



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

Presbytery 4934 5783

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Regional Office

Jane Wild, Janine Sidoti, Sandra Buck

Spiritual care of sick & aged in care or at home: Phone office 49338918

Funeral Ministry:
0428 220 997

Safeguarding Promotors

Amber Carter, Brian Lacey
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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.

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

First Reading *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have
let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were
the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to
howl

and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning
in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord
my God.

Second Reading *Romans 12:1-2*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is
worthy of thinking beings, by offering
your living bodies as a holy sacrifice,
truly pleasing to God. Do not model
yourselves on the behaviour of the
world around you, but let your behaviour
change, modelled by your new mind.
This is the only way to discover the will
of God and know what is good, what it
is that God wants, what is the perfect
thing to do.

The Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 16:21-27*

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his
disciples that he was destined to go to
Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the
hands of the elders and chief priests

and scribes, to be put to death and to
be raised up on the third day. Then,
taking him aside, Peter started to
remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve
you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not
happen to you.' But he turned and said
to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You
are an obstacle in my path, because the
way you think is not God's way but
man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If
anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up
his cross and follow me. For anyone
who wants to save his life will lose it; but
anyone who loses his life for my sake
will find it. What, then, will a man gain if
he wins the whole world and ruins his
life? Or what has a man to offer in
exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in
the glory of his Father with his angels,
and, when he does, he will reward each
one according to his behaviour.'

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.



26 August 2026

Letter from Bishop Michael Kennedy to Fr George Anthicad and Parishioners of the Chisholm Region

Rev George Anthicad
Parish Priest
Chisholm Region Parishes

Dear Fr George and Chisholm Parishioners,

Re: Parish Assembly Reports

Thank you for the Parish Assembly Reports for the six Chisholm Region Parishes which I read with great interest. I am encouraged that, for all parishes, relationships were a high priority – both within the community and with a dedicated priest. I note that, in some reports, better communication was seen as key to stronger relationships. I am further encouraged by the lived witness of the region to put this value into practice through this current season of assemblies.

The respective reports also communicated a desire for community members to be more actively involved in the life and mission of the Church. Any changes to our parish structures need to be at the service of the mission to share the life and love of Jesus in the spaces we find ourselves. It is very pleasing indeed that your communities see any future restructuring as a way for parishes to better engage its members as missionary disciples.

Noting the preferences for parish configurations in the assembly reports I wish to inform you that I shall now proceed as follows:

1. In accordance with their stated preference, the parishes of Beresfield and Morpeth will merge and become one parish, to be known as Chisholm Parish, under the pastoral leadership of one Parish Priest. One of the new community's first steps together on this shared journey will be discerning a patron saint for the new Chisholm Parish.
2. In accordance with their stated preference, Lochinvar and Rutherford will be twinned as two parishes pursuing closer collaboration together under the pastoral leadership of one Parish Priest. My own hope is that this may lead to the parishes one day requesting a more formal merger.

3. I note Maitland's preference to remain a single parish and East-Maitland's openness to accepting any Mass centres that wish to join them. Therefore, I will for now twin Maitland and East Maitland under the pastoral leadership of one Parish Priest with the assistance of an Assistant Priest. This should not necessarily be seen as a definitive outcome, but as a transition to something more permanent and acceptable to many.

These changes will become effective once new Parish Priests are appointed later in the year. In September, I will begin the process for the selection and appointment of three Parish Priests for the parishes as outlined above. The first step in this process will be my asking the priests of the Diocese to "express their interest" – that is, to inform me whether they would like to be considered for any of these appointments.

To enable this process to begin, Fr George has formally resigned as Parish Priest of Beresfield, Morpeth, East Maitland, Maitland, Rutherford, and Lochinvar. I have accepted his resignation, effective from the date of the appointment of new Parish Priests so that Fr George remains Parish Priest until new Parish Priests are appointed.

It is important for us to consider the order of the 'next steps' so that we not only satisfy the material requirements of this restructuring journey, but that we also use this as an opportunity to build relationships within the newly formed communities and with their respective Parish Priests. For this reason, I recommend postponing the proposed Regional Assembly until such time as new Parish Priests have been installed.

Already, from the reports that have been provided to me, I have a sense of the aspirations of each community for a pastor that 'fits' the journey you are currently on. I would now ask that any formal synodal processes, regional or parish-based, recommence with these new appointments as a means to journey with a new priest and a new community. This should not discourage you from continuing to gather, share, and discern as you currently are doing.

I congratulate you all for your engagement in this important synodal process of Parish Assemblies geared toward our carrying out the mission of the Church as effectively as possible.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Kennedy', preceded by a small cross symbol.

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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We pray those who have recently died

Christine Arnott, Charles (Charlie) Vincent Mexon

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Garry Callinan, Barbarita V. Carias,
Pam McFadyen, Annesley Fernando,
Lydia M. Juam, Gladys Lantry, Thomas Lantry,
Dr Newton Potter, John Tobin, Remegia L. Villaver,
Sarah Wand

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, Graham Bell,
Patrick Brennan, Pam Brunner, Sharon Dzurmskyj,
June Carlson, 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, Pauline Wade,
Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler,
Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Adrian Jose Alvarez Albanado,
Isabelle Jade Clarke, William Ray Fairweather,
Eliana Olene Marasinghe,
Connor Geoffrey Newman, Georgi John Rein,
Kya Ruby Rein

DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 31st August

Tuesday 1st September

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 2nd September

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 3rd September (*St Gregory the Great*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 4th September

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 5th September (*St Teresa of Kolkota – optional*)

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

Sunday 6th September

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)

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE—3 September 2026

The Parish Office will be closed next Thursday, 3 September 2026. The parish office staff apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Catholic Women's League

Come and celebrate Spring at Telarah Bowling Club on Saturday September 19. Join us for lunch at 12.30 followed by guest speaker Sr Judy Bowe from 2–4pm
More info: Colleen 0427327611 or Margo 0439758211

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) meetings are on **Thursdays** at 7pm in the Therry Centre. If you or someone you know would like to enquire about becoming a Catholic, you are welcome to attend. For further inquiries please contact the Parish Office.

The **Visitation Ministry** is seeking interest from our Parishioners to join this wonderful group who go to homes of lonely people just to spend sometime with them and let them know someone cares about them. For more information phone Chris Kerr on 0459995960.

PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

Mon 31st August

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

Tues 1st September

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Bible Sharing, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 2nd September

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

Thurs 3rd September

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

Fri 4th September

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

Sat 5th September

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield