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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  
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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, 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 Safe-  
guarding: P 4979 1390

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the Lord was laid on me,  
and he carried me away by the spirit of  
the Lord and set me down in the middle  
of a valley, a valley full of bones. He  
made me walk up and down among  
them. There were vast quantities of  
these bones on the ground the whole  
length of the valley; and they were  
quite dried up. He said to me, Son of  
man, can these bones live? I said, You  
know, Lord. He said, Prophecy over  
these bones. Say, Dry bones, hear the  
word of the Lord. The Lord says this to  
these bones: I am now going to make  
the breath enter you, and you will live. I  
shall put sinews on you, I shall make  
flesh grow on you, I shall cover you  
with skin and give you breath, and you  
will live; and you will learn that I am the  
Lord. I prophesied as I had been  
ordered. While I was prophesying,  
there was a noise, a sound of  
clattering; and the bones joined  
together. I looked, and saw that they  
were covered with sinews; flesh was  
growing on them and skin was covering  
them, but there was no breath in them.  
He said to me, Prophecy to the breath;  
prophecy, son of man. Say to the  
breath, The Lord says this: Come from  
the four winds, breath; breathe on  
these dead; let them live! I prophesied  
as he had ordered me, and the breath  
entered them; they came to life again  
and stood up on their feet, a great, an  
immense army.

Then he said, Son of man, these bones  
are the whole House of Israel. They  
keep saying, "Our bones are dried up,  
our hope has gone; we are as good as  
dead. So prophecy. Say to them, The  
Lord says this: I am now going to open  
your graves; I mean to raise you from  
your graves, my people, and lead you  
back to the soil of Israel. And you will  
know that I am the Lord, when I open  
your graves and raise you from your  
graves, my people. And I shall put my  
spirit in you, and you will live, and I  
shall resettle you on your own soil; and  
you will know that I, the Lord, have said  
and done this it is the Lord who  
speaks."

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

**Responsorial Psalm (R.)** My soul is  
thirsting for the living God.

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Romans

**Romans 14:7-9**

The life and death of each of us has its  
influence on others; if we live, we live  
for the Lord; and if we die, we die for  
the Lord, so that alive or dead we  
belong to the Lord. This explains why  
Christ both died and came to life, it was  
so that he might be Lord both of the  
dead and of the living. We shall all  
have to stand before the judgement  
seat of God; as scripture says: By my  
life – it is the Lord who speaks – every  
knee shall bend before me, and every  
tongue shall praise God. It is to God,  
therefore, that each of us must give an  
account of himself.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Shine in the world like bright stars; you  
are offering it the world of life.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke

**Luke 1:46-56**

Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the  
Lord

and my spirit exults in God my  
saviour;

because he has looked upon his  
lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all  
generations will call me blessed,  
for the Almighty has done great  
things for me.

Holy is his name,  
and his mercy reaches from age to  
age for those who fear him.

'He has shown the power of his arm,  
he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their  
thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good  
things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his  
servant, mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made  
to our ancestors –

of his mercy to Abraham and to his  
descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three  
months and then went back home.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Ode to the Light of Christ

Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord.

Let us not fear the past  
when our hearts were heavy.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us bring light from the darkness.

Let us make good come from evil  
and find sweet in the bitter.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us weep together  
when the light grew dark with the clouds,  
from the darkness and distress.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us walk with our brothers and sisters,  
those who have walked in darkness.

Let them see the great Light of God  
and let us Shine the Light of Christ.

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## 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***

Anthony Cant, Lucita (Lucy) Chapman (Taree),  
Olga Charlton, Inca Chynoweth, Fr Bernard Frize  
(Armidale), Kevin McGrath (Toowoomba),  
Kathleen Margaret Sullivan

### ***We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including***

Peter & Patricia Bowe, Andrew Collins,  
Florence Collins, Kathleen Collins, Mervyn Collins,  
Molly & Gabe Cunningham, Ramon Eugenio,  
Ross Foley, Mary Josephine Hickey,  
Brian Humphreys, Fay Lawler,  
Constantino Marquez, Joy Taylor, Alan Turnbull

### ***We pray for those who are sick at this time***

Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, Sharon Dzurnskyj,  
June Carlson, Karen Kenyon, Solomon Keys,  
Margaret Knapp, Lesley Marshall, John O'Reilly,  
Joan O'Reilly, Jen Phillips,  
Margaret Pratt, Tony Ritchie, James (Jim) Smith,  
Anne Standing, Carlo Ureta, Julia Ureta,  
Amelia Vanhoogstraten, Marc-Zachariah Vicente,  
Pauline Wade, Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will,  
Jo Winkler, Anthony Zysek

### ***We pray for those who will be Baptised***

Elsie May Jackson, Noah Patrick White

## **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



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,

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy  
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle



## Anointing Mass

This month's regional anointing Mass will be at Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill at 10:00am on Friday 18th September. Everyone welcome!

**Vocations Ministry: Turning Dreams into Action.** A meeting to organise a club to promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and the consecrated (religious) life in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Would you like to play a part in actively encouraging and supporting vocations? If so, you are invited to a meeting to consider establishing a Serra Club in our Diocese. This local club would be a member of Serra International, a world-wide organisation, affirmed by the Holy See, which is committed to vocations ministry. This initiative has the support of our Bishop, Michael Kennedy. To learn more, please take a flyer at the church entrance. **The meeting will be on Thursday, 24 September 2026, at 7pm, in the Function Room of St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown. To RSVP and for further information, please contact the Director of Vocations: Fr Anthony Potts M: 0466 140 066 E: tony.potts@mn.catholic.org.au**

## 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/>

## The Catholic Women's League

You are welcome to join the Catholic Women's League next gathering at Telarah Bowling Club on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 2.00 – 4.00pm. The guest speaker will be Judy Bowe. More information: Colleen 0427327611 or Margo 0439758211

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)

RCIA 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

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

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

**HSC Mass at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland, on Sunday 20th September at 6.00pm.** This special celebration is an opportunity to come together in prayer and support for our Year 12 students as they prepare for their HSC exams.

## WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

**Monday 14th September** (*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*)

**Tuesday 15th September** (*Our Lady of Sorrows*)  
**5.30pm** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Wednesday 16th September** (*Sts Cornelius and Cyprian*)  
**6.00pm** Mass, Holy Family, Largs

**Thursday 17th September** (*St Hildegard of Bingen—optional, St Robert Bellarmine—optional*)  
**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Friday 18th September**  
**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**10.00am** Anointing Mass, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

**Saturday 19th September** (*St Januarius—optional*)  
**8.00am** Mass and reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Sunday 20th 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)

## PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

**Mon 14th September**  
**9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland  
**5.00pm** Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

**Tues 15th 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 16th September**  
**9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

**Thurs 17th September**  
**9.30-10.30am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's East Maitland

**Fri 18th September**  
**7.30am** Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland  
**9.30am** Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

**Sat 19th September**  
**5.30pm** Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield