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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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Funeral Ministry:
0428 220 997

Safeguarding Promotors

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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 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your
hands.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how
deep his wisdom and knowledge – and
how impossible to penetrate his
motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the
Lord? Who could ever be his
counsellor? Who could ever give him
anything or lend him anything? All that
exists comes from him; all is by him
and for him. To him be glory for ever!
Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out
against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say the
Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some
say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah,
and others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do
you say I am?' Then Simon Peter
spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said,
'the Son of the living God.' Jesus
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a
happy man! Because it was not flesh
and blood that revealed this to you but
my Father in heaven. So I now say to
you: You are Peter and on this rock I
will build my Church. And the gates of
the underworld can never hold out
against it. I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind
on earth shall be considered bound in
heaven; whatever you loose on earth
shall be considered loosed in heaven.'
Then he gave the disciples strict orders
not to tell anyone that he was the
Christ.

**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

Bruno Buranello, Ursula Morris, John O'Rourke, Thomas Rice

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Rosemarie Bañares, Marion Punch Barnes, Joan Baxter, Daniel Charnock, Terry Chipperfield, Clem Coffey,
Marge Coffey, Gorgonio Digal, Dorothy Rose Enright, Marcia Harris, Frank Hill, Amy (Dolly) Keating,
Marie Lamoury, Bruce Hilton Parker, Joan Redgrove, Ida Stace, Mary Margaret Trappel, Joyce White, Les White

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, Lesley Marshall,
John O'Reilly, Joan O'Reilly, Jen Phillips, Margaret Pratt, James (Jim) Smith, Anne Standing,
Amelia Vanhoogstraten, Marc-Zachariah Vicente, Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler, Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Martin Laurent Adamson, Quinn Rose Hargrave, Lachlan Christopher Klumpp, Amelia Jane Rosenthal,
Amaya Grace Sumner, Fletcher Andrew Wilkinson

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 by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the Messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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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

SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATION AND RESIGNATION

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned in my earlier communication, I submitted the Parish Assembly reports and recommendations from the six parishes of Beresfield, East Maitland, Lochinvar, Maitland, Morpeth and Rutherford to Bishop Michael on 17 August 2026.

As part of the process of implementing the recommendations that have emerged from the Parish Assemblies, it is necessary for me to relinquish my office as Parish Priest of these six parishes. Accordingly, I submitted my letter relinquishing the office of Parish Priest on the 18th of August 2026, and Bishop Michael has formally accepted my resignation.

Therefore, there is now nothing further standing in the way of implementing the recommendations that you, as parish communities, have presented to the Bishop through the Parish Assembly process.

As the Bishop has indicated in his response, I will continue to serve as Parish Priest of these parishes until he appoints my successors. This will ensure continuity of pastoral care and ministry during the period of transition.

I take this opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for your support, cooperation and fellowship throughout my ministry among you. It has been a wonderful experience to work with you and, in a particular way, to journey with you through the Parish Assembly process. I am deeply grateful for the openness, honesty, patience and commitment you have shown throughout this journey.

The past four years and nine months have been a great experience and a profound blessing for me. I have been privileged to share in your joys and challenges, to celebrate the sacraments with you, and to accompany you in your life of faith. I will always be grateful for the many friendships and memories that I have received through my ministry among you.

I especially thank all those who have generously given their time, energy and gifts to the life and mission of our parishes: my fellow Clergy and Office Staff; members of the Regional Finance Council, Regional Pastoral Council and Parish Pastoral Teams; those involved in RCIA, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, Sacramental Preparation, Visitation Ministry, Funeral Ministry, Baptism Preparation and Communion to the Homebound; our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Readers, Hospitality Ministers, Altar Society members and Children's Liturgy ministers; as well as all our volunteers and all who contribute in so many different ways to the life and mission of our parish communities.

Above all, I thank each one of you for your prayers, support and fellowship in the ministry of the Lord. Your generosity and commitment have been a constant encouragement to me.

As we now move into this new chapter, I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our communities and that the recommendations arising from the Parish Assemblies will bear abundant fruit for the future of our parishes and for the mission of the Church.

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank you once again for the privilege of serving you as your Parish Priest. May God bless you, your families and our parish communities abundantly.

Yours in Christ,
Fr George Anthicad

PARISH ASSEMBLY REPORT TO BISHOP

A copy of the Parish Assembly Report to Bishop, referred to above, can be found on the Noticeboard at each Mass Centre.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP KENNEDY—WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pope Leo XIV is inviting the young Church to join him at the next International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, in August 2027. As part of our ongoing commitment to building ALIVE Catholic Youth, I am delighted to announce that the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will lead a pilgrimage to this global celebration of faith and onward to Japan.

The theme for this World Youth Day comes from John 16:33: "Take courage! I have overcome the world." These words remind us that Christ has conquered fear, sin and death, calling us to live with hope and confidence in His presence.

Potential pilgrims and their families are invited to attend the launch event with the team and I on **Tuesday 8 September**. We will welcome a first-class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis to the Diocese (a patron Saint of this World Youth Day) and then provide time for further information, Q&A and an overview of the itinerary from **5:30pm-8pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral**, Hamilton and the Diocesan Resource Centre.

I pray that our young people, and those who accompany them on this journey, will be transformed by the lives of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Saint Carlo Acutis and other WYD Patron Saints as we prepare for and make this pilgrimage. **Take courage! Come and join us**

Bishop Michael Kennedy

To attend the WYD Launch & Information Evening, please RSVP to [World Youth Day 2027 Launch - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#) and for further information [World Youth Day 2027 - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)



St Carlo Acutis Major Relic Mission

As the Diocese journeys towards Eucharist 28 with Pope Leo XIV we are proud to be hosting the first-class relics of a millennial Saint – Carlo Acutis (September 8-14).

Use the link to see the schedule. [St Carlo Acutis Relic Mission](#)

Bible Sharing

6pm Tuesdays in the Prayer Room of St Joseph's East Maitland during school term. For enquiries please contact Sr. Joseph on 49338918.

Craft Group—LARGS

Holy Family Largs Hall

Every Tuesday from 9.30am.

Morning Tea provided. Everyone welcome.

Craft Group—EAST MAITLAND

Therry Centre

Every Monday—9.30am -12pm.

Morning Tea Provided

Phone: Joanne 4936 1326.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

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

VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

The **Visitation Ministry** is seeking interest from our Parishioners to join this wonderful group who go to homes of the housebound to spend pastoral time with them. For more information phone Chris Kerr on 0459995960.

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.

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/>

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 24th August (*St Bartholomew, Apostle*)

Tuesday 25th August (*St Louis -optional, St Joseph Calasanz -optional*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 26th August

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 27th August (*St Monica*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 28th August (*St Augustine*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 29th August

(*The Passion of St John the Baptist*)

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

Sunday 30th 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 24th August

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

5.00pm

Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 25th August

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

6.00pm

Bible Sharing, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 26th August

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

Thurs 27th August

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

Fri 28th August

7.30am

Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland

9.30am

Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 29th August

5.30pm

Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield