



ST JOSEPH'S (Est 1835)
Cnr King St & New England Hwy,
EAST MAITLAND

ST JOHN'S CHAPEL (Est 1841)
Cathedral St, MAITLAND

SACRED HEART, New England Hwy,
CAMPBELL'S HILL

HOLY FAMILY, 11 John St, LARGS

ST COLUMBA'S, Cnr Prince & Church
Sts, PATERSON

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Est 1871)
Cnr George & James Sts, MORPETH

ST PATRICK'S (Est 1905)
55 New England Hwy, LOCHINVAR

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Est 1947)
Cnr Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave,
BERESFIELD

ST PAUL'S (Est 1961)
10 Young St, RUTHERFORD

Ministers

All baptised members of the community

Ministry Team

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Asst Priest: Fr Joyce Sebastian
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Message from Fr Paul O'Neill

My dear sister and brothers, it is good to be back with you after my holidays. I had a restful time with my family and friends. On the 20th of August, I celebrated my 41st ordination anniversary as a priest of this diocese. My life has been enriched by the many parish communities I have been able to serve. Thank you.

One of the saddest realities we have had to face over the past 20 or so years, is the realisation of the devastation and damage that has been done to victims of child sexual abuse. The church of our diocese, now has a well-known and shameful criminal history of child sexual abuse amongst both clergy and other church personnel. This has been at the forefront of the regions media for some time with both the special commission of inquiry into matters relating to police investigation or certain child sexual abuse allegations, and the ongoing royal commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse, through which this diocese criminal history has again been brought to light.

Lina, a victim of child sexual abuse at the hands of a member of clergy in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has conceived a project of atonement that is being facilitated by the diocese. Lina's hope is that this event will provide some healing for the whole community.

The event will take place on Friday 15th September at Newcastle city hall, concert hall from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. All clergy and parishioners of our diocese are invited to this event. People can reply on Lina's project website www.linasproject.com.au. A reply is requested for catering purposes though personal details are not required for this rsvp. You may choose to share your first name only or register anonymously.

I invite all our parishioners to give prayerful consideration to this invitation and join me at this event in Newcastle on Friday 15th September. Let us continue to work together and pray for healing for survivors of sexual abuse and an ongoing commitment to keep safe the children of our communities.

With love

Fr Paul

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Allocation of Keys to Parish Buildings

SECURITY OF OUR PARISH BUILDINGS: If you hold a key to any of the Parish buildings, we would like to ask if you could take a few minutes of your time to complete the form below. Over time it is required for our office to conduct a review of keys to ensure that our listing is accurate and up to date. Once completed please return it to the parish office via email, putting it on the plate in an envelope or just coming in to visit us. The details will be cross-matched with what we have and then an accurate listing will be supplied to Fr Paul. Please give us a call in the office if you wish to discuss this further.



Maitland Area Parishes CHISHOLM PASTORAL REGION

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KEY ISSUE RESPONSIBILITY ACCEPTANCE FORM

PARISH:	
Key: (Eg. Ck19)	Issue Number: (Small number printed above key number)
First Name:	Surname:
Phone Number:	Mobile Number:
Home Address:	
Email address:	
Building/s associated with Key:	
Date Key Taken:	Date Key Returned:

Declaration/Acknowledgement:

By signing this form you confirm that you have received the key(s) listed above and that you are responsible for returning these keys when you no longer require them or at any time the Parish Priest requests. Lost or misplaced keys are to be reported to the Parish Office immediately. No key is to be transferred to others at any time.

Signature of key holder: _____ **Date:** _____

PRINT Name of the key holder: _____

This form is to be kept within the offices of the Chisholm Pastoral Region

OFFICE USE: Entered into ledger by _____ date _____

PARISHES (established)

1835 East Maitland - 1841 Maitland - 1871 Morpeth - 1905 Lochinvar - 1947 Beresfield - 1961 Rutherford

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people (Year 9 - 30 years) established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. The Archdiocese of Sydney is hosting the event from 7-9 December 2017 on behalf of ACBC. The Festival will launch the Year of Youth, celebrating ten years on from hosting World Youth Day 2008.

The Chisholm Pastoral Region would like to encourage their youth to attend. To make it easier for you we are happy to offer some financial support which could go towards the registration fees.

If you are interested please complete the attached form and return it to our Youth Minister Co-Ordinator Bec via email rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au or to the parish office 302 high St Maitland by 1st October 2017

Chisholm Pastoral Region Sponsorship Application



Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Parish Attended: _____

Are you an active member of your Parish? If yes, in what way?

Have you attended a previous ACYF? Yes ___ No ___

What do you hope the ACYF experience will mean for you?

Upon returning from ACYF, how will you share your ACYF experience with your parish?

Are you interested in contributing some time to assist with youth ministry in the Chisholm region? Yes ___ No ___

Signature of applicant: _____

(If Applicant is under 18)

I give permission for my child to apply for sponsorship from the Chisholm pastoral region to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Parent Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Applications to be returned to Rebecca.Piefke@mn.catholic.org.au or posted to Chisholm Pastoral Region, PO box 215 Maitland, NSW 2320



What is Lina's Project?

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has a well-known and shameful criminal history of child sexual abuse amongst both clergy and other church personnel. There is no doubt that this heinous abuse and its cover-up has had a devastating effect on the victims and their family and friends, as well as our whole community.

Lina, a victim of child sexual abuse at the hands of a member of clergy in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, has conceived a project of atonement that is being facilitated by the diocese.

You are invited to attend **The Atonement: Lina's Project** at Newcastle City Hall on **Friday 15th September from 5.30pm-7.30pm.**

So why should you attend? Because our whole community has been affected by these crimes. Because bearing witness to victims' ongoing suffering will send a strong statement to them that we, as a community, believe them, stand with them and want to be part of Lina's brave hope for healing.

You can rsvp to attend the Lina's Project launch event by phoning **4979 1188**. For more information please visit www.linasproject.com.au.

*We remember all fathers living and deceased.
Happy Father's Day!*

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen

REGIONAL
SEPTEMBER
KIDS MASS

SUNDAY 3rd September 6pm
St Joseph's East Maitland

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Bring the kids Bring the family
ALL WELCOME TO JOIN IN

CAN YOU HELP OUT?
Call Sue 0414890813



St Vincent de Paul Society

NSW/ACT

good works

A CALL TO HOLINESS

The Rule of the Society states that “The vocation of the Society’s members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. While reaching out to the vulnerable in society, nevertheless the Society is much more than a welfare organization. As the Rule also states:

Vincentians are called *to journey together towards holiness*, because true holiness is perfect union with Christ and the perfection of love. They draw nearer to Christ through a life of prayer and reflection, both at the individual and community level, and sharing with their fellow members.



An opportunity for prayer and reflection, and to share their beliefs, was afforded to members recently. Fr Greg Barker ran a day in which he encouraged members to respond to Jesus’ message in a number of gospel passages, and to consider what implications there might be for us as Vincentians.

Members were challenged to review their work as Vincentians and to strive, as the Society’s founder Frederic Ozanam did, “to attain holiness as a lay person through living the Gospel fully in all aspects of life.”

The Society is always ready to welcome new members, providing them with the opportunity to not only reach out to the poor, but also to share with one another and to support one another in a *journey together towards holiness*.



Stories from the front-line of inequality, 2015. St Vincent de Paul Society - National Council Australia

For some years John Sheridan has been a volunteer to the East Maitland conference of St Vincent de Paul Society. John will be contributing to the Chisholm Connection to help us understand what it means to be living in the streets with nowhere to go. These stories are also published in the Society’s journal and are freely available to the public.

Eighteen months ago, when Monash Medical restructured its admin section after funding cuts from the government, Maria’s job disappeared and she was laid off.

Maria tried desperately to find work, but was unsuccessful. Being over 55, Maria was able to access her \$9000 superannuation fund. She used it to supplement her unemployment benefits, but in July 2014 it was exhausted

Maria has nothing. Her only income is her government unemployment benefit of \$630 per fortnight. With only \$30 a fortnight left to live on, Maria is unable to pay for an internet or phone connection, so is cut off from the world and the job market.

She relies on charity for food. However, she is now unable to meet her rental and car payments. When her car is repossessed she will be cut off from her only means of potentially securing the employment she is so desperately seeking.

Maria faces imminent homelessness and absolute poverty, and there seems nothing she can do about it.

This could be you - it happens every day!

What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

BAPTISM PROCESS: PLEASE NOTE anyone wishing to have their child/children baptised within our region is required to attend a Baptism preparation session. Completed Baptism registration forms and donation will be collected on this night. †Parents are urged to attend the Mass as a family.

NEXT PREPARATION SESSIONS:

Sunday 3rd September 2017 (After Youth Mass)

Sunday 1st October 2017 (After Youth Mass)

†**BAPTISMS:** All enquiries for baptisms are to be lodged with the Regional Office; this includes private baptisms in our region.

Chisholm Connection

Deadline & Distribution Dates 2016

ISSUE	EDITORIAL DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION DATE
SEPTEMBER	15th September	24th September

For enquiries please contact 4933 8918/email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au
(Please be aware these dates could change)

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Chisholm Connection this month, it was great to see and read so many articles. PLEASE KEEP THIS UP!

Faith Stories; Parish News; Social Events; Social Justice issues; Volunteers/students visiting nursing homes; Historical News; Photos; More fun - jokes, poetry, quizzes, competitions, recipes etc. Reviews of relevant books and movies. Even stories of loved ones recently deceased (with permission). Letters Page

If anyone in your parish can contribute any of the above, and, if you want to see/read anything else in the Chisholm Connection please let the office know! YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO US!

†**CHISHOLM CONNECTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR DIOCESAN WEBSITE:** it is linked to the "Chisholm Pastoral Region" page <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/pastoral-regions/chisholm>. If you wish to be placed on an EMAIL distribution list please contact the office.

†**DONATIONS/PAYMENTS ONLINE!** To make donations/payments to your parish electronically follow this link <http://mn.catholic.org.au/places/parish-payments>

†**PLANNED GIVING!** Parishes can't survive without the generous support of parishioners either through donating to the parish electronically or the traditional second collection plate by planned giving envelope or loose collections or by giving of their time and talents. Fr Paul greatly appreciates everyone who supports their parish in any way. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Louise Gilchrist at the regional office.

†**SCHOOL BUILDING FUND LEVY REBATE** Parents of children who attend a Catholic School and contribute to their parish planned giving program may be able to obtain a partial or full exemption from paying the Diocesan Family School Building Levy (DFSBL) at their children's school. Please ensure that you only claim the one type of benefit; either a Building Fund levy rebate OR a Tax Receipt. It is important to clarify the following matters regarding this practice:-

- The payment of the DFSBL is not eligible to be claimed as a tax deduction, as the levy is compulsory and not a voluntary contribution
- A percentage of the parent's contribution to the parish's planned giving program can be claimed as a tax deduction if no material advantage is received by the parents
- Material benefits to the parents would include a partial or full exemption from paying the DFSBL. Therefore, if parents choose to contribute to their parish planned giving program, they will continue to receive an exemption from paying the DFSBL. However, those parents receiving the exemption are unable to claim a tax deduction for their contributions to the parish. If you would like to claim this exemption please contact Louise Gilchrist from the parish office.

†**Zimmerman Services** the child protection, healing and support agency of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland – Newcastle can be contacted on 4979 1390.

†**Legion of Mary "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour"** meet 10.30am Tuesdays, 79 Banks St, East Maitland. Contact 4905 2144 for more information.

†**Holy Hour of Prayer and Exposition** every Monday at 12noon, **ALSO, A Spiritual Library** has been set up in the prayer room at St Joseph's church, East Maitland. Any enquires: Marion Riley 4934 1949.

†**PIETY STALL:** open every weekend after Mass at St Joseph's church, East Maitland. Need casual help when I am away. If you can help please contact me Marion Riley 4934 1949/0412 811 759.

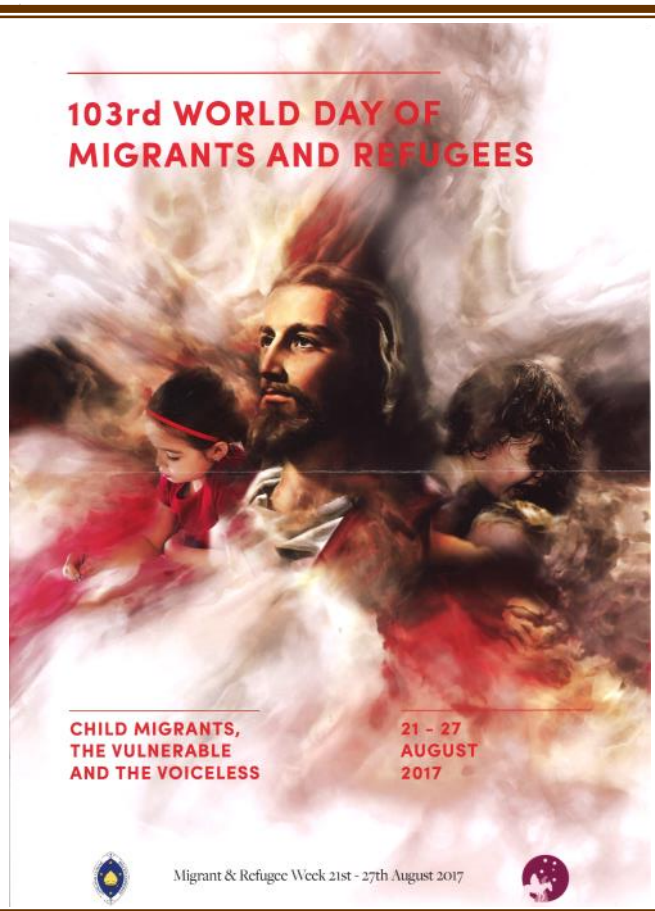
†**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.** People seeking more information about the Society and what membership involves, are invited to contact Michael Healy on 4933 1302 or Greg Coates on 4934 1382. The Society offers an opportunity to respond to Christ's call "to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit those who are sick or in prison."

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Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless, for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on the last Sunday of August 2017.

Pope Francis reminds us that, "Migration today is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security." (Pope Francis, Message 2017).

We pray for migrants and refugees who are forced to leave their homes. May they find a new safe home and a brighter future. May we continue to become aware of their situation and bring about positive change in their lives.



✠ **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
First Friday of each month - from after Mass at 7am till 9am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's East Maitland. Next date: **Friday 1st September**. All welcome.

✠ **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION** In keeping with the call of Pope Francis that each year the **1st day of September** would be a world day of prayer for creation, the Cathedral will be hosting this year's World Day of Prayer for Creation on Friday 1 September, beginning at 7pm. Please 'claim the date' and join us as we gather in prayer for the created world.

ACTIV8 FAMILY DISCO:

Everyone is invited to attend the ACTIV8 family disco On **Friday 1st September 6.00pm** till 8.00pm at the Therry Centre All children must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks & drinks available to purchase on the night. Entry fee is a gold coin donation with all funds to support the young people in our region to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

✠ **PINTS WITH A PURPOSE** welcomes Sr Melissa Dwyer to our September pub talk: 6.30pm for dinner, 7.30pm talk @ the Northern Star Hotel, Beaumont St, Hamilton - **Monday 4th September**. Sr Mel is a Canossian Daughter of Charity based in Brisbane and will be sharing stories of her faith journey, years in Africa and her mission as a radical nun.

✠ You are invited to **DR RICHARD GAILLARDETZ seminar** on Friday 8th September 3.30-7.00pm, Victor Peter's Suite, Diocesan Offices, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. Dr Richard Gaillardetz, the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology, Boston College, author and editor of 13 books on the contemporary church, will visit our diocese briefly to draw upon his extensive understanding of the post-Vatican II church in a seminar titled "**the reimagining of church - challenges and opportunities**". Cost \$20pp (\$10 conc) negotiable in the event of financial difficulty. Bookings 4979 1134 or email sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au. Please book for catering purposes. Light refreshments provided.

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† **ST MARY'S GARDEN PARTY:** A Garden Party will be held in the grounds of St Mary's Campus, All Saints College, Maitland on **Sunday 10th September**, to celebrate the arrival of the Dominican Sisters in Maitland 150 years ago. Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=292241.

† **ST MARY'S SESQUICENTENARY REUNION: 23RD & 24TH SEPTEMBER!** St Mary's School is celebrating the arrival of the first Dominican Sisters to begin 150 years education in Maitland. Nuns, staff, students, ex-students and friends are invited to attend a dinner **6.30pm, 23rd September, Therry Centre East Maitland**, and Mass and Open School on Sunday 24th September. Mass is at 11am in St Mary's School Hall. Parking available in staff car park adjacent to the Hall. Contact Christina 02 4930 1987 or 0412 6 5 1 9 8 7. Online booking www.trybooking.com/281930.

† **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** FOUR people attended the recent enquiry evening to find out about the Catholic faith. A further two people were unable to attend that had also made enquiries about joining the Catholic Community. Fr Paul O'Neill spoke about the Initiation steps along the way. Two ladies who had completed these steps, and fully entered into the Catholic family at Easter also shared their experiences. The first meeting night is planned for **Monday 11th September 2017** at the Therry Centre, East Maitland, starting at 7.00pm. Anyone who is still considering about finding out about the process is more than welcome. For further information please contact the Chisholm office 4933 8918 / chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au.

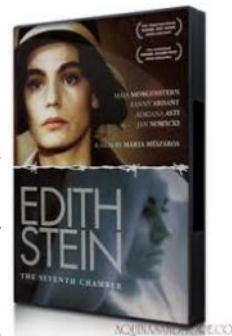
† We celebrate **SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** on **24th September**. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business' Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Ph: 8306 3499.

Ordinarate Mass All Catholics are invited to "come and see" *Divine Worship* - the third and newest variant of the Roman Rite - which is offered at 11:30am at **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Tighes Hill** on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month.

MOVIE NIGHT ON THE SAINTS: *we hope to see you on Saturday, 30th September, 2017 at 7.00pm in the Caroline Chisholm Rooms (adjacent to St. Joseph's Primary School Admin) 57 King Street, East Maitland.*

EDITH STEIN - THE SEVENTH CHAMBER.

A moving, artistic portrayal of the life of a Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert and Carmelite martyr Edith Stein. Capturing the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman, as well as the great conflicts from her decision to convert to Catholicism. Deeply influenced by the writings of St. Theresa of Avila after reading her autobiography, she encounters the God of love. This love burns within her so much that she joins the Carmelites and takes the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. She was put to death in Auschwitz in 1942 and canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 1998.



This film shows how two worlds were united within her, the Jew and the Christian, in absolute coherence in her search for truth. She has become one of the most beautiful symbols in a horrifying period of history who sought to transform her sufferings under the Nazis into a journey through the "interior castle" as the way to mystical union with God. One phrase, "Love Conquers Fear" embodies her philosophy of life.

Sister Benedicta's final work, "The Science of the Cross" was unfinished; it contained these words: "The nuptial union of the soul with God is the goal for which she was created; redeemed by the cross, accomplished on the cross, and for all eternity signed and sealed with the cross."

Pope St. John Paul II, a great admirer of Edith Stein, made this remark when beatifying Sister Benedicta in Cologne, Germany, on May 1, 1987: "We bow down before the testimony of the life and death of Edith Stein, an outstanding daughter of Israel and at the same time a daughter of the Carmelite Order, Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, a personality who united within her rich life a dramatic synthesis of our century. It was the synthesis of a history full of deep wounds that are still hurting... and also the synthesis of the full truth about man. All this came together in a single heart that remained restless and unfulfilled until it finally found rest in God."

St. Benedicta of the Cross pray for us that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Books and pious objects for sale. Refreshments provided. Bring a friend and enjoy a great night out! Enquiries: Judy Chlebowicz 4936 6349.

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Participate in the Parents Retreat Day on **Saturday 14th October** or **Sunday 15th October** at Monte Pio, cnr New England Highway and Dwyer St. Free for all parents of students in Catholic schools.

E bronwyn.melville@mn.catholic.edu.au
or P 4979 1303.

The St Laurence Centre Library will be closing its doors on **Friday 27th October**. The collection will be placed in storage until **July 2018** when it will be combined with other collections at the library's new location in Parry Street Newcastle.

There is still time to borrow from the library. The library will continue to operate as usual until its closure in October: **Tues. 11-3, Wed. 1-6 & Fri. 11-3.**

If you have any loans from the library and you have finished with the borrowed items please return them to the library.

Please ensure that all borrowed items have been returned to the library **no later than Wednesday 25th October.**

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2017 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8th November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18th November 2017. COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,050.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$610.00

The Catholic Bishops of Australia invite Catholics across the country to join in celebrating a Year of Youth from the beginning of **Advent 2017 to the end of 2018**. The theme is, '*Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment*'. Information is available at, www.youth.catholic.org.au

The **3rd Australian Catholic Youth Festival** will be hosted by the Archdiocese of **Sydney** from **7-9 December 2017**. For young people in year 9 (2017) to 25 years who would like to be a part of the Maitland-Newcastle contingent. Those over the age of 25 are encouraged to register as group leaders. Register your interest now at www.mn.catholic.org.au/acyf. For more information, contact us at youth.festival@mn.catholic.org.au or www.facebook.com/mncatholicyouth



It is now confirmed that an assisted suicide bill will be presented to the NSW Parliament on 14th September. A petition has been created for all people in NSW to have their concerns raised with the Legislative Council. The Bishop has in his communique said that clearly this is an important piece of social legislation for our time and commend to your consideration how best we might engage with this issue.

Brochures for your information and signature sheets have been placed in the foyer of your church. All completed petitions are to be returned to the regional office by **28th August**.

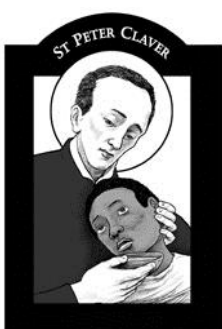
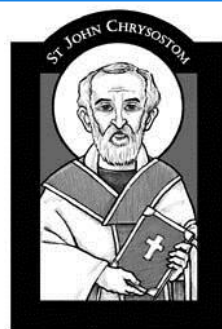
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Saints and Feasts in September 2017

8/9/17 NATIVITY of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a feast that commemorates the birthday of Jesus' mother. Even though Mary's birth is not recorded in the scriptures, it is mentioned in the apocryphal writings from the second century, the Protoevangelium of James and is even mentioned in Islamic scripture. Her parents are named as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim and tradition places Mary's birthplace in Jerusalem. The feast has been celebrated since the fifth century - on 8th September in the Roman calendar.



became a monk and lived an austere life in the mountains. He returned to Antioch eight years later to become a deacon and eventually was ordained a priest in 386 AD. St John became a famous preacher and commentator on the Gospels of Matthew and John and the Epistles of Paul. In 397 AD, Emperor Arcadius chose St John to become the Archbishop of Constantinople. He was outspoken in his attempts to reform the corrupt morals of the court, clergy and people. As a result of this he made many enemies, who conspired to have him removed as Archbishop and sent into exile. In the West he is known as one of the Four Greek Doctors of the church.



9/9/17 ST PETER CLAVER was born in Spain in 1581AD. After studying at the university of Barcelona, he became a Jesuit at the age of 20. St Peter was influenced by St Alphonsus Rodriguez to become a missionary in the Americas, where he ministered both physically and spiritually to the African slaves. He spent the next 40 years working for the humane treatment of slaves on plantations, and he reportedly

converted some 300,000 African slaves to Christianity. Within the Spanish community living in America, St Peter organised charitable societies, similar to those organised by St Vincent de Paul across Europe. He said of the slaves, "We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips."

14/9/17 EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS This Feast celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

15/9/17 OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced by the Servites in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows. In 1817 Pius VII — suffering grievously in exile but finally liberated by Mary's intercession — extended the feast to the universal Church. The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ. "The Seven Dolours," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary.



Most Holy Name



12/9/17 The MOST HOLY NAME of MARY This feast day began in Spain in 1513. In 1683 Pope Innocent XI extended the existing Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary to the universal Church to thank Our Lady for the victory of John Sobieski, king of Poland, over the forces of militant Islam. On September

11th, 1683, Muslim Turks attacked Vienna, threatening the Christian West. The next day, Sobieski, invoking the Blessed Virgin Mary and placing his forces under her protection, emerged victorious. Pope John Paul II restored the feast of the Holy Name of Mary with the publication of the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal in 2002, one year after the attacks of September 11th, 2001. In Hebrew, the name Mary is Miryam. In Our Lady's time, Aramaic was the spoken language, and the form of the name then was Mariam. Throughout the centuries, Saints and scholars have put forth different interpretations for the name "Mary" - a mixture of etymology and devotion. However Star of the Sea certainly seems most accepted. St Thomas Aquinas wrote, "Mary means star of the sea, for as mariners are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary's maternal intercession."



16/9/17 STS CORNELIUS, POPE, MARTYR, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYR

was elected as pope in 251AD; a time when Christians were being persecuted. He faced much opposition within the church over the issue of reconciling those who had distanced themselves from the church (apostates) during these dangerous times. **St Cyprian** was the bishop of Carthage. He supported the pope's view that apostates should be pardoned and

welcomed back into the church. A few letters written by Cornelius to Cyprian survive today, including those which were written after he was banished from Rome in 253AD. Cornelius died in exile most probably from poor health, although it was Cyprian who called him a martyr to the faith.

13/9/17 ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM was born in Antioch in 347 AD and was raised by his widowed mother. After receiving the best education available, he

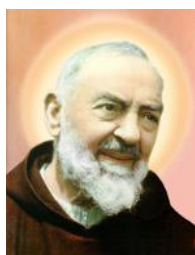
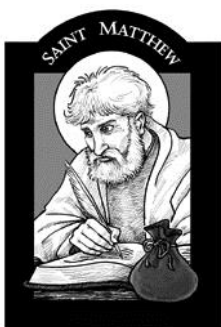
Saints and Feasts in September 2017



20/9/17 STS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON PRIEST, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS Christianity came to Korea in secret in the 17th century. The Korean government

did not allow Christians to practice their faith. Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Korean parents who became Christians after hearing the Word of God. When Andrew was 15, his father was executed for being a follower of Jesus. The faith of his father and other brave Catholics inspired Andrew to become a priest, the first born in Korea. Andrew travelled 1,300 miles to the nearest seminary in faraway Macao, China. After six years of training, Andrew was ordained and returned to his country. The Korean Catholics were overjoyed to finally have a priest who could celebrate the sacraments with them. But in 1846, Father Taegon was arrested and put to death for his faith at the age of 25. Paul Chong Hasang was a catechist training him for the priesthood with Father Taegon. He, too, was captured and martyred. In all, 103 Catholics died for their faith between 1839 and 1867. They were young and old, men and women, peasants and wealthy people. Pope John Paul II travelled to Korea in 1984 and canonized these Martyrs of Korea. We honour their sacrifice. They help us to remember that faith is a virtue that makes it possible to know and believe in God. Their sacrifice also reminds us that we are blessed to live in a country where we are free to live our faith.

21/9/17 ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE was originally a tax collector for the Roman Government of Capernaum, before Jesus called him to become an apostle. Jesus' contemporaries were surprised to see him associating with someone like Matthew, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but the sinners". In the Gospels of Mark and Luke, Matthew is called Levi, and so it is thought that he may have had both names. The first Gospel was believed to have been written by Matthew. His account of Christ's life was written for his fellow Jews; to convince them that their anticipated Messiah had indeed come in the person of Jesus.



23/9/17 ST PIUS of PIETRELCINA, PRIEST - Francesco, named in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, was born to Giuseppa and Grazio Forgione, peasant farmers, in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina on May 25, 1887. From his childhood, it was evident that he was a special child of God. He became a Capuchin novice at the age of sixteen and

received the habit in 1902. Francesco was ordained to the priesthood in 1910 after seven years of study and became known as Padre Pio. On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio was kneeling in front of a large crucifix when he received the visible marks of the crucifixion, making him the first stigmatized priest in

the history of Church. Padre Pio had the ability to read the hearts of the penitents who flocked to him for confession which he heard for ten or twelve hours per day. Padre Pio used the confessional to bring both sinners and devout souls closer to God; he would know just the right word of counsel or encouragement that was needed. On June 16, 2002, Pope John Paul II proclaim Padre Pio, Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

27/9/17 ST VINCENT de PAUL was born to a French peasant family in 1580. He was a highly intelligent youth and was educated by the Franciscans for several years, before being ordained at the age of 20. In 1605 he was captured by Turkish pirates who sold him into slavery, but won his freedom after he converted one of his masters to Christianity. After returning to France, he served as a parish priest near Paris and began to establish charitable organisations that helped the poor, nursed the sick and found work for the unemployed. St Vincent founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac, and instituted the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, also known as the Lazarists. Today the Society of St Vincent de Paul provides relief to people in need across the world.



29/9/17 STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, archangels.



St. Michael cast Lucifer out of Heaven; Patron of police and guardian of souls.



St. Gabriel was the Angel who told Mary that she would be the Mother of the Savior; Patron of communications.



St. Raphael traveled with and guarded Tobiah in the O.T. book of Tobit; Patron of travelers.



30/9/17 ST JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR born Eusebius Hieronymus Sophronius, was the most learned of the Fathers of the Western Church. He is one of the four great Latin Doctors of the Church and is perhaps best known for his translation of the Hebrew

books of the Bible into Latin, termed as the Vulgate. He teaches us the wisdom of obedience to the Church's magisterial authority, and, certainly, to the supreme earthly authority of the Roman Pontiff, the Vicar of Christ. For St. Jerome frequently showed his reliance on the authority of the pope, as well as the extreme importance of the Magisterium (teaching office of the Church) for guidance on doctrinal matters.

September 2017

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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ACTiv8 Chisholm

They say that time fly's when you are having fun! This statement rings true with all the fun we have had over the last month.

At our last senior youth group, I decided to bring Cake Spat along. The aim of the game is to be the last one standing with a clean face. You pour some cream over the cake, spin the dice, and see how many turns you'll take! The higher the number you get, the higher the chances of you becoming hit in the face with cream. It was a fantastic way to end the week and some much needed chill out time for our teens. If you've never played the game, and you need a laugh, I highly recommend you go out and buy it.



A good old fashion pyjama party was defiantly the highlight of the month at our junior youth groups. The kids were asked to bring along a blanket, pillow and to wear their favourite pyjamas or onesie. Isn't it funny how the simple things still work?

We made blanket cubbies, had a pillow throwing completion and enjoyed some drinking chocolate with some cookies & popcorn in our cubbies while Samantha Hill gave a presentation with some short movie clips about bullying. Overall, pyjama week was so much fun and the kids had a fantastic time.

We have been very blessed to have had some new ACTIV8 volunteers join our team this month: Elissa, Roch & Courtney. I thank them for coming forward to help me with the youth groups, it's certainly a team effort.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraisers for our young

people to attended the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Don't forget to join us for the family disco on the 1st September in the Therry Centre from 6pm till 8pm. All funds raised on the night will go towards our continued fundraiser efforts for the young people in our Chisholm region to attend the festival.

Until next time, God bless & keep smiling! Bec



Junior Youth Groups 2017

• Lochinvar • East Maitland • Largs



Lochinvar Junior Youth Group

every Monday Night
during school term

Where: St Patrick's Catholic
School Hall
113 Gregory Rd, Lochinvar

Time: 6.00pm. - 8.00pm

Includes Liturgy of the Word
7.30pm - 8.00pm

East Maitland Junior Youth Group

every Tuesday Night
during school term

Where: Therry Centre,
Cnr New England Hwy &
King Street, East Maitland

Time: 5.30p.m. - 7.30pm

Includes MASS
7.00pm - 7.30pm

Largs Junior Youth Group

every Wednesday Night
during school term

Where: Largs Church Hall
Cnr John & Church Streets,
Largs

Time: 5.30p.m. - 7.30pm

Includes MASS
7.00pm - 7.30pm
A gold coin donation is appreciated.

Junior Youth Groups 2016

Our Junior Youth Groups are focused on providing a fun, positive community environment for Primary School kids in Years 2-6. Each youth group has yummy snacks, fun games, an educational input about the Catholic Faith, and a prayer experience. Junior Youth Groups run during the School Term and have a break in the holidays.

ALL children are welcome through the school year!



Meet our new volunteers!

Hello, my name is Roch de Laubadère.
 I was born in the South-West of France 35 years ago. I have been living in the Hunter region for the past 9 years, working as a geologist.
 I have two young sons of 6 and 4 years of age.
 I am currently studying a Master of Teaching (Primary) at Newcastle University.
 It was while attending Mass at Lochinvar last month that I heard the call for volunteers to Activ8. I am glad to now have the opportunity to participate in this program at Lochinvar on Monday evenings.
 Monday the 14th of August was my first experience with Activ8, and I had a wonderful time. The energetic and joyous atmosphere made it an evening to remember. I was also very appreciative of the solemnity the children displayed during the time dedicated to the Liturgy of the Word and accompanying prayers.
 Looking forward to next Monday. Thank you.



Hello my name is Courtney and I am a Teacher. I love coming to Youth Group each week because I love how every child has different opinions and views on the church and life. Every week is different but we still get to share memories, laughter and stories. We have so much fun at Youth Group playing games and bonding. I love the differences we each have but we can all get along and grow together. Being a Youth Group leader allows me the opportunity to stay connected with the future leaders of the world and help guide them in their daily endeavours and life choices.

ACTIV8 CHISHOLM YOUTH MINISTRY 2017 Are you a young person or someone young at heart who could 'donate' some time each week to assist with our Youth Ministry Programs? We invite you to 'put your hand up' and say YES to engaging with our young people across the region. Even if you can offer us just two (2) hours a week we would love to hear from you. Long Term or Short Term; commitment timeframes are flexible and ALL offers to assist will be welcomed. If you are interested please contact the regional office 4933 8918.

CHISHOLM REGION OCTOBER
KIDS MASS
SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 6pm
St Joseph's East Maitland

Bring the kids Bring the family
ALL WELCOME TO JOIN IN
 Want to help out? Call or text Sue - 0414890813

ACTiv8 Chisholm



Family disco night for ACTiv8 all welcome Friday 1st September At the Therry Centre

6 till 8pm. Snacks available to purchase on the night.

Entry fee gold coin donation. All funds raised to support the young people in our region to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.



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Parish News - St Joseph's East Maitland

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH OF THE ETERNAL FAMILY held at the home of Pat McPherson, 65 Brisbane St, East Maitland the first Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm. **Next date: 6th September, 2017.** All welcome. Ph 4933 6635.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: First Friday of each month from after Mass at 7.00am till 9.00am Mass on Saturday at St Joseph's East Maitland. **Next date: 1st September 2017.** ALL WELCOME!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS – 2nd September 2017, St Joseph's Church, East Maitland & Therry Centre.



8.30am	Rosary & Confessions
9.00	Mass
9.30	Exposition/Benediction/Confessions
10.30	Morning Tea
11.00	Seminar
11.30	DVD (School Library)
12 Midday	Midday Prayer & Angelus
12.30pm	LUNCH
1.15	Cenacle Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Everyone is welcome to come along for all or any part of the devotion. For more information please call Judy 4936 6349 or Marion 4934 1949.

CENACLE & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER MEETINGS at the home of Pat McPherson, 65 Brisbane St, East Maitland, 7.30pm Wednesday evenings (*excl first Wed. of each month*); & 10.00am Thursday mornings.

EAST MAITLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The NEXT ANOINTING MASS will be held **10.30am Tuesday 19th September 2017.** All welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S CRAFT GROUP: Meet every Monday - McAuley Room 9.30am to 1.00pm. For more information please contact 49335840 / 4933 4586; or just come along. *ALL WELCOME!*

SOCIAL GROUP - WIDOWS, SINGLES, DIVORCED - Next outing please contact Barbara 4934 3862.

PIETY STALL Open after Mass each Sat/Sun - Rosary beads, Statues, Holy medals & Cards; Christian gifts & Seasonal Celebration items; Children's Mass books etc.

THE LIBRARY Spiritual books available for loan to parishioners. In prayer/baby room to right of church.

ADORATION Mondays 12 midday for 1 hour in the church.



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION The East Maitland branch of Country Women's Association is holding its Land Cookery Competition on **12th September 2017.** The competition is open to everyone, not just CWA members and we would love to see members of our community, especially children, join in the fun. There is a schedule to follow that lists the cakes to be entered, including recipes where necessary. In some sections you may use your own recipes. There are sections for all ages. Why not get a group of friends together for a friendly 'Bake Off' and enter our competition. For further information and copy of the Schedule and required recipes please contact Debbie Jeffrey 0411 442 468.

Junior Joey's Playgroup Term 3 2017: Term 3 is speeding by and we are well into the second half of the term. Please see below for our program for the end of term. You may have noticed that we now have added Junior Joey's Playgroup is for children from *birth to 5 years*. So if you are looking for something to do with your child on a *Monday morning during school terms*, and an opportunity for you to make new friends, why not join us for Junior Joey's Playgroup Monday's *9:30-11:30am in the Therry Centre Foyer, East Maitland*. Cost is \$3 and a piece of fruit per family per week. If you'd like any further details please contact Christine on 0407536452 or chrisdkam@gmail.com



Parish News - St Joseph's East Maitland cont'd

Check out our Term 3 program below! We hope to see you whenever you can make it. Don't forget your piece of fruit to share and \$3 and contact Christine on 0407536452 or chrisdkam@gmail.com

Week 7 – August 28 th 2017	Father's Day Special
Week 8 – September 4 th 2017	Time to celebrate – Let's celebrate those birthdays
Week 9 – September 11 th 2017	Excursion – Maitland Park (feel free to bring the bikes or scooters along) (Wet / Windy Weather alternative – Fused Café)
Week 10 – September 18 th 2017	Dinosaur Stomp and Sensory Fun!

New families are always welcome and this includes our lovely grandparents who join us regularly! There are some occasions where we need to change venue at short notice, so please contact Christine on 0407536452 or email chrisdkam@gmail.com, if you have trouble finding us on day we are programmed to be at the Therry Centre, she will be able to let you know where to find us. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Parish News - Morpeth

Weather permitting, the repairs to the roof and exterior of the Church will be completed this month with the spiking of the windows etc. arranged for Monday 25th. The pigeons have either gotten wind of the spiking or are holidaying in the tropics; the cleaning of the front steps hasn't been such a problem so here's hoping they stay away. Tenders have gone out for the interior painting and it is hopeful that all repairs and maintenance will be completed before Christmas. The replacing of the carpet will be the final piece in the puzzle.

Congratulations to Vicki Grogan-Griffin and her winning team of budding scientists/engineers from St. Peters campus at the State Champions in the Science/Engineering Challenge held at the University of Newcastle. Yes they are the State Champions. They now proceed to the National Titles to be held in Dubbo in late October. We wish them all the best for the next big challenge.

On Sunday 3rd September we will be remembering our fathers, both living and deceased with a special Mass and dedicated prayers for them.

On Friday 15th September we will be welcoming the remaining classes from St Aloysius school to Mass in their parish church. All are welcome to join the children on this day. In the evening the annual Trivia and Games night will be held in the Corcoran Centre commencing at 7.30pm. Cost is just \$5 per person. You can round up your trivia buffs and gather a team of ten or just come along and we will fit you in with some other bright sparks as part of another team striving for the Championship title. Lots of prizes to be won so join us for a fun night. Bring along some nibbles to sustain the brain through the night's activities. Coffee and tea will be available.

Then on Sunday 17th September you are welcome to join us for our Spring Family Breakfast in the Corcoran Centre, immediately following Mass. Make sure you pass on the invitation to any new arrivals or strangers to the Parish to join us at the breakfast. This is an opportunity to build and enjoy the Morpeth Parish Community spirit.

We are URGENTLY IN NEED of additional help with the Sacristy roster. This ministry requires either one or two people to be responsible each Sunday for a month to open up the Church and to set up the altar in preparation for Mass. Following Mass you need to return the Church to pre-Mass conditions, locking away the sacred vessels etc. The tasks are not onerous but require the volunteers to be at the Church by 6.30am in order to open the doors and prepare the altar for Mass. Additional help will reduce the frequency of months any one team has to be rostered.

Additionally we are seeking an additional counting team from early in 2018 as one of our teams is stepping down after a long and dedicated period of assistance.

If you can help in any way please let Loretto Jordan know of your interest. Without the ongoing help of additional dedicated parishioners the tasks are left with the few."

Parish News - Maitland / Largs / Paterson

SACRED HEART, CAMPBELL'S HILL

At this time we are hoping and praying that Fr Paul is thoroughly enjoying his annual leave. He definitely deserves a great time of relaxation as he does so much for all of us.

Over the past months our **Cell Groups** have been thoroughly enjoying Fr Paul's videotaped talks at our fortnightly gatherings. These talks give us wonderful insights into aspects of our faith and challenging questions to discuss together.

In Fr Paul's absence we are most grateful for the pastoral care of Frs Cahill, Camillus and James.

Fond Farewell: Last week members of the St John's Conference of St Vincent de Paul, Maitland, gathered at a farewell luncheon for retiring member, **Kerry O'Hara and his wife Libby**. Kerry has been a devoted and dedicated member of Vinnies for 22 years. He worked first in East Maitland conference before joining St John's Conference 17 years ago, serving two terms as Conference President. May Kerry and Libby be richly blessed in the years ahead of them. **Thank you Kerry.**



CATHOLIC WEEKLY on sale
before and after every Mass and only costs \$2.

LARGS: Weekly YOUTH Group Wednesdays 5.30pm ending with Mass at 7.00pm. **(not in school holidays).**

Annual Pilgrimage to MacKillop Place

Remember, we are all but travellers here . { Mary MacKillop }

On Friday 18th, a number of Chisholm Region parishioners and friends joined with St Brigid's Branxton on their annual Pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney.

All were enthusiastic and "noisy" as we departed the final collection station at East Maitland. As we made our journey to re-join the New England Highway the driver was alerted to smoke in the rear section of the bus by a Morpeth parishioner; I'm not one say who !!!!

On inspection by the driver [and much discussion as to what Street we were in] the driver informed the pilgrims a replacement bus would be arriving in 30 minutes. We proceeded to "Macca's" Greenhills where some enjoyed a coffee .

Arriving at MacKillop Place, we enjoyed morning tea, a guided museum tour, and the gift shop. At noon, Father George presided at Mass in the Chapel, followed by lunch at a local club.

Some pilgrims had been before; others a first time, with many expressing to me their overwhelming feeling of St Mary of the Cross' presence on the day and later [was that St Mary expressing her thanks for making the journey ?]

A great day of fellowship with others and of being in such a holy place. Interested next year? Watch bulletins around St Mary's Feast Day ..8th August.

God Bless,

Parish News - Lochinvar

Congratulations to Shane Ziebell and Kellyanne Hiron (Ziebell) who were married at St Patrick's Lochinvar on Saturday the 15th July 2017. It was Fr Camillus' first wedding ceremony in the region and the couple were very happy with the way in which Fr Camillus conducted the ceremony.



LOCHINVAR JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP - WEEKLY (during school term) on Mondays commencing from 6.00pm ending with LOW at 7.30pm.

Fr Paul celebrating his
41st Anniversary of Ordination
Thank you Fr Paul
for being our Parish Priest
We are all very blessed
to have you with us.



Parish News - OLOL Beresfield



MAJOR MAINTENANCE WORKS ARE UNDERWAY AT OLOL CHURCH: Many of you will be aware of workmen around the church these past few weeks. For some time, we have had problems with water leaking into the church after heavy rains. We now know that the source of these leaks is that the seal around the bottom of the cross at the top of the spire on the roof has failed. A contract has been authorised to repair the seal and install dektite to remedy this problem.

damaged parts of the façade of the building. In addition to this work, all the exterior of the



We also know that the façade of the church building is rotted and broken in numerous places and has needed repair for some time. A contract has also been authorised to repair the church will be given a new coat of paint. We are looking forward to having all this work completed in time for our 40th Anniversary Celebrations in October. The work commenced on Wednesday 2nd August. An unforeseen problem became apparent with the façade on the northern end of the church facing the carpark. The builder notified us of this and presented us with two options. Our small Parish Pastoral Team decided that this was a matter to be considered by the whole parish. We could not keep the contractor waiting for a decision so an emergency meeting was call for Wednesday 16th. A huge thank you to all those that attended the meeting and assisted us in making this decision. A huge thank you



also to the builder who attended our meeting and did a wonderful job of helping us all to understand exactly what the unforeseen problem was and the two options he suggested to us. Many thanks also to Louise Gilchrist who also attended and was of great assistance. Work can now continue!!

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2017: It will be 40 years since the Blessing and Opening of Our Lady of Lourdes Church Beresfield on 9th October 2017. Everyone is invited to attend. Please advise any parishioners or friends who may not have heard about this very special celebration. *If you need transport to the mass please contact OLOL school Tarro (during school hours) on 49661302 or Chisholm Regional Office (Tuesday to Friday 9.00am -12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4.30pm) on 49338918 and we will endeavor to assist you with this.* Please join us as we celebrate the 40th anniversary at Mass on **SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2017 at 6.00pm**, and for supper in the meeting room after Mass.

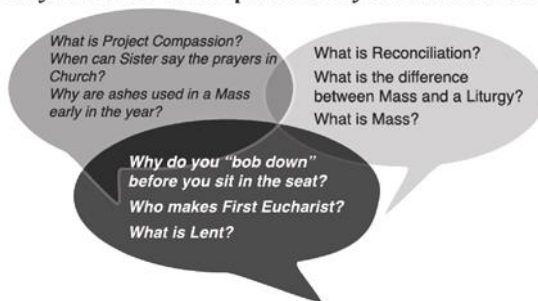
OLOL LENDING LIBRARY OF SPIRITUAL BOOKS TO COMMENCE SOON: In early September, the Pastoral Team of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at Beresfield is planning to commence a lending library of spiritual books. Books of this kind are not always readily available, so this will be an opportunity for any parishioners who enjoy reading to have easy access to material which can satisfy our curiosity, and enrich our understanding and appreciation of our shared faith. The books will be available at the front of the Church each Saturday night before and after Mass.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: If you have some time to spare on Wednesday mornings to help Siubhan in the Atrium or if you are interested in training as a Catechist, Siubhan would love to hear from you. For more information or to get involved, please contact Siubhan Sadler at OLOL.Atrium@gmail.com or on 0432 477 181.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CATHOLICS: This term we will begin a short series of sessions titled 'Conversations about Catholics'. Four sessions in all. Each session will be for about one hour. We are planning to hold two sessions this term, and another two sessions in term four. These welcoming, friendly and informative meetings are designed to help you answer all the questions that the children may have and possibly answer some questions of your own also. The sessions are open to all and will be held here in Our Lady of Lourdes Church (and/or in the meeting room). Our sessions will include time to share a nice cup of tea or coffee and a chat together. Dates will be advised soon.

Can you answer these questions if your child should ask?



??? So many questions ... but what are the answers ???

BERESFIELD PARISH MID-WEEK MASS: Beresfield Parish mid-week Mass is celebrated at **OLOL School Tarro on the first Wednesday of each month during school term**. The next mid-week parish Mass will be on **Wednesday 6th September at 9.30am**. The parish community is invited to join with the children and teachers of OLOL Tarro to worship at this parish Mass together.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Each Friday morning we pray together the **Prayer of the Church**, often called the **Liturgy of the Hours**. This is the prayer of the whole People of God, and we invite you to join us on **Fridays at 9.30am in the Church**, as we offer our praise to God, and pray for the needs of our world.

Parish News - OLOL Beresfield

POLISH MASS: The next Polish Mass to be celebrated at OLOL Church will be at **8.00am** on Sunday **24th September**.

ROSARY: The parishioners of OLOL Beresfield pray The Rosary together at the Church **each Saturday evening** before Mass, commencing at **5.40pm**. Everyone is invited to join us.

LADIES SOCIAL GROUP: The ladies group meets on an informal basis on the 4th Tuesday of each month from February to November at 10.00am. Usually we meet in the Parish meeting room, sometimes we gather elsewhere for lunch together. The next informal get together will be on **Tuesday 26th September at 10.00am in the Parish meeting room**. You are warmly invited to come along and join us.

PARISH TEAM MEETING: The next Parish team meeting will be on the second Tuesday in September, **Tuesday 12th September**, in the Parish Meeting room, at **7.00pm**. Everyone is invited to join us.

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COLLEEN CANNY REPORTING FOR ST PAUL'S AT RUTHERFORD

St Paul's has been very busy with the **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

to support our community in need of warm clothing and blankets during this very cold winter. Donations pending from Saint Pauls Church for the Winter Appeal.

St Paul's Primary School has also been very busy with activities. On Friday 21st July, the Mini Vinnies from Saint Paul's at Rutherford hosted the very **First Regional Gathering for the Mini Vinnie's**. We had 120 children from Saint Joseph's East Maitland, Saint Aloysius Chisholm, Saint Joseph's Dungog, Our Lady of Lourdes Tarro, and of course Saint Paul's at Rutherford.

The morning commenced with Mass presided by Father Camillus and Father Joyce. A representative from each school joined the procession into the church and presented their school candle, which was placed on the altar.

Music was arranged by Mr Smith and Mr Burgess accompanying our two singers Anaiya and Larissa, beautifully presented.

Father Camillus spoke to the children telling them not to be afraid to be seen as different for their work they do within the school and the community.

Morning tea followed within the church grounds with the students chatting and getting to know each other.

The day continued with Monique Duncan from **Early Links** speaking to the students on inclusivity in sports, play and all areas for everyone of **all abilities**. Activities included the impact of **labelling** the children sharing ideas and thoughts.

A bbq lunch followed, Mr Garnett and Wayne Canny, Sharon as cooks, and this was very popular.

At the completion of the day each school presented a poster telling a story of their activities within their school and community. I personally found it *quite inspiring*.

Much thanks must go to Michelle Kot, the Youth and Young Adults Coordinator representing St Vincent de Paul within the Diocese; Youth Volunteers Cate and Jess; Vinnie's staff Kate and Sarah leading the Social Justice themed games; and Karli Chenery Spiritual Leader from Saint Paul's Primary School who arranged the Gathering. We also had members of the Rutherford Conference supporting the occasion.

The theme from the Winter Appeal for Vinnie's **TOGETHER WE CAN DO HEROIC THINGS** - I feel there were many heroes' on this occasion at the **Gathering**.

St Paul's students remained busy arranging **Pyjama Day** to support the **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** where students donated a gold coin and \$283.30 was raised on the day.

As usual, it required a truck from the Vinnie's Shop to collect the warm clothing and blankets collected from the students. I know the shop were very happy to accept this wonderful donation from Saint Paul's Primary School. **Well Done**. We are proud of you.

The students theme was **SPREAD THE WARMTH**, so appropriate for our families in need.

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