



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)
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

Assistant Priests:

Fr Priyantha Fernando

Fr Anil Kuchipudi

Fr Anthony Coloma

Deacon:

Dcn Christopher Voigt

Regional Office Staff:

Jane Wild, Janine Sidoti, Sandra Buck

Presbytery: 4934 5783

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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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The sinner who decides to turn against
sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*In your minds you must be the same
as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;

and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in
the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name
of Jesus
and that every tongue should
acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went out moved by regret. The tax
collectors and prostitutes will precede you
into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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.

Update on the Implementation of the Parish Assembly Recommendations

Following the recommendations of the Parish Assembly and the ongoing parish restructuring process, I would like to provide the parish community with a brief update.

Expressions of Interest

On 21 September, Bishop Michael advised the clergy that Expressions of Interest are now open for the following parish groupings, along with nine other parishes across the Diocese:

- East Maitland and Maitland
- Lochinvar and Rutherford
- Morpeth and Beresfield (which will become one parish).

Preparation of Presbyteries

As part of the preparation for the new pastoral arrangements, inspections and planning for presbyteries are continuing.

St Joseph's East Maitland

The Parish Team has completed an inspection of the East Maitland presbytery and submitted its report. They have provided an extensive list of works that need to be undertaken. I am mentioning only a few of the works they have identified for your information:

- Repairs and internal/external painting
- Repair and replacement of railings
- Replacement of carpets
- Replacement of window blinds
- Replacement of lounge seating
- Purchase of required furniture
- Replacement of the old stove and kitchen upgrades
- Installation of air-conditioning.

Rutherford Presbytery

An inspection of the Rutherford presbytery will take place shortly, and a report with recommendations will be shared with the parish community once it has been completed.

Beresfield Presbytery

At Beresfield, we are currently waiting to hear from the tenant regarding when they will be vacating the presbytery, after which further arrangements can be made.

Seeking Parishioners' Assistance

The Parish Office has also approached our long-standing and trusted builder, David Kirkman, regarding these works. Unfortunately, he is currently unavailable. If parishioners know of reliable and suitably qualified builders who may be able to undertake these works within the required timeframe, please contact the Parish Office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated, as coordinating these works requires the support and involvement of others.

Renewal of Parish Teams and Councils

Another recommendation of the Parish Assembly was that, following the conclusion of the Assembly process, new Parish Teams and Council members would be nominated or elected. As the Regional Assembly did not take place, this part of the process was not completed.

With the appointment of the new Parish Priests, I suggest that consideration be given to forming new Parish Teams and Councils. This will provide an opportunity for new members to contribute their gifts, experience and perspectives to parish life, while also recognising with gratitude those who have generously served the parish community over many years.

I also acknowledge that some current members may have served for a considerable period and may wish to continue contributing in other ways. The formation of the new teams and councils will provide an opportunity for a respectful transition, allowing current members to support and encourage those taking on these responsibilities and, where appropriate, assist with a smooth handover of their experience and knowledge.

Upcoming Clergy Commitments

From 6–9 October, I will be attending the Inter-Diocesan Tribunal Sydney Plenary Sessions at the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre.

From the evening of 11 October until the afternoon of 16 October, the clergy will be attending their annual retreat. I ask you to keep Bishop Michael and all the priests in your prayers during this time, especially as the Diocese prepares for the appointment of priests to the newly structured parishes.

I sincerely thank parishioners for your patience, understanding and continued support during this period of transition. I also appreciate the many parishioners who are assisting with the practical preparations required for the coming changes.

Fr George Anthicad PP

We pray those who have recently died

Kevin Lestone, John Montgomery

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Mavis Burley, Ellen & Leonard Collins, Megan Hamilton, Lena McColskey, Clement (Clem) O'Brien, Kathleen Spears,

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, Graham Bell, June Carlson, Mary Coombes, Karen Kenyon, Solomon Keys, Lesley Marshall, John O'Reilly, Joan O'Reilly, Angus Charles Palm, Jen Phillips, Margaret Pratt, James (Jim) Smith, Anne Standing, Amelia Vanhoogstraten, Marc-Zachariah Vicente, Pauline Wade, Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler, Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Audrey Juliette Butler, Esme Anne Butler, Luna Isabel Calalang, Elsie Patricia Johnston, Luka Blu O'Connor

Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks only. Please contact the office if you wish to add a name to the list.

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 contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Occurs on the First Friday of each month after Mass at 7.30am until 8am Mass on Saturday the following morning at St Joseph's East Maitland.

All welcome on Friday 2nd – Saturday 3rd October.

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 practicing parishioners to kindly assist others in receiving Holy Communion with reverence.

Fr George Anthicad

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.

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.

Changes to Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration at St. Joseph's, East Maitland will now take place immediately after the 7.00am morning Mass from **7.30 – 8.30am** on Thursday and Friday.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

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

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 28th September (*St Wenceslaus, optional*)

Tuesday 29th September (*Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 30th September (*St Jerome, priest, doctor*)

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 1st October (*St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 2nd October (*The Holy Guardian Angels*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 3rd October

8.00am Mass and Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 4th October

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 28th September

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

Tues 29th 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 30th September

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

Thurs 1st October

7.30-8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 2nd October

7.30am – Saturday 3rd October 8.00am Adoration, St. Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 3rd October

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield