33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd November 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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 Sunday 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

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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,

The announcement of the new ecclesiastical appointments, effective 1 January 2027, is a joyful moment for our Chisholm Pastoral Region. As we prepare for a new chapter, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all our newly appointed priests.

We congratulate Fr Priyantha Fernando, appointed Parish Priest of Beresfield and Morpeth (soon to become the Parish of Chisholm); Fr Sabu Pulimalayil, Parish Priest of East Maitland and Maitland; and Fr James Odoh, Parish Priest of Lochinvar and Rutherford. We also welcome Fr Stany Mathew, appointed Assistant Priest at East Maitland and Maitland.

We also congratulate Fr Anil Kuchipudi, appointed Parish Priest of Muswellbrook and Fr Anthony Coloma, appointed Parish Priest of Morisset/Toronto. We thank them for their valuable contribution to our Region and wish them every blessing in their new ministries.

As the outgoing Parish Priest, I find particular joy and satisfaction in seeing all my current Assistant Priests appointed as Parish Priests, with one of them taking responsibility for the very parishes where we have served together. These appointments are a wonderful recognition of their dedication and hard work. I am deeply grateful for their friendship, support and collaborative ministry, especially their contribution during the Assembly process. Together, we made every effort to listen to our people and understand their hopes and pastoral needs. Their knowledge of our communities will be a great blessing in their new responsibilities.

As I prepare to take up my new appointment at Blackbutt South, I do so with a grateful heart. I sincerely thank our parishioners, clergy, staff and volunteers for your support and generosity.

I would particularly encourage our communities to continue strengthening two areas in which our Region has done exceptionally well: **Youth Ministry and RCIA**. Both have enormous potential for further growth. Let us continue nurturing our young people and welcoming those journeying towards the Catholic faith, while also supporting all our other parish ministries.

As we welcome our incoming priests, let us do so with open hearts, renewed enthusiasm and a willingness to begin afresh. Let us offer them our wholehearted support and prayers.

May God bless all our priests in their new appointments and continue to bless our parish communities.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,

Fr George Anthicad PP

First Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

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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 for those who have recently died

Maureen Abela, Virginia Eugenio, Joan O'Reilly (nee Dixon)

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Greg Bourke, Tom Bourke (Goulburn), Colleen Bryde, Kevin Collins, Angiela Dagook, Peter Nowik, Stefania Nowik, James Osmond, John Troy Tabanas, John Tobin, Patrick Tobin (Telarah), Dorothy Turnbull

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, Graham Bell, 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, Elisa Tajonera, Amelia Vanhoogstraten, Pauline Wade, Paul Anthony Will, Jo Winkler, Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Oakley Kate Brien, Hadley Kate Frost, Tylan Thomas Summerville, Alijah William Whiting

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.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

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Parish Notices

Sacraments of Initiation for Children 2027
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

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.**

Volunteers Needed
There are many ministries within our Region that require new volunteers including the Funeral Bereavement Team, Visitation Ministry Team, and Parish Sacristans. For more information please call the Parish Office.

Piety Store
Advent candles and other Christmas items are now available at the piety stall. Open before and after all weekend masses at St. Joseph's East Maitland.

November Mass Offerings
Envelopes are still available in the Church. 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.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 23rd November *(St Columban, St Clement I - optional)*

Tuesday 24th November *(St Andrew Dung Lac & companions)*
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 25th November *(St Catherine of Alexandria – optional)*
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 26th November
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 27th November
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 28th *November*
8.00am Mass and Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 22nd November
9.30am **Latin Mass**
St John the Baptist Oratory
Cathedral St Maitland.
Confessions Saturday 3:30pm - 4.30pm
Sunday 8.45am – 9:25am

Polish Mass will no longer be celebrated.

PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

Mon 23rd November
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary,
Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 24th 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 25th November
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 26th November
7.30-8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 27th November
7.30 – 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 28th November
8.00am--9.30am Mass, Rosary, and Confession
St Joseph's, East Maitland
5.30pm Rosary,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield