33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th November 2026
World Day of the Poor

PARISH OFFICE: 302 High St Maitland
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 3.30pm
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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

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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,

As we prepare for the forthcoming appointments of clergy to our parishes, I invite you to embrace this time of transition with prayer, hope and a generous spirit.

Changes in parish life often bring mixed feelings. We may feel excited about new beginnings, uncertain about what lies ahead, or saddened by the thought of farewelling priests who have journeyed with us. These feelings are natural because our relationship with our priests is built on shared faith, friendship, prayer and many moments of life.

At this important time, let us remember that the Church belongs to Christ. Priests come and go, appointments change, but our mission as God's people continues. Every new appointment is an opportunity for renewal, deeper relationships and a fresh commitment to living the Gospel.

I particularly invite you to **pray for the priests who will be appointed to serve in our region**. As they prepare to take up new responsibilities and begin their ministry in our communities, may they be blessed with wisdom, courage, good health and generous hearts. May they find welcoming parishioners who will walk alongside them, support their ministry and share the responsibility of building vibrant Christian communities.

Let us not simply wait for new appointments to be announced; let us prepare our hearts to welcome those who will come to serve among us. May we be a community that does not merely expect service from our priests but also offers them friendship, encouragement, understanding and prayer.

Red November – Remembering Persecuted Christians

November also invites us to stand in solidarity with Christians throughout the world who suffer persecution, discrimination and violence because of their faith. Red is the symbol of martyrdom and the courage of those who remain faithful to Christ, even in the face of suffering.

On Red Sunday, I encourage everyone to participate in this important initiative:

- Wear something red to Sunday Mass as a sign of solidarity.
- Remember persecuted Christians in the Prayers of the Faithful.
- Pray the Rosary or offer a Mass for those who suffer because of their faith.
- Where possible, illuminate the church or parish buildings in red.
- Take time to learn about the suffering of Christian communities around the world and share their stories.

Let us remember particularly those who are imprisoned, displaced, threatened or unable to practise their faith freely. Our solidarity must go beyond wearing red; it must be expressed through our prayer, compassion and concern.

For more information, visit https://rednovember.org/

Update – Beresfield Presbytery

Parish representatives have recently inspected the Beresfield presbytery and identified a number of minor maintenance works that need attention. These works will be arranged and carried out as soon as possible. I sincerely thank the representatives for giving their time and assisting with this process.

As we journey through this period of change, let us remember that **we are not simply members of individual parishes; we are one family of faith, united in Christ.** Let us keep one another in prayer, welcome new beginnings with open hearts and continue building a region where everyone feels welcomed, valued and loved.

May Christ, the Good Shepherd, guide our priests and all our parish communities. May the Holy Spirit lead us forward in faith, hope and unity.

With every blessing,

Fr George Anthicad PP

First Reading
Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

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

November Memorial Services

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

- Mass at Morpeth Cemetery - Monday, 16 November 2026 at 6pm celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord
- Lochinvar Parish Remembrance Service – Wednesday, 18 November 2026 at 6.30pm in St Patrick's Church. All welcome.

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

Lorna Burns, Colleen Griffiths, Cecily Morrow, Carol Robbins

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Gerard Brennan, Fr Joseph Carroll C.Ss.R, Mary Clare Healey, Leonard Smith

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

Jett John George, Rhys Blair George, Ellidy Vera Lawler, Theodore Evander Silva, Sienna Jane Thompson

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.

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.**

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

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

Anointing Mass

This month's anointing Mass will be held at St Patrick's Lochinvar at 10am. All welcome.

Red Wednesday

As noted in Fr George's letter, during Red November we remember persecuted Christians. On 'Red Wednesday' 18 November 2026, Mass will be celebrated for Persecuted Christians at Holy Family Church, Largs at 6pm.

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.

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.

Thank You to Margaret Grzanka

For 32 years, Margaret Grzanka has generously and faithfully volunteered her time as Sacristan at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Margaret for all her contributions to the Parish and wish her every blessing and happiness.

Parish Office Closure on 19 November 2026

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 19 November 2026. The parish office staff apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Monday 16th November *(St Margaret of Scotland – optional, St Gertrude, virgin - optional)*

Tuesday 17th November *(St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious)*
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 18th November *(Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles – optional)*
8.00am Mary, Mother of Hope Oratory, Chisholm
6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 19th November
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 20th November
~~**7.00am** Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland~~
10.am Anointing Mass, St Patrick's Lochinvar

Saturday 21st *November* *(Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary)*
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

First Sunday of Month Polish Mass
9.00am St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St, Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

Mon 16th November
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 17th 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 18th November
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 19th November
7.30-8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Fri 20th November
7.30am – 8.00am Saturday Adoration, St. Joseph's, East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 21st November
8.30-9.30am Eucharistic and Marian Holy Hour Exposition, Benediction, Rosary and Confession
5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield