All Saints Year A

1st November 2026

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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:
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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.

Dear Parishioners,

I sincerely thank the parishioners at our Mass centres who decided to continue the beautiful practice of praying the Rosary before Mass. I have received very positive feedback and was particularly touched when a young person thanked me for providing this opportunity, especially as prayer is not encouraged by other family members at home. This reminds us how our parish communities can strengthen one another in faith.

Jesus Himself prayed before important moments in His mission. He spent the night in prayer before choosing the Twelve Apostles (Luke 6:12–13) and prayed in Gethsemane before His Passion (Luke 22:39–46).

Mary, mother of Jesus, also gives us a wonderful example. After Jesus' Ascension, she joined the Apostles and disciples in prayer as they awaited the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that Mary "aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers" (CCC, §965).

As we experience structural changes across our region, let us remember that **lasting renewal begins not merely with new structures, but with hearts united in prayer, humility and faith.** As Psalm 127:1 reminds us, "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."

I warmly encourage everyone to continue the beautiful practice of praying the Rosary before Mass wherever possible, and to remain faithful to all forms of public and personal prayer in our daily lives. Whether we pray together as a community or privately in the quiet of our hearts, may our prayers unite us, guide our decisions and strengthen our parish communities in Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Fr George Anthicad PP

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 Mass Envelopes are available at the entrance of all our churches or within the Planned Giving envelope sets. Please write the names of those you wish to include on the envelope provided or place a separate list inside it. Envelopes may be returned with the Mass stipend via the collection baskets or delivered directly to the Chisholm Region Parish Office.

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 4th November at 6pm
- Rosary at East Maitland Cemetery, Sunday 1st November at 10:30 am
- Mass at Morpeth Cemetery, 16th November at 6pm celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord
- Liturgy in the Paterson Cemetery 12th November at 6pm. Please bring your own chair; the Liturgy will be held in the Church should there be inclement weather.

First Reading

Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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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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

Shirley Bell, Marie Bill (Ipswich), Pettley Fernando

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Andrew Black, Della Burke, Annesley Fernando, Colin Garbutt, Judith Garbutt, Edward Grzegorczyk, Waleria Grzegorczyk, Sister Loretto Grehan RSM, Jessie Hill, Veronica Kearney, David Killen, Mollie Linich, Dan McCarthy (Snr), Harry McNamara, Malcolm McNaughton, John O'Brien, Michael Charles Rae, Carmel Rawlings, Monica Bernadette Reinhard, Bob Smith, Johnson Smith, Lorraine Smith, Mary Smith, Lorna Sykes, John Szczudluk, Paul Szczudluk, Maria Szczudluk, Alice Thomas, Joyce Trappel, Lindsay Trappel, Trevor Trappel, Alonzo Warren, Gladys Warren, Anna Zysek, Kathy June Zysek, Stanislaw Zysek

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, Graham Bell, June Carlson, David Carroll, Mary Coombes, Karen Kenyon, Solomon Keys, Hilary Lantry, 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

Buddy Wentworth Bowe, Sonny George Bowe, Lucien Joseph Bowe, Michael Bede Bowe, Walter Gary Bowe, Annie Louise Butterfield, Vivienne Marie Butel-Simoes, Luka Mark Simoes

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.

Gospel Reflection

Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower case s' saints we celebrate on this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation. They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the Be-Attitudes, so to speak. Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated – 'Happy are you' – for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.

Explore the website http://wecan.be for some contemporary and challenging interpretations of the Be-Attitudes.

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Parish Notices

Sacraments of Initiation for Children 2026
If you would like your child to complete their Sacraments of Initiation next year, please attend one of the following sessions.

Tuesday 6pm on 24th November 2026 at
St Paul's Church Rutherford OR
Wednesday 6pm on 25th November 2026 at
St Joseph's Church, East Maitland, OR
Thursday 6pm on 26th November 2026 at
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Beresfield.

For further detailed information please take a parent letter from your church foyer, check the school 'compass' or email SOIchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

Due to unforeseen difficulties, the proposed celebration of the 180th year of St John the Baptist Chapel on Sunday 8th November will not proceed.

The piety stall will be open this weekend.

November Mass offering envelopes are now available in the church.

Catholic Mission
Thank you to all who have contributed to the Catholic Mission Appeal.
Please return envelopes by placing them in the regular collection or returning them to the office as soon as possible.

Help Lead the Rosary Before Mass

Our world is in need of prayer.
We will continue to recite the Holy Rosary as a parish community before weekend Masses at St Joseph's East Maitland.
Parishioners are invited to lead the Rosary before the Saturday Vigil 5pm Mass and the 8.30am Sunday morning Mass.
Parishioners are also needed to operate the Power point from the computer.
If you are able to assist in either ministry, please provide your name and phone number to the Parish Office and your name will be added to a monthly roster.

Requirements:

- **Arrive Early:** Be at the church 30 minutes before Mass begins.
- **Use the microphone at the Organ**. Ensure it is turned on.
- **Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary**
- **Use the power point slides which are on the computer desktop.**

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 2nd November (The commemoration of all the faithful departed)
Times for All Souls Day Masses on page 1
Tuesday 3rd November *(St Martin de Porres - optional)*
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 4th November *(St Charles Borromeo-optional)*
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 5th November
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 6th November
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 7th November
8.00am Mass and Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 8th 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 2nd November
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
~~**5.00pm** Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill~~

Tues 3rd November
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
6.00pm Bible Sharing, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 4th November
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 5th November
7.30-8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 6th November
7.30am – 8.00am Saturday Adoration, St. Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 7th November
5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield