrick's, Lochinvar**

- Parishioners expressed a desire for strong pastoral support through dedicated priestly presence and strengthened community relationships.
- Focus on welcoming new families, youth, and multicultural communities.
- Improving facilities for gatherings and community activities.
- Continuing discussion about future parish structures, resource use, collaboration, and sustainability.

4. **Maitland Parish**

- Stage 2 Mass Centre consultation meetings are being held before the Stage 2 Assembly gathering on 1 August 2026.
- Feedback from the Mass Centres will form a report for further discussion and presentation to the Regional Pastoral Council.
- The process aims to provide a considered response to the Bishop's letter while recognising Maitland's central role, financial challenges, and future pastoral needs.

5. **Immaculate Conception, Morpeth**

- Desire to remain a vibrant, welcoming worshipping community with strong priestly support.
- Encouraging greater involvement of young families and strengthening connections with schools and diverse communities.
- Supporting meaningful liturgy, faith growth, and a strong parish identity into the future.
- Recognising the need to respond positively to future changes while preserving community life.

6. **St Paul's, Rutherford**

- Strengthening community life through family activities, youth engagement, and school partnerships.
- Using regrouping as an opportunity for collaboration, evangelisation, and shared resources.
- Addressing concerns about change, parish identity, volunteer numbers, and future sustainability.
- Developing a welcoming and financially sustainable parish model.

Moving Forward Together: Our Parish Journey

Following a prayerful process of consultation and discernment, the following parish communities have decided to journey together as one parish community, embracing the future through the process of merging:

Beresfield Parish and Morpeth Parish have decided to merge.

Lochinvar Parish and Rutherford Parish have decided to merge.

I acknowledge the prayerful reflection, commitment, and generosity of all parishioners who have participated in this important journey. If you have any feedback or further questions, please contact the respective Parish Team or Parish Office.

Thank you for your active participation, valuable contributions, and ongoing commitment to the life and mission of our parish communities.

Fr George Anthicad PP

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.

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 also 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



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.

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
Morning Tea provided. Everyone welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR

St Joseph's East Maitland Saturday August 8th 2026
8.30AM-9.30AM (FOLLOWING 8AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S) EXPOSITION, BENEDICTION, ROSARY AND CONFESSION You are invited to join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross, Australia's first Saint. Mary Mackillop's famous motto, "Never see a need without doing something about it", echoes the most recent message to the world from Our Lady Queen of Peace of Medjugorje: "Dear children! While darkness and peacelessness rule in many hearts, you, little children, be prayer and my extended hands of love."

Calling for Expressions of Interest – Councils and Advisory Boards

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle warmly invites you to once again journey with us in faith, open dialogue and discernment as we continue to establish and strengthen our new Councils and Advisory Boards. We invite people from across the Diocese who feel called to serve to submit an expression of interest via the Diocesan website and QR code.

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/>

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Saturday 15 August and is a holy day of obligation.

You are welcome to attend Mass at Immaculate Conception Morpeth on Friday 14 August at 5.30pm or St Joseph's East Maitland on Saturday 15th August at 8am.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 3rd August (*St Dominic, priest*)

Tuesday 4th August (*St John Vianney, priest*)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 5th August

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 6th August (*The Transfiguration of the Lord*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 7th August (*St Sixtus II, pope martyr, and companions, martyrs*) *Optional*

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 8th August (*St Mary of the Cross, virgin*)

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

Sunday 9th 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 3rd August

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

5.00pm

Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 4th August

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 5th August

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

Thurs 6th August

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

Fri 7th August

7.30am

Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland

9.30am

Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 8th August

8.30- 9.30am Eucharistic and Marian Holy Hour
Exposition, Benediction, Rosary, Reconciliation

5.30pm

Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield