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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:

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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 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the
House of Israel.*

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,

I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be
grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be
trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found
bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians

*Do these things and the God of peace will be
with you.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking God
for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and
that peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your
minds with everything that is true,

everything that is noble, everything that is
good and pure, everything that we love
and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep
doing all the things that you learnt from me
and have been taught by me and have
heard or seen that I do. Then the God of
peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because
I have made known to you everything I
have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the
elders of the people, 'Listen to another
parable. There was a man, a landowner,
who planted a vineyard; he fenced it
round, dug a winepress in it and built a
tower; then he leased it to tenants and
went abroad. When vintage time drew
near he sent his servants to the tenants to
collect his produce. But the tenants seized
his servants, thrashed one, killed another
and stoned a third. Next he sent some
more servants, this time a larger number,
and they dealt with them in the same way.
Finally he sent his son to them. "They will
respect my son," he said. But when the
tenants saw the son, they said to each
other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill
him and take over his inheritance." So they
seized him and threw him out of the
vineyard and killed him. Now when the
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he
do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He
will bring those wretches to a wretched
end and lease the vineyard to other
tenants who will deliver the produce to him
when the season arrives.' Jesus said to
them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the
builders

that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing

and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God
will be taken from you and given to a
people who will produce its fruit.'

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 Parish Financial Administration

On the 9th of March 2026, Very Rev. Fr Matthew Muller, Vicar General of the Diocese, issued a decree directing the necessary changes to our parish accounting practices. Until now, because the six parishes were under one Parish Priest, financial statements had been prepared collectively. However, each parish is a public juridic person in its own right (Canon 515 §3), and its goods and administration must therefore be properly accounted for as belonging to that parish.

In accordance with the decree, the necessary changes were made to our accounting practices with the help of Diocesan Finance Office, and separate financial statements for each parish were issued on the 13th of August 2026. Representatives of the Finance Councils have received the updated statements. This completes the implementation of the diocesan directive. In this process, our Parish Office Manager, Jane Wild, worked additional Saturdays and Sundays to ensure that this important task was completed, without claiming any additional hours. I sincerely acknowledge her generosity and commitment. The region is deeply indebted to Jane, as well as to all our dedicated staff, volunteers and Council members for their generous service and contribution to make sure the Decree is executed. If you have any questions or feedback regarding these changes, please contact the Parish Office.

Preparing for the New Parish Structures

As we prepare for the new parish structures, we are also called to prepare ourselves for a new chapter in the life and mission of our communities. Once the Bishop formally establishes the new parishes and structures by decree, the present regional structures will give way to parish-based structures.

Under the new arrangement, there will no longer be a Regional Parish Pastoral Council or a Regional Finance Council. Instead, each parish will have its own Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council, in accordance with the Code of Canon Law and diocesan norms. The present Parish Team structure will also conclude, with pastoral and financial participation being carried forward through the new Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils.

I sincerely thank all those who have generously served our communities through the present structures. Their experience, commitment and wisdom have been valuable gifts to our parish life. At the same time, a new chapter provides an opportunity for new people to come forward, new gifts to be recognised, and different forms of service

and participation to emerge.

Jesus reminds us: “*No one puts new wine into old wineskins*” (Mk 2:22). These words invite us to remain open to the new things that God is doing among us. The new wine is not a rejection of what has gone before; rather, it calls us to be open and flexible enough to receive the new life and possibilities that the Holy Spirit brings.

As we move into the new structure, I encourage everyone to embrace this transition with generosity, openness and a spirit of synodality. Let us welcome new voices, encourage others to share their gifts, and allow opportunities for service to be shared more widely within each parish.

I particularly encourage the present Parish Team members to assist positively with this transition and to help prepare for the formation of the new Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils. Their experience can be an important contribution to establishing these new structures and ensuring a smooth transition for the incoming Parish Priests.

Let us approach this new chapter with hope and trust in the Holy Spirit. Rather than holding too tightly to structures that belong to the past, let us be ready to receive the new wine God is bringing to our communities, so that our synodal journey may continue in communion, participation and mission.

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Many parishioners have asked me to have the Rosary prayed before Mass, and I am pleased to encourage each of our Mass centres to renew this beautiful tradition throughout October.

Pope Leo XIV recently invited “all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the holy rosary throughout the coming month of October,” particularly praying for an end to war and for peace among peoples. (*Angelus, Lourdes, 27 September 2026*).

Let us come together in prayer before Mass, contemplating Christ with Mary and entrusting our families, parish communities and the world to her maternal care.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Fr George Anthicad PP

We pray those who have recently died

David Bell, Anne Burns (WA) Elizabeth Carter, Chris Geraghty, Sr Joan Mulhall OP, Joan O'Reilly, Margaret Perry

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Kim Adams, Gwen Black, Leo Black, Barbie Bourke, Kevin Bridge (Branxton), Francis Carroll, Gerald Collins, Kathleen Grant, Thomas Francis Grogan, Doug Lawler, Kenneth (Ken) John Levey, Patricia McBlane, Alexis William Martin, John Nancarrow, John Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Mary Tobin

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, Angus Charles Palm, Jen Phillips, Margaret Pratt, Christine Price (Glen Innes), 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

Billi Anne Duckmanton, Liam Klobucar, Isabella Lindsay Ross

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.

EUCHARISTIC & MARIAN HOLY HOUR St Joseph's East Maitland Saturday October 10th 2026 8.30AM-9.30AM
(Following 8am Mass at St Joseph's) Exposition, Benediction, Rosary and Confession.

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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In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united

*Name changed for privacy

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.

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WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 5th October (*St Faustina, virgin, optional*)

Tuesday 6th October (*St Bruno, priest, optional*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 7th October (*Our Lady of the Rosary*)

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 8th October

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 9th October (*St Denis, bishop, martyr, & companions, martyrs, optional; St John Leonardi, priest, optional*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 10th October

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

Sunday 11th 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 5th October

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

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 6th October

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

6.00pm Bible Sharing, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 7th October

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

Thurs 8th October

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

Fri 9th October

7.30 - 8.30am Adoration, St. Joseph's, East Maitland

9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 10th October

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield