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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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Fr Anil Kuchipudi
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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

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

David McLaren (South Africa), Beryl Nikas

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Thomas Bourke, Denis Duff (Ireland), Nancy Marion Grogan, Bert Humphreys, Leslie Barker Jones,
Joan Kealy, Lorrie McCarthy, Eileen McGilvray, Katherine O'Dea, Margaret O'Neill, Thomas Redgrove,
Eileen Shaw-Sharkey, Zane Slomka, Joyce Turner

We pray for those who are sick at this time

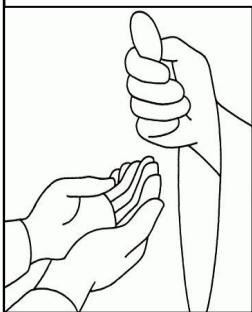
Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, Graham Bell, Patrick Brennan, Pam Brunner, Sharon Dzurnskyj,
Randy Janzen, Jolanta Jenkinson, Karen Kenyon, Solomon Keys, Margaret Knapp, Ashley Lavis,
Benedicto Masilungan, Colleen Nolan, Neecia O'Brien, John O'Reilly, Joan O'Reilly, Jen Phillips,
Margaret Pratt, 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

Tate Lee Everett, Spencer James Mann, Henry Waterman

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



Second Parish Assembly Update – Summary from Six Parishes— Fr George Anthicad PP

Further to last week, 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

At the Stage 2 Assembly gathering held on 1 August 2026, it was decided that Campbells Hill, Largs, and Paterson will remain as one parish.
Maitland Parish has expressed a desire to have a designated Parish Priest.
The parish priorities are: Maintain the identity of each Mass centre, strengthen the community as centres of worship, improve outreach to families and enhance pastoral outreach to the wider community, including Schools.

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 considering journeying together as one parish community, embracing the future through the process of merging:

Beresfield Parish and Morpeth Parish have proposed merging.

Lochinvar Parish is willing to have greater pastoral engagement with Rutherford Parish but is not yet ready for a merger.

Rutherford Parish is open to a merger.

Since some parishes have recommended mergers and others have requested the appointment of a designated Parish Priest for their Mass centres, I will be submitting these recommendations ahead of the Regional Assembly.

The reason for submitting these recommendations in advance is that, should the Bishop be able to appoint priests to the parishes that are merging, he will need to be informed ahead of time. Additionally, appropriate arrangements will need to be made for the accommodation of newly appointed Parish Priests before they commence their ministry.

I acknowledge the prayerful reflection, commitment, and generosity of all parishioners who have participated in this important journey. The thoughtful contributions and discussions of our parish communities have been invaluable in shaping the way forward. 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.

Following requests from parishioners that arose during recent Parish Assemblies, please find below the 25/26 Financial Year Profit and Loss Statement for the parishes. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office Manager.

PARISH	TOTAL TRADING INCOME	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	NET PROFIT
Beresfield	\$78,877.15	\$ 67,601.29	\$ 11,275.86
East Maitland	\$305,558.31	\$ 308,919.73	\$ (3,361.42)
Lochinvar	\$83,528.45	\$89,194.27	\$ (5,665.82)
Maitland	\$161,550.87	\$ 159,645.48	\$1,905.39
Morpeth	\$125,625.66	\$ 203,236.11	\$ (77,610.45)
Rutherford	\$78,847.76	\$ 77,204.55	\$ 1,643.21
Chisholm Pastoral Region	\$ 360,964.04	\$ 424,927.19	\$ (63,963.15)
TOTAL	\$ 1,194,952.24	\$ 1,330,728.62	\$ (135,776.38)



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.

Why Ticking "Catholic" on the Census Matters for our Diocese

On 11 August, Australians will complete the five-yearly Census of Population and Housing, a snapshot the Australian Bureau of Statistics uses to track how the nation is changing, socially, culturally, and economically. For the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, the results will help shape how we plan and support Catholic life across the region for years to come.

Among the questions asked is one about religion. The question asks nothing about whether someone believes in God, attends Mass, or is formally engaged with a faith community. That's not its purpose. For many Catholics across our Diocese, faith remains part of their identity even if they're not regularly at Mass, and we are encouraging Catholics to tick the box that reflects that, a simple act that helps ensure our parishes, schools and social services are properly recognised and resourced.

Congratulations!

A warm welcome to all families and friends of those children who will make their first Holy Communion this weekend. May the Body and Blood of Christ nourish you on your journey of faith.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

For info on upcoming events in our Diocese, please visit [Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#).

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 10th August (*St Lawrence*)

Tuesday 11th August (*St Clare*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 12th August (*St Jane Frances de Chantal - optional*)

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 13th August (*St Pontian and Hippolytus - optional*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 14th August (*St Maximilian Mary Kolbe*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

5.30pm Vigil Mass of the Assumption, Immaculate Conception, Morpeth

Saturday 15th August (*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

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

Sunday 16th August

9.30am Latin Mass - St John the Baptist Oratory Cathedral St Maitland.

Confessions Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Sunday 8.45am - 9:25am

St Carlo Acutis Major Relic Mission

As the Diocese journeys towards Eucharist28 with Pope Leo XIV we are proud to be hosting the first-class relics of a millennial Saint – Carlo Acutis (September 8-14). During his young life, Carlo created the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition, which will also accompany the tour. The pilgrimage has been drawing tens of thousands from across Australia and New Zealand these past months and we are looking forward to hosting it.

Use the link to see the schedule that covers the Reception of the Relic, Upper Hunter Encounter, Northern Region Encounter and the Newcastle City Basin Encounter.

[St Carlo Acutis Relic Mission - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

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.

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

Called to Know More

Wednesday 26 August, 12pm – 1pm, Diocesan Resource Centre

Join us for **Morality 101: The Joy of Christian Living in a Morally Crazy World** with Fr Anthony Coloma, exploring moral choices through "encounter" with Jesus via Scripture, Eucharist, and prayer. Discover how hardship shapes faith, and God's welcoming love for those who have drifted. Come listen, share, and enjoy hospitality afterward! All welcome. Learn More: [Morality 101: The Joy of Christian Living in a Morally Crazy World](#).

PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

Mon 10th August

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

5.00pm

Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 11th 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 12th August

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

Thurs 13th August

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

Fri 14th August

7.30am Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland

9.30am

Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 15th August

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

5.30pm

Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield