



PARISH OFFICE: 302 High St Maitland
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<https://maitlandcatholicparishes.org.au>

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

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Regional Office Staff:

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Safeguarding Promoters:

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We are in the country of the Worimi,
Gamilleri, 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 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue
nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant
Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your
name,
conferring a title though you do
not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I
arm you
that men may know from the
rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

**(R.) Give the Lord glory and
honour.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St
Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to
the Church in Thessalonika which is in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ; wishing you grace and peace
from God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all and
constantly remember before God our
Father how you have shown your faith
in action, worked for love and
persevered through hope, in our Lord
Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you
and that you have been chosen,
because when we brought the Good
News to you, it came to you not only
as words, but as power and as the
Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to
Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out
between them how to trap Jesus in
what he said. And they sent their
disciples to him, together with the
Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know
that you are an honest man and teach
the way of God in an honest way, and
that you are not afraid of anyone,
because a man's rank means nothing
to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or
not?' But Jesus was aware of their
malice and replied, 'You hypocrites!
Why do you set this trap for me? Let
me see the money you pay the tax
with.' They handed him a denarius,
and he said, 'Whose head is this?
Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they
replied. He then said to them, 'Very
well, give back to Caesar what belongs
to Caesar – and to God what belongs
to God.'

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.

Office of Safeguarding Relocation

Dear Parishioners,

Please be advised that from Thursday 15 October the Office of Safeguarding is relocating from the office at 50 Crebert Street, Mayfield to 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. People visiting the Office of Safeguarding are asked to please attend Reception at 841 Hunter Street where a member of Safeguarding will meet you. For sensitive matters, a member of Safeguarding will make personal arrangements for the visitor to attend discreetly. If you need support from the Office of Safeguarding at any time, please:

- Phone: 02 4979 1390
- Email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au
- Visit their website at <https://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>

Kind regards,

Sean Tynan (Director of Safeguarding)

Anointing Mass

The next **Anointing Mass** will be held at St Joseph's, East Maitland on Friday 23rd October at 10am followed by morning tea in the Therry Centre. Any donation of food would be welcome.

All Souls Day Masses

On Monday, 2nd November 2026, the following Masses will be held:

7am St Joseph's, East Maitland

6pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

6pm St Paul's, Rutherford

St Joseph's East Maitland 2026 Bush Dance Raffle

St Joseph's Primary School East Maitland is having a bush dance and the raffle has amazing prizes up for grabs!

Tickets can be purchased either via the QR Code on the flyer or by heading to

<https://rafflelink.com/r/st-josephs-primary-school-east-maitland/bush-dance-raffle-2026>



25 September 2026

To the People of the Diocese regarding upcoming Parish Priest Appointments

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You may be aware that I am currently seeking expressions of interest for the appointment of Parish Priests to multiple parishes across the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Parish Priest appointments are generally for six years, and in some cases by mutual agreement are extended for an additional term or terms.

Over the past twelve months you may have noticed some of our Parish Priests becoming 'Administrators' as their term as Parish Priest ended. In some of our parish communities, Parish Priests have reached retirement age. And in other places new parish configurations have opened new possibilities for Parish Priest appointments.

Therefore, it has been my plan to create an opportunity in these final months of 2026 whereby all the priests have an opportunity to express their interest in being appointed Parish Priest in approximately twelve vacant parishes at the same time.

My hope is that following the success of parish assemblies across the Diocese this year, and the subsequent identification of pastoral priorities, I can help match, in dialogue with our priests, and their particular charism, and giftings, the most appropriate pastor to journey with you into the future.

The timing of appointments will vary throughout the remainder of this year and into the early new year. I look forward to sharing these with you.

In parishes where you will be receiving a new Parish Priest, please be assured that parish life and the work of your pastoral planning and parish renewal should not halt. The mission of the Church is absolutely yours to continue – with both your outgoing Parish Priest and incoming Parish Priest.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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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Parish Notices



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

We pray those who have recently died

Helen Carter, Ian Huthnance, Michael Johnson, William Lantry, Elsa Vicente-Sarmiento

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Evette Campbell, Br. Edward Collins, Gerald Hickey, Terry Hickey, Sir John Hickey, Kathleen (Kate) Hughes, Joan Ann Jackson, Jaime Marquez, Evelyn Marquez, Dan McCarthy (Jnr), Michael O'Brien, Ian John Searston, Joanna Sestito

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), Tony Ritchie, James (Jim) Smith, Anne Standing, Carlos Ureta, Julia Ureta, Amelia Vanhoogstraten, Marc-Zachariah Vicente, Pauline Wade, Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler, Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Eleanor Louise Alexander, Harry Matthew Gardner, Stevie Lea Grantham

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 19th October (*Sts John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & companions, martyrs, optional; St Paul of the Cross, priest, optional*)

Tuesday 20th October

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 21st October

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 22nd October (*St John Paul II, pope, optional*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 23rd October (*St John of Capistrano, priest, optional*)

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 24th October (*St Anthony Claret, bishop, optional*)

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

Sunday 25th 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 19th October

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

5.00pm

Rosary,
Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 20th 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 21st October

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

Thurs 22nd October

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

Fri 23rd October

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

9.30am

Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 24th October

5.30pm

Rosary,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Bishop and clergy, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners who remembered us in prayer during our retreat. Your prayers were a beautiful reminder that, although we were gathered away from our parishes, we remained united with you in faith and love.

It was a deeply prayerful and grace-filled experience to sit together with our Bishop in silence and prayer, bringing before the Lord each of you, your families, our parish communities, and the mission entrusted to us. As we prayed for you, we were reminded anew that our ministry is never ours alone; it is a shared journey sustained by the faith, love, and prayers of God's people.

Thank you for walking with us in prayer. May the Lord continue to unite us as one family of faith, strengthen our communion, and guide us in serving one another with renewed hope and love.

This week I would like to give the following update.

Rutherford Presbytery

The Rutherford presbytery is currently vacant. Representatives from Lochinvar and Rutherford, together with the Parish Office Manager, recently inspected the property. The necessary repairs and maintenance will be undertaken soon to prepare the house for future use.

Beresfield Presbytery

The Beresfield presbytery is expected to become vacant by 28th of October. Following this, the necessary repairs and preparations will be arranged to ensure that the property is ready for the incoming priest.

East Maitland Presbytery

As the East Maitland presbytery is currently occupied by the clergy, it is not convenient to commence the planned works at this stage. We will therefore need to explore alternative arrangements to enable the necessary work to proceed with minimal disruption to the clergy's living arrangements.

I would like to sincerely thank the representatives of our newly structured parishes for their active involvement and generous cooperation in preparing the presbyteries to welcome the incoming Parish Priests. Your time, commitment, and willingness to work together are greatly appreciated and reflect the spirit of service and collaboration that strengthens our parish communities.

Parish Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council: Sharing Our Gifts in Service

As some parishioners have expressed an interest in learning more about the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council, I would like to share the following information to help you better understand their purpose, roles, and responsibilities within our parish communities.

1. Parish Finance Council

Canon 537 of the Code of Canon Law requires every parish to have a Finance Council to assist the Parish Priest in the responsible administration of parish goods and resources.

Duties and responsibilities include:

- Advising on budgets, income, expenditure and financial planning.
- Reviewing financial reports and promoting transparency and accountability.
- Assisting with property maintenance, repairs and responsible management of parish assets.
- Supporting long-term financial sustainability and compliance with diocesan policies.

Who can contribute? Parishioners with experience in accounting, finance, business, law, property, building, project management or administration are especially encouraged to offer their expertise.

2. Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council assists the Parish Priest in discerning and coordinating the pastoral mission of the parish, encouraging the participation of the whole community in the life and mission of the Church.

Duties and responsibilities include:

- Identifying the pastoral needs and priorities of the parish community.
- Encouraging participation in worship, evangelisation and faith formation.
- Supporting youth ministry, family life, outreach and care for the vulnerable.
- Listening to parishioners, fostering collaboration and developing pastoral initiatives.
- Helping the parish respond to changing needs while remaining faithful to the Gospel.

Who can contribute? Parishioners with gifts in pastoral care, teaching, communication, leadership, youth and family ministry, outreach, hospitality or community development are warmly encouraged to participate.

An Important Clarifications

Both the Parish Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council are advisory bodies to the Parish Priest. Their purpose is to offer advice, share expertise, discern needs and make recommendations for the good of the parish. They do not replace the Parish Priest's responsibilities or act as independent decision-making authorities. Members are expected to work collaboratively, respectfully and in accordance with Church law and diocesan guidelines.

Appointment and Requirements

Members of both councils are appointed by the Parish Priest for the term prescribed in the statutes. Those appointed must complete the required paperwork and comply with the applicable diocesan guidelines and procedures. Appointment also involves a willingness to

serve responsibly, maintain appropriate confidentiality and work collaboratively for the good of the parish.

An Invitation to Share Your Gifts and Talents

Both councils provide valuable opportunities to put our faith into action by serving the life and mission of the Church. As St Paul reminds us, “*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit*” (1 Corinthians 12:4). Accordingly, members are called to bring their diverse gifts and experiences together in a spirit of prayer, integrity, generosity and mutual respect. A commitment to the mission of the Church, a willingness to collaborate, respect differing perspectives, work for the good of the whole parish and remain open to learning are essential qualities. Members must also meet the relevant diocesan requirements for appointment.

Our parish flourishes when we serve together

You do not need to have every skill or answer; your willingness to contribute matters. We invite parishioners to prayerfully consider how their experience, knowledge and talents can help build a vibrant, welcoming and sustainable parish community.

If you are interested in serving on either council, please contact the Parish Office or the Parish Priest.

Working Together in the Best Interests of Our Parish

As we transition from the Regional Pastoral and Finance Councils and the Parish Team structure to the newly established Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils under the newly appointed Parish Priests, some uncertainty regarding roles and responsibilities is understandable. I am sincerely grateful for the generosity, dedication and initiative of our parishioners and volunteers, whose service is such a valuable part of our parish life.

As we embrace this new chapter, I kindly ask everyone to work together within the responsibilities and processes established for our parishes. While every contribution is valued, decisions and commitments on behalf of the parish must be made only by those duly authorised to do so. Volunteers and existing groups are therefore asked to refer all financial, legal, contractual and property-related matters to the Parish Priest and to the Parish Office.

This approach is not intended to discourage initiative, but to ensure that good intentions are supported by proper consultation, clear communication and appropriate authorisation. Commitments made without authority may expose individuals and the parish to financial, legal or reputational consequences, and may leave those involved personally responsible, subject to applicable law and diocesan policies.

Thank you for helping us build a culture of trust, cooperation and responsible stewardship. By respecting these processes and working together, we can ensure that our time, talents and resources serve the good of the whole parish and strengthen its mission for the future.

November: Remembering Our Faithful Departed

November is a special month in the Church when we remember our deceased loved ones and entrust them to God’s loving mercy. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 1032)

reminds us of the importance of praying for the dead, above all through the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

During this month, I warmly encourage everyone to participate in Holy Mass offered for the intentions of their deceased loved ones, arrange for Mass to be offered for them, and visit the cemetery to pray for their souls. These cherished Catholic traditions express our enduring love for the departed and our hope in the promise of eternal life.

May all our faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Fr George Anthicad PP