



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

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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

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and

Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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.

We pray those who have recently died

Helen Frances Carter, Barry John Flint (Port Macquarie)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Andrew Black, Garry Michael Brennan, Mary Alice Ernst, Bill McFayden, Katarzyna Grabski,
Mieczyslaw Grabski, Annie Lantry, Leo Lantry, Mary Dorothy Redgrove, Margaret Robin,
Joanne Tabone

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

Anders James Crozier, Milla Grace Crozier, Charlotte Amanda King, Liam George King,
Orlando Smee Peters, Vera Florence Seib, Hunter Rose Wilson, Matilda June Wilson

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

Dear Parishioners,

I will be on annual leave from Monday, the 26th of October, to Friday, the 27th of November 2026, and will return to my pastoral duties on Saturday, the 28th of November 2026.

During my absence, Fr Anil will coordinate the pastoral needs of the region, with the assistance of Fr Anthony and Fr Priyantha. They will work together to ensure the continued pastoral care of our parish communities.

For urgent parish matters, please contact the Parish Office. I sincerely thank my brother priests, parish staff for their support and all parishioners for your understanding.

Red November – Praying for Persecuted Christians

November is an opportunity for us to remember Christians throughout the world who face persecution, discrimination and violence because of their faith. Many of our brothers and sisters continue to suffer because of their commitment to Christ. As members of one universal Church, we are called to stand in solidarity with them through our prayers and actions.

Red Wednesday falls on the 18th of November 2026. I encourage our parish communities to participate in Red November by praying for persecuted Christians and raising awareness of their plight. Some practical ways to participate include wearing red to Mass, including special intentions in the Prayers of the Faithful, celebrating a Mass for Persecuted Christians where permitted by the liturgical calendar, and illuminating church buildings in red where appropriate.

The Roman Missal provides a Mass for Persecuted Christians on page 1346. Parishioners are also encouraged to pray personally and with their families throughout November for those who suffer because of their faith.

Let us never take our freedom to practise our faith for granted. May our prayers strengthen those who are suffering and remind them that they are not forgotten. We are one body in Christ, and we are called to support one another in faith, hope and love.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our parish communities. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will remember you in mine.

Yours in Christ,

Fr George Anthicad PP



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Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

*Name changed for privacy

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

November Memorial Services

November is a special time when we remember our dearly departed.

Regional Memorial Liturgy will be held at St Joseph's East Maitland,

Wednesday, 4 November 2026 at 6pm

November Mass offering envelopes are now available in the Church

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 26th October

Tuesday 27th October

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 28th October (St Simon and St Jude)

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 29th October

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 30th October

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 31st October

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

Sunday 1st November

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 26th October

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

Tues 27th 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 28th October

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

Thurs 29th October

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

Fri 30th October

7.30 - 8.30am Adoration, St. Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 31st October

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield