



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

Parish Priest: Fr Paul O'Neill

Asst Priest: Fr Camillus Nwahia

Asst Priest: Fr Joyce Sebastian
(Presbytery 4934 5783)

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Fr Des Harrigan

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Ministry:** Irene Dixon 0428 220 997

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Bec Piefke 0422 500 429

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CLOSED MONDAY

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Message from Fr Paul O'Neill

My dear sisters and brothers,

During the month of September there have been a number of celebrations marking the arrival of the Dominicans in Maitland and In Australia 150 years ago. We congratulate the Dominican sisters for their presence and wonderful ministry in our Diocese over these years. We thank them and wish them every blessing.



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Just a few words about our Regional Vigil Mass for Christmas. As you know last Christmas in the school grounds of St Joseph's East Maitland, halfway through the Mass we were inundated by a thunder and electrical storm. In reflecting on that experience our Liturgy Teams and Pastoral Council have felt it best to hold that Regional Vigil Mass in a venue where more shelter was available. We have approached St Mary's school campus in Maitland where there is a new school hall. Our plan for this coming Christmas is to hold an outdoor vigil Mass in the grounds of St Mary's school and if the weather is inclement to move the Mass inside the hall. So this coming Christmas there will be three vigil Masses:

**OLOL Church Beresfield
St Mary's Campus Maitland
covered area at St Paul's school Rutherford**

On Friday 15th September around 500 people attended Lina's Project at the Town Hall in Newcastle. Lina is a survivor of sexual abuse by one of our clergy and approached the Bishop and our Diocese to support this project. There was an audio-visual presentation with Lina's voice speaking about the effects of abuse on victims. There was also a visual presentation of clergy, Marist Brothers and teachers who have been convicted of sexual abuse or have sustained complaints made against them. Lina felt it was necessary that the Diocese publicly acknowledge the criminal behaviour of these offenders. It is our hope that as a church community we will continue to make our parish communities and schools safe places for our children and vulnerable people. Let us continue to work for healing and compassion in our communities.

With love

Fr Paul



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Sacraments of Initiation 2018

Dear Parents,

Our parish communities wish to support families who would like their children to be confirmed and receive their first Holy Communion in 2018.

If your child has been baptised a Catholic and you would like them to receive the other sacraments of Initiation next year then you are asked to attend two Parent Information sessions in November this year.

Session 1 will present an overview of the process. Our preparation is parish based, family centred and school supported. After parents have heard what is involved at Session 1, then if they feel their child is ready and they are ready as a family, then parents are asked to attend Session 2 where resources for preparation will be given.

By Session 2 parents will be required to produce a copy of their child's baptism certificate for the child to be registered in the preparation process.

It will be necessary for parents to attend both Parent information sessions for their child to receive the sacraments next year. To begin the process the child needs to be 7 years of age or older.

We know this is a very special time for families and our parish communities so if you would like to be involved please come to the Parent Information Sessions:

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION 1 - 7.00PM: Tuesday 14th November at St Paul's church Rutherford OR Wednesday 15th November at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Beresfield, OR Thursday 16th November at St Joseph's church East Maitland.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION 2 - 7.00PM: Tuesday 21st November at St Paul's church Rutherford OR Wednesday 22nd November at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Beresfield, OR Thursday 23rd November at St Joseph's church East Maitland.

These meetings are for any parents from the eight churches of our region:

Our Lady of Lourdes, Cnr Delprat Avenue & Anderson Drive, Beresfield

St Joseph's, Cnr King Street & Newcastle Road, East Maitland

Immaculate Conception, Cnr George & James Streets, Morpeth

Holy Family, 11 John Street, Largs

St Columba's, Cnr Church & Prince Streets, Paterson

Sacred Heart, New England Highway, Campbell's Hill

St Paul's, 10 Young Street, Rutherford

St Patrick's, 55 New England Highway, Lochinvar

Our Sacraments of Initiation Team looks forward to meeting and supporting the parents at these November Meetings.

See you there.

Father Paul O'Neill

and the Sacraments of Initiation Team for the parishes of the Maitland Area



Let us PRAY
for PEACE



*U.N. International Day of Peace
21 September 2017*

*Together for Peace:
Respect, Safety and Dignity for All*

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

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



St Vincent de Paul Society

NSW/ACT

good works

FREDERIC OZANAM CHAMPION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Paris – June 1848 – a squalid city, putrid, unsewered and racked by a cholera epidemic. The desperate poor, bunkered down behind barricades, had risen in rebellion. It wasn't long before government troops were rushed in to crush the insurgency.

*Do you hear the people sing?
Singing a song of angry men?
It is the music of a people
We will not be slaves again.*

A scene from Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables* you might think, but also the scene which confronted **Frederic Ozanam**, a citizen of Paris in the 1848, and the founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society.



So disturbed was Frederic by the sight of the Parisian poor, being mowed down by superior government forces, that he and his companions devised a solution. They looked around for a highly respected, prominent and sympathetic citizen.

The archbishop of Paris, Denis Affre, a man greatly disturbed by the violence, came immediately to mind. Despite being warned of the dangerous plan, the archbishop did not hesitate. He walked towards the rebels waving a green branch. Firing ceased. Affre mounted the barricades, read a statement of reconciliation and urged the rebels to accept an unconditional pardon. Suddenly a shot rang out. Affre was mortally wounded. "*May my blood be the last to be shed*" were his dying words.

Frederic and his companions felt terrible remorse. Their only consolation was that their advocacy and Affre's death helped bring about an end to the carnage.

Advocacy for social justice was important to Frederic. He envisaged that the St Vincent de Paul Society would offer more than emergency relief. He encouraged Society members to work for social justice, to identify the root cause of poverty, and to speak on behalf of the voiceless.

Today the St Vincent de Paul Society continues the *good works* begun by Frederic and his companions almost two hundred years ago, providing both emergency relief and working for social justice.

The Society always welcomes new members. Membership involves meeting with like minded people in parish groups or conferences, sharing our faith and reaching out to the poor in our local community. If you would like further information, you may wish to speak to a local parish member, or phone 49331302.

Michael Healy
Regional President



*Congratulations Fr Joyce Sebastian
on your 23rd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination*

*With prayers of gratitude for your dedicated ministry
and for sharing so generously
the gifts you have received from God.*

God bless you on this special day and always.

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

“To the rich I say ... once the demands of necessity and propriety have been met, the rest that one owns belongs to the poor”- Was that Marx or Engels? No, it was the nineteenth century Pope Leo XIII. (Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP. Extract CW; August 27, 2017 p8).

Gavin, aged 64, lives alone in Bathurst. He had been a truck driver until he had a heart attack and could no longer drive, even on a casual basis. He said, I’ve

become everything I was scared of. Gavin is now on disability support pension and has been paying very high rent, as the only house he was able to find had three bedrooms. After housing and power costs are deducted, Gavin lives on just \$175 per week. However, \$40 per week of this goes on his medications. He has also taken the guidance of financial counselling, yet the underlining problem is insufficient income rather than mismanagement and he losing the struggle to pay his bills. Gavin is struggling and has had to come to the Society several

times for help to buy food. Gavin has recently decided to move out to a shack on a small bush block 35 minutes out of town.

He says that he doesn’t want to move, but because his income is not meeting his expenses, he feels under huge stress. In his words, his situation ‘is wrecking me’. Relocating will take the cost of rent out of his budget and allow him to survive. However, with his shack having no power or water connected, he will have to use lanterns and a battery radio and work out ways to heat water and keep food cool. He is willing to live there even though is not designed or insulated to be a home and every time it rains the roof leaks, so that he is obliged to put out buckets to catch the drips. The move also takes him further away from his beloved daughter and grandchildren, but he feels it is the only way he can survive.

This could be you - it happens every day!

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2017

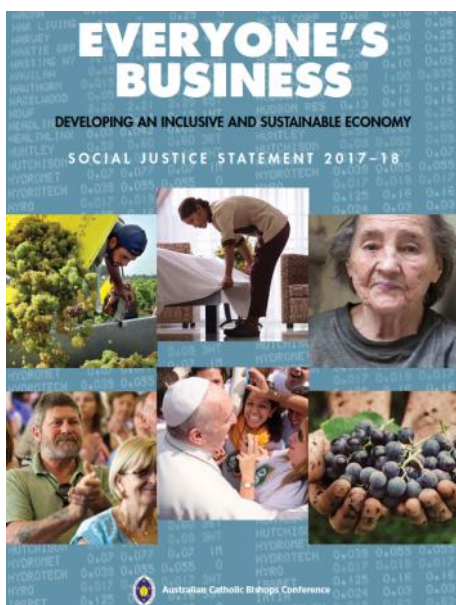
SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2017-2018

‘On Social Justice Sunday, and over the year ahead, we call on members of the Catholic community and broader society to consider where the economy serves us well and where it fails. Who are the ones excluded by the economy of today’s world? What is their experience and what do we need to do to ensure the economy works for every person and for society as a whole? The answer is before us, in our streets and our communities, in the many groups who have been disadvantaged by the operation of the economy.’ For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.



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We celebrate **SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY this 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.

There are some hard copies in church porches.

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 1st October 2017 (After Youth Mass)

Sunday 5th November 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

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ISSUE	EDITORIAL DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION DATE
OCTOBER	20th October	29th October

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."

What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

✠ **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** The next group of people commencing the process of entering into the Catholic Faith recently had their first meeting night. Anyone who is still thinking about 'becoming' a Catholic and would like to find out about what's involved is welcome to come to the next weekly meeting to be held on **Monday 9th October** at the Therry Centre starting at 7.00pm. For further information please contact the Chisholm office.

✠ **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 6th October**. All welcome.

✠ **MOVIE NIGHT ON THE SAINTS:** we hope to see you on **Saturday, 28th October, 2017** at 7.00pm in the **Caroline Chisholm Rooms** (adjacent to St. Joseph's Primary School Admin) 57 King Street, East Maitland.

ST. RITA --- THE POWER OF LOVE IN AN ERA OF VIOLENCE --- WIDOW, PATRONESS OF IMPOSSIBLE CASES.

The story of the beloved patron of hopeless cases and situations, comes to life in this epic film starring Vittoria Belvedere (Pope John Paul II, The Apocalypse) and Martin Crewes. Born at Spoleto, Italy, in 1381, at an early age she begged her parents to allow her to enter a convent.



Instead they arranged a marriage for her. Rita went to God in prayer and discerned that this was the will of God.

A good wife and mother, Rita was a victim of domestic violence. Her husband had a vile temper and taught their children his own evil ways. Rita tried to perform her duties faithfully and to pray and receive the Sacraments frequently. Her new family isn't as welcoming as she would wish, and she soon finds out that her husband's brothers are involved in violence and murder also.

Rita and Paolo are blessed with two sons and living happily when tragedy strikes..... Rita loses everything. Set against the turbulent background of 15th century Italy, this story of forgiveness, faith and virtue, is an inspiring tribute to this brave and saintly woman.

St. Rita had a great devotion to the Passion of Christ. "Please let me suffer like you, Divine Saviour", she said one day, and suddenly one of the thorns from the crucifix struck her on the forehead. It

left a deep wound which did not heal and which caused her much suffering for the rest of her life. She died on May 22nd, 1457, and was canonized in 1900 by Pope Leo XIII.

God, through the prayers of St. Rita, may we learn to bear our crosses in life in the same spirit in which she bore hers. Amen.

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

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2017 National Pilgrimage - The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, 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. For further information contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

**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

What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese



St. Joseph's East Maitland
invites you to their

2017

WELLBEING FAIR

A variety of stalls aimed at parents showcasing local services and resources with a focus on health and wellbeing.

TUESDAY 17TH
OCTOBER
2-4pm
St. Joseph's East Maitland




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**.

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



SUNDAY Nov 5th 6 pm

Dive in to
KIDS MASS
every 1st Sunday - St Joseph's East Maitland - 6pm

HEY! It's especially for KIDS

SUNDAY Nov 5th 6 pm

Can you help out? Call Sue 0414890813

What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese



INVITATION



Sunday 8th October
2pm - 4.30pm
Therry Centre
New England Highway
East Maitland
Morning/Afternoon tea provided.
For catering purposes please
book with Zoë Marr.
Zoe.Marr@mn.catholic.org.au
4979 1328

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In response to increased pastoral requests associated with funeral ministry and the Funeral Rites, the Diocesan Liturgy Council invites you to participate in a **Consultation and Discernment Process** to review the existing 2002 Diocesan Guidelines for Funeral Ministry.

WHAT

A series of **Reflective Dialogues** will engage the Catholic Community to:

- Listen to the community's experience of Funeral Ministry, with specific regard to the use of the Funeral Rites as found in the *Order of Christian Funerals*
- Identify issues and questions
- Engage in reflective dialogue
- Identify what guidance, guidelines and resources might assist parishes in ministry with the dying and bereaved

WHO

All members of the Church are invited to participate: especially clergy, all those involved in Parish Funeral Ministry and visitation of hospitals and aged care facilities, members of Catholic School communities, chaplains, Religious and all interested parishioners.

Such a gathering enables us to listen to a range of insights, questions, perspectives and experiences.

DARA | DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY.

DARA (Development and Relief Agency) identifies, reaches out and supports those in our community who are disadvantaged, marginalised, oppressed or isolated by cultural, ethnic or religious differences

DARA provides practical assistance, an opportunity for socialisation and a pathway to integration via access to educational and vocational programmes.

LOCATION:

Head Office:

841 Hunter Street

Newcastle West NSW 2303

P: (02) 4979 1142

E: admin@dara.org.au

dara.org.au

ABN: 30 998 844 057

PROUD TO PARTNER WITH



Volunteers are integral to Refugee Hub and each volunteer brings unique talents to help refugees benefit from health, education, social and welfare opportunities.

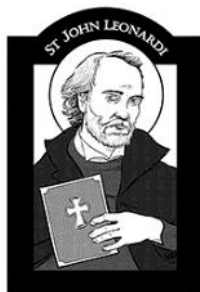
To learn more, please contact Manager, Business and Community Engagement, Barry Urwin, 4979 1142, [email Barry Urwin](mailto:Barry.Urwin@dara.org.au) or visit [DARA](http://DARA.org.au).

Saints and Feasts in October 2017

1/10/17 – St Thérèse of the Child Jesus . St Thérèse was born at Alençon, France in 1873. She entered the Carmelite convent of Lisieux at a young age and was recognised for her humility, simplicity and confidence in God. She died of tuberculosis in 1897, at the age of 24. Her autobiography, 'The Story of a Soul', was published after her death—she also left many letters, poems, religious plays and prayers. St Thérèse was canonised in 1925 and in 1997, Pope John Paul II declared her the thirty-third Doctor of the Church; the youngest person and only third woman to receive this title.



annual feast under the title of Our Lady of Victory. His immediate successor, Gregory XIII, changed the title to that of the Rosary, and granted its Office to all churches in which there was an altar dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.



9/10/16 - St John Leonardi was born in Lucca, Tuscany, in 1541. He worked as a pharmacist, but gave up this career to study for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest in 1572 and two years later formed a group of lay people who worked to implement the teachings and reforms of the Council of Trent. He organised groups of priests to live in the community instead of monasteries,

but this radical approach was met with much opposition and he spent some time in exile. In 1583 his congregation was eventually recognised by Pope Gregory XIII; in 1614 they adopted the name, Clerks Regular of the Mother of God. In addition to his on going reform activities, he founded four more religious orders and cofounded a seminary for missionary priests. He died on October 9, 1609 after contracting influenza while nursing epidemic victims. He is the patron saint of pharmacists.

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

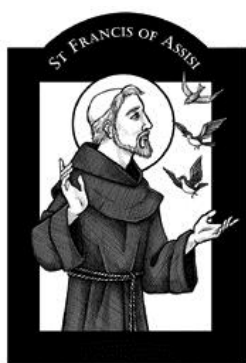
Angel of God
My guardian dear
To whom God's love
Commits me here
Ever this day
Be at my side
To light and guard
To rule and guide,
Amen.

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels
October 2

www.orthodox.org

2/10/17 – The Holy Guardian Angels. The Angels are pure spirits endowed with a natural intelligence, will power, and beauty far surpassing the nature, faculties, and powers of man. They offer continuous praise to God and serve Him as messengers and ministers, and as guardians of men on

earth. Those blessed spirits who are appointed by God to be protectors and defenders of men are called Guardian Angels. Faith teaches us that each individual has a Guardian Angel who watches over him during the whole course of his life.



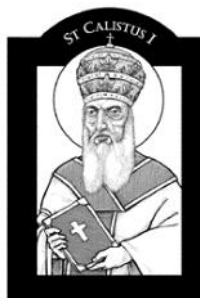
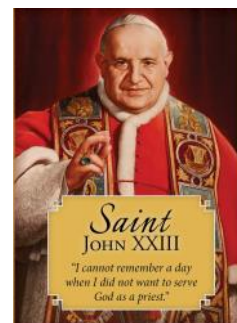
4/10 /17 - St Francis of Assisi was born the son of a wealth merchant of Assisi in 1181. After a conversion experience as a young man, St Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes, instead wearing the simple garments given to him by the bishop of Assisi. Living a life of extreme poverty, St Francis preached in the streets, begged for his sustenance, served the sick and lived in harmony with nature. After attracting followers,

he founded the Franciscan order in 1209. He continued living in poverty, preaching and working with lepers. In 1221 he resigned as the head of the Franciscans. After living in meditation on Mount Alvernia he received the stigmata, which bled periodically for the remaining two years of his life. His prayer, 'Canticle of the Sun', epitomises St Francis' communion with God and the universe and makes him an obvious patron of environmental causes.

7/10/17 – Our Lady of the Rosary. On October 7, the first Sunday of October in the year 1571, Don Juan of Austria gained his famous naval victory over the Turks at Lepanto. In thanksgiving for this event, which he attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin through the recitation of the Holy Rosary, St Pius V instituted an



11/10/17 Pope Saint John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, in 1881; one of fourteen children born to a family of sharecroppers in the Italian region of Lombardy. He was ordained a priest in 1904 and served in many parts of the world including France, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria. In 1953 he was made a cardinal by Pope Pius XII and named the Patriarch of Venice. On October 28 1958 he was elected Pope at the age of 76 and became the first pope in more than 500 years to take the papal name of "John". Soon after his election as pope, John XXIII called for a general council of cardinals and bishops, and after two years of preparations the historic Second Vatican Council was opened on October 11 1962. John XXIII died from stomach cancer on 3 June 1963 before the conclusion of the council. Affectionately known as "Good Pope John", John XXIII was canonized by Pope Francis on 27 April 2014.



14/10/17 St Calistus I was born a slave and worked for a Christian master named Carpophorus. His master put him in charge of a bank, but Calistus lost the money to bad debts and fearing punishment he fled Rome. After his capture, Calistus worked in a treadmill and then the mines of Sardinia, before being released with a number of other Christians to become a free man.

Pope Zephyrinus put Calistus in charge of the Roman burial grounds (known today as the 'Cemetery of St Calistus') and he became a deacon. In 217 AD, he was elected pope in a brief and controversial reign, which saw the readmission to communion for repentant murderers and adulterers. He also preached that

Saints and Feasts in October 2017

differences in economic class should not be a barrier to marriage - a teaching which put him in conflict with Roman civil law and sparked riots that led to his death.



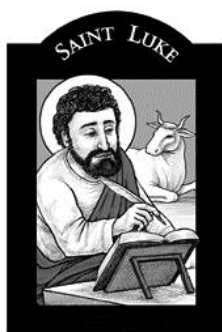
15/10/17 – St Teresa of Avila. St Teresa was born on March 28, 1515, in Avila, Spain. Her mother died when she was twelve and her father placed her in a convent of Augustinian nuns. When she returned home, she determined to enter religion. She became a nun in the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation, near Avila, and made her profession in November, 1534. Assisted by St. John of the Cross,

she succeeded in establishing the Reform of the Discalced Carmelites, for both the brethren and the sisters of her Order. Before her death in 1582, thirty-two monasteries of the Reformed Rule had been established, among which seventeen were convents of nuns. She was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV.

17/10/17 – St Ignatius of Antioch. St Ignatius was a convert to the Faith and a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. St John Chrysostom says that St Peter appointed him Bishop of Antioch, which See he governed for forty years. The Saint longed to shed his blood for Christ, but the opportunity was not granted him during the persecution under Domitian. In the year 107, St Ignatius was seized and brought before the Emperor. Having confessed Christ, he was condemned to be taken in chains to Rome, there to be exposed to the wild beasts. When he arrived in Rome he was hurried to the amphitheatre where two fierce lions immediately devoured him.



18/10/17 St Luke, the Evangelist St Luke the evangelist was a Gentile Greek who practised medicine. He was the author of the Gospel which bears his name and also wrote a history of the early church; The Acts of the Apostles. He travelled with St Paul; together they evangelised Greece and Rome. He was also with St Paul during his ill-fated voyage to Italy. His Gospel is largely based on St Paul's



teachings as well as his own experiences. Legend has it that St Luke was also a painter of great talent who did portraits of the Blessed Virgin, but no existing paintings have ever been correctly attributed to him. It is true, however, that his Gospel has inspired many artists, which led to his patronage of artists as well as doctors and surgeons.

19/10/17 - St Paul of the Cross was born Paolo Francesco Danei in 1694 in the Northern Italian town of Ovada. He came from a wealthy merchant family and at the age of 19 he experienced a conversion to a life of prayer. He came to the conclusion that the Passion of Christ was the greatest sign of God's love and a



means by which people can come to a greater union with God. He devoted his life to spreading this message and at the age of 26 he founded the religious order "the Poor of Jesus"; later to become known as "the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ". Passionists live a life of solitude and contemplation, devoting at least three hours a day to prayer. They are easily recognised through the labelled emblem of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, surmounted by a cross, which is usually sewn into their clothing.

22/10/17 - St Pope John Paul II born Karol Józef Wojtyła, 18 May 1920 – 2 April 2005, served as Pope from 1978 to 2005. He was elected by the second Papal conclave of 1978, which was called after Pope John Paul I, who was elected in August after the death of Pope Paul VI, died after thirty-three days. Then-Cardinal Wojtyła was elected on the third day of the conclave and adopted his predecessor's name in tribute to him. In the years since his death, John Paul II has been declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. He is referred to by Roman Catholics as **Pope Saint John Paul II** or **Saint John Paul the Great**, for example as a name for institutions. John Paul II is recognised as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He upheld the Church's teachings on such matters as artificial contraception and the ordination of women, but also supported the Church's Second Vatican Council and its reforms. He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 people and canonised 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated a large number of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests. A key goal of his papacy was to transform and reposition the Catholic Church. His wish was "to place his Church at the heart of a new religious alliance that would bring together Jews, Muslims and Christians in a great religious armada".



28/10/17 – Sts Simon and Jude, apostles. St Simon is surnamed the Canaanean and also the Zealot. The Syro-Chaldaic expression Canaanean means the same as the Greek *Zelotes*, a title that is said to have been given to him on account of his great zeal, but, according to others, from his belonging to a sect (among the Jews) called Zealots. It is supposed that he suffered martyrdom in Persia.



St Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St James the Less, and a relative of our Saviour. This Apostle is said to have suffered martyrdom in Armenia, which was then subject to Persia.

Chisholm Region Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>30 Oct</p> <p>12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer & Exposition (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Loch.)</p> <p>7:30pm LOW (Lochinvar)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00am St Mary's School Mass (Maitland)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</p>	<p><i>Please note, all care and attention is taken to ensure that times, dates and places are correct at time of publication. If you have any queries please contact the parish office.</i></p>	
<p>2</p> <p>12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer & Exposition (EM)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00pm Mass (EM)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Mass (Largs)</p> <p>7:00pm Prayer Group (see EM notice)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice)</p> <p>6:00pm RPC meeting</p>
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October 2017

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		<p>1 Oct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:15am Mass (Morpeth) 8:00am Mass (Rutherford) 8:20am Mass (Largs) 8:30am Mass (EM) 9:30am Mass (Lochinvar, Paterson) 11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM) 6:00pm Youth Mass (EM) 7:00pm Baptism Preparation (EM)
<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00am Mass (EM) 8:00am Adoration (E/M 7am-Sat 9am) 9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church) 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Mass + First Sat Devotions (EM) 2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice) 5:00pm Mass (EM) 6:00pm Mass (Beresfield) 6:30pm Mass (C Hill) 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:15am Mass (Morpeth) 8:00am Mass (Rutherford) 8:20am Mass (Largs) 8:30am Mass (EM) 9:30am Mass (Lochinvar, Paterson) 11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM) 2:00pm Funeral Ministry Dialogue (Therry Centre EM) 6:00pm Youth Mass (EM)
<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00am Mass (EM) 9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church) 10:30am Anoint Mass (Greenhills Lodge) 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am Mass/Reconciliation (EM) 2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice) 5:00pm Mass (EM) 6:00pm Mass (Beresfield) 6:30pm Mass (C Hill) 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:15am Mass (Morpeth) 8:00am Mass (Rutherford) 8:20am Mass (Largs) 8:30am Mass (EM) 9:30am Mass (Lochinvar, Paterson) 11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM) 6:00pm Youth Mass (EM)
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This month of youth groups has been one of the most rewarding and fun months, filled with laughter, singing and lots of yummy food.

On the 1st September we hosted a disco for our kids, to raise funds for the young people of our Chisholm region who will be attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The night of the disco revealed that the kids who attended knew how to dance. We send a huge thank you to Chris from Majestic Music who kept us all entertained with his music, games and prizes. Thanks also goes to the youth volunteers who assisted with the running of the canteen, supervision of the students, and for the many hours behind the scenes organising and assisting.

Lochinvar

The kids at Lochinvar have spent the past term proving to us that many of the greatest characters in their community come from the students of their school. These children have been consistently focussed on God throughout our Gospel discussions and our liturgies, in which they are invited to offer a personal prayer to God. These prayers serve to show that our kids are aware of current events and attentive to the suffering of the poor, sick and homeless.

They have also shown us some hidden talents through their father's day craft bags, hand sewn and decorated by the children. Each was an individual work of beauty and was made with love and care.

We look forward to our next term with them and the excitement of Spring, which allows us to leave the confines of the hall for the open spaces of the playground.

East Maitland

Our youth group kids at East Maitland have proven to be a very mixed bag of personalities, but this hasn't stopped them from all getting along and working with each other. They too have an excessive amount of energy; however, it is often redirected towards teamwork or a desire to win at the games we are playing.

We had a father's day reflection which focussed not only on our earthly fathers, but also on our Father in heaven, and how he cares for us and loves us. The children were asked to write a prayer or letter to God expressing their love for him. Some of the beautiful words of reflection included "Dear God, I love you as much as You love me." Many of the other reflections expressed similar sentiments, as well as thanks for being their Father in heaven and keeping them safe.

A sadness came to our youth group, with the departure of one of our most faithful Youth Groupies. Andrew came to us as a candidate for the RCIC program, and since then he has been a regular at both our youth group and our Sunday Youth Mass, always willing to do a job or help out on music ministry. His famous catchphrase from youth group, "**Can we start the Game**", as well as his sparkling personality and kindness, will be missed. We wish Andrew and his family all the best in their move to Melbourne.

Largs

At Largs we have been focusing on treating others with kindness and using positive words and actions to create a safe and happy place for each other.

Each week we are blessed to have Cathy cook a meal for us to share during youth group. Cathy has been on holidays and we have been preparing dinner at the hall. It's been wonderful to see the eagerness



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of the kids to get in and help me prepare dinner. I'm so proud of their efforts and it makes me happy to see them work together.

Senior Youth Group

Our senior youth group has sadly dwindled in numbers but our few but faithful enjoy a night of food, good conversation, and games suited to the senior students.

For those who have forgotten, our senior youth group is held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, starting with Youth Mass at 6pm, followed by some good tasty dinner, and games in the Therry centre. It is open to all high school students, and is a great opportunity to get to know other students better, and to spend some time away from the stress of homework.



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CHISHOLM YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

Quick Tip:

Prayer can be thought of according to the acronym ACTS:

A-Adoration

C-Contrition (sorrow for sins)

T-Thanksgiving

S-Supplication (special intentions)

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!

Parish News - Rutherford

COLLEEN CANNY REPORTING FOR ST PAUL'S AT RUTHERFORD



students are involved with weeding and watering the gardens.

Saint Paul's Canteen has informed the students on their specific needs for canteen supply. Hopefully in the future fresh food can be made available for our people in need.

I was then taken to view the **worm farm**, where there were thousands of worms!! and the excreta is used for fertilization of the gardens. The children were guided by the expertise of Mr Drew Henman, also a teacher at Saint Paul's.

AND THERE WAS MORE!!

We then proceeded into Saint Christopher's Garden, where the students are involved in their gardens care. The **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation Program** commenced. **The Philosophy is, Growing, Harvesting, Preparing and Sharing.** Each week the students rotate working in the garden, and then rotating to the cooking. The program is voluntary, and is open to students from Grade three to Grade six, and the older students activate as leaders.

This program is educational on many levels teaching about food, the children experience growing, gathering, preparing, cooking and eating produce they have grown. This provides invaluable skills in food safety and domestic duties.

I witnessed all of these procedures on my visit. The produce was gathered and a recipe was followed for that particular day. The decided meal for that day was Caesar Salad, the students twelve in number commenced their preparation under the very watchful eye of **Lee Russell**, mother of Alex a year six student. She is indeed a very passionate home cook, who believes where possible to use **fresh seasonal produce.**

During the morning a safety lecture was given on using kitchen utensils, a most important concept. The preparation was supervised by a very committed experienced group of ladies, mostly grandmothers who gave instruction and support to the children preparing and following the recipe. Lee Russell was very involved and supervised the process. The students carried out the duties in a very sensible way. Tables were then set in preparation for the meal.

The food was placed on platters on each table to be shared with the students' helpers, and on this occasion, Mrs Campbell (teacher), Mother Moira from Saint Christopher's, and of course myself.

Jugs of fresh water and the homemade mayonnaise were placed on each on each table. I was surprised how the students, followed all of these functions so well.

I think a big thank you must go to Mr Philip Burgess, teacher at Saint Paul's, Mrs Lee Russell, mother of a Saint Paul's student Alex. Mother Moira for providing an area for this **Cooking Programme.** All of the volunteering ladies supervising the cooking, and preparing the meal and of course helping with the cleaning. Also our male volunteers helping and maintaining the gardens. The program are looking for more volunteers to help maintain the gardens any small help would be appreciated.

Well done Saint Paul's another wonderful initiative for our Saint Paul's Students and School.

I received an invitation from Saint Paul's Primary School, to visit their Gardening Program. On arrival, I was greeted by the students who were on roster for their gardening duties.

I believe the program was the brainstorm of Mr Philip Burgess, who with the help of Mr Sabotic and his Dad, and Mr Gwilyn Siebel they built a very upmarket chicken pen, and established some fruit and vegetable gardens. **And It All Began.**

I can say these chickens are very much loved maybe over loved, I was spoken to regarding the method I was holding the chickens and was given some instruction accordingly. The eggs were all dated so they're used by their date.

The canteen is provided with these free range eggs for the students' lunches, as well as fresh tomatoes, lettuce, capsicums, onions and cucumbers. The



Parish News - Rutherford



COLUMBARIUM: Parish Office 4933 8918; HALL BOOKINGS: Adrian 4932 5601

Parish News - Morpeth

September has been a busy month with our special Fathers' Day Mass celebrated on 3rd September.

Our next big event was the trivia Night on Friday. A small crowd of enthusiastic trivia buffs put their collective minds to the test. The winners on the night, a family affair took home a heap load of prizes and by all reports the wine and chocolates have been the hit of the weekend's partying. A special thanks go to Vicki Griffin and David the quiz master for their efforts. Although there was only one winning table we all came away with increased knowledge and a realisation that even our knowledge of the local area is somewhat deficient. More study will be required before next year's event.

On Friday morning the 15th, four classes from St. Aloysius along with parishioners, parents and grandparents attended Mass, celebrated by Fr. Joyce. It was a joyous celebration as we reflected on events which remind us of our on-going faith over time. The children were made aware of the dedicated devotion to the faith of Shirley Mills and Eunie Morris as they celebrated their 90th birthdays. Fr. Joyce provided them with a special blessing and twin girls from St. Aloysius presented them with a bouquet of flowers to mark their special day.

We pray that the example of these two women will inspire the pupils to build on their faith development as they progress through their years at St. Aloysius. We also remembered and reflected on the life of Peter Bowe who passed away earlier in the week. Peter was a much loved and committed member of the Morpeth parish and will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him. He loved his catholic faith and this was reflected in his regular attendance at Mass whenever possible.

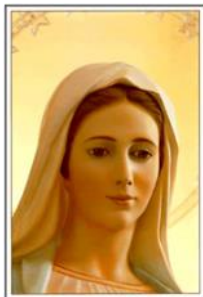
On Sunday 17th, we celebrated our Community breakfast following the 7.15am Mass. The numbers were a little down as the cold morning enticed some regulars to stay in bed for that little extra warmth. Nevertheless, the food was plentiful and delicious and all who attended enjoyed the spirit of community sharing. Our final big breakfast for 2017 will be to celebrate our Parish Feast day on Sunday 10th December. A special thanks to all those who contributed items for the school back packs for the refugee children settling in our community. Your contribution was most appreciated by those involved in the project.

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: 4th October, 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: 6th October 2017.** ALL WELCOME!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS – 7th October 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 17th October 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!**

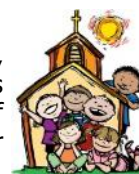
SOCIAL GROUP - WIDOWS, SINGLES, DIVORCED - Next outing please contact Barbara 4934 3862.

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.

Junior Joey's Playgroup: With the end of year fast approaching we have a fun-filled Term 4 program planned, with several big excursions and lots of fun learning experiences planned. Don't forget it is never too late to join us and new families are always welcome, even if it is only for one Monday. If you are planning to join us for one of our **excursions** this term, **please let Christine know** as soon as you can so that she can ensure we book for enough people.



Week 2 – 16 th October 2017	Excursion – Hunter Valley Zoo (Please contact Christine ASAP)
Week 3 – 23 rd October 2017	Celebrations Week – Come and celebrate the birthdays
Week 4 – 30 th October 2017	Saints Alive – Come and share your favourite Saint with us. Dress up and bring a book / story about them to share.
Week 5 – 6 th November 2017	Making Music - share your love of music making music and your own instrument
Week 6 – 13 th November 2017	Excursion – Ten Pin Bowling at Rutherford
Week 7 – 20 th November 2017	Teddy Bears Picnic – Bring your favourite Teddy Bear and join us for a picnic on the lawn.
Week 8 – 27 th November 2017	Advent – Preparing for Christmas
Week 9 – 4 th December 2017	Christmas Party

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. There are some occasions where we need to change venue at short notice, so please contact Christine 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!

2018 Planning ahead – Due to changing circumstances Christine is currently looking for someone else to help out with playgroup, this may also mean a change of day. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry into 2017 please contact Christine ASAP possible. Also, Christine would love to hear from any families who currently can't make playgroup on a Monday but a change to a Friday morning may suit them better for 2018? Thank you again for your ongoing support and prayers for our ministry.

Parish News - Maitland / Largs / Paterson

SACRED HEART, CAMPBELL'S HILL



We are very proud to be associated with the Dominican Sisters of the Maitland Priory. Over many years they have nurtured and taught our Children / Grandchildren / Great Grandchildren and so it could go on and on over the last 150 years.

We pray for our Dominican Sisters as they celebrate the anniversary of their Order when they arrived in our country. We give thanks to God for the hard work that they have given and continue to do, by ministering to our communities, may they be blessed with courage and wisdom and continue to educate those around them.

As part of the ongoing celebrations of the sesquicentenary of the arrive of the Dominican Sisters in Maitland on 10th September, 1867, Bishop Bill, assisted by Frs Anthony Walsh OP, Paul O'Neill and Maurie Cahill, presided at Mass at St John's Chapel, followed by lunch at Monte Pio on Tuesday 12th September.

St Mary's celebrates 150 years with a garden party

The garden party held at [St Mary's Campus, All Saints College](#), on Sunday, 10th September, to mark the sesquicentenary of the arrival of the Dominican Sisters in Maitland, was not the first such occasion to take place in the beautiful grounds, and hopefully it will not be the last.



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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).

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Parish News - OLOL Beresfield

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 6.00PM: It will be 40 years since the Blessing and Opening of Our Lady of Lourdes Church Beresfield on 9th October 1977. 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 endeavour 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.

MAJOR MAINTENANCE WORKS ARE UNDERWAY AT OLOL CHURCH: A brief update. The workers were forced to take some time off in August as they all came down with the flu. Some timber around the rotten joints on the north fascia was removed so that new boards could be sourced. These are now being pre-primed and work is due to commence again on Monday 18th September.



OLOL LENDING LIBRARY OF SPIRITUAL BOOKS: The Pastoral Team of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at Beresfield is pleased to advise that our lending library of spiritual books will be available by the end of September or early October. 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 are 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: Beginning on Tuesday 24th October at OLOL school Tarro. For full details please see the sections in the following pages.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Beginning on Tuesday 7th November OLOL school Tarro. For full details please see the sections in the following pages.

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 parish community is invited to join with the children and teachers of OLOL Tarro to worship at this parish Mass together. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Parish mid-week Mass during October due to the school holidays.**

ADVENT ANOINTING MASS: Beresfield Parish Advent Anointing Mass will be celebrated at OLOL church on Wednesday 29th November at 9.30am. The parish community is invited to join with us as we worship at this parish Mass together. The Anointing Mass will be followed by morning tea in the meeting room.

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.

POLISH MASS: The next Polish Mass to be celebrated at OLOL Church will be at 8.00am on Sunday 22nd October.

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 24th October 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 October, Tuesday 10th October, in the Parish Meeting room, at 7.00pm. Everyone is invited to join us.



RE MATTERS



Can you answer these questions if your child should ask?

What is Project Compassion?
When can Sister say the prayers in Church?
Why are ashes used in a Mass early in the year?

What is Reconciliation?
What is the difference between Mass and a Liturgy?
What is Mass?

Why do you "bob down" before you sit in the seat?
Who makes First Eucharist?
What is Lent?

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

Adults are being offered an opportunity to have these questions and any others answered in informal information sessions. These sessions aim to help adults to gain a better understanding of the Catholic faith.

It is an opportunity to ask questions.

Whether or not you belong to the Catholic community - your questions can be answered.

Maybe you see that things have changed since you were at school - your questions can be answered.

Have you ever asked yourself 'I wonder why they do that?'

Titled 'Conversations about Catholics,' these nonthreatening meetings will help you answer the children's questions or possibly some questions of your own. It will also give you confidence when preparing you child for the sacraments. The sessions are open to all.

Tuesday 24th October - 11:30am Conversations about Catholics in Chapel at school.

Wednesday 1st November - 9:30am All Saints Day Mass followed by Conversations about Catholics Morning Tea in Chapel at school.

Tuesday 21st November - 9:30am Conversations about Catholics in Church at Beresfield.

Tuesday 28th November - 9:30am Conversations about Catholics in Chapel at school.

If you intend to come along please email me your name to help with catering and photocopying. Many thanks.

Have a great week.

David Treloar
Religious Education Coordinator.
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Parish News - Lochinvar

Please keep the parishioners & members of our community attending the 2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage in your prayers.

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



RE MATTERS



Altar Serving Training



It has been a long term goal of mine to provide altar serving training for those who wish to serve in our school/parish Masses. Becoming an Altar Server, is not just a commitment and a duty, but it is a great honour, a genuine Holy Service.

“The altar server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration. The Altar Server presents himself to a community and experiences firsthand that Jesus Christ is present and active in every liturgical act.”
Pope John Paul II.

Nothing is more important than the Mass. It is the heart and soul of our worship of God. To be an Altar Server at Mass is to serve God himself.

With the Help of Sam Hill from the Chisholm Region, we will be running 4 training sessions at school. Our aim is to prepare the children in readiness for our End of Year School Mass on the 6th December 2017. All children who train will have specific roles on the altar at this mass and masses in the future.

There are only two restrictions on becoming an Altar Server.

- 1) The boys and girls need to be baptised Catholic.
- 2) The boys and girls need to have received their First Eucharist.

If you have any questions, you can email me on the address below.

Please fill in the form below if your child/ren would like become an Altar Server.

David Treloar Religious Education Coordinator. David.treloar@mn.catholic.edu.au

Tuesday 7th November - 2:00pm to 3:00pm Altar serving training. School Chapel

Tuesday 21st November - 2:00pm to 3:00pm Altar serving training. School Chapel.

Tuesday 28th November - 2:00pm to 3:00pm Altar serving training. School Chapel.

Tuesday 5th December - 2:00pm to 3:00pm Altar serving training. School Chapel.

Wednesday 6th December - End of Year Parish School Mass. 5pm followed by carols.

Mr Treloar

My child _____ in class _____ would like to become an Altar Server.

I understand there are 4 training sessions to be held at the school.

Signed: _____



Happy 90th Birthday
 Shirley and Eunie

Photo ©Aurora

On Friday morning the 15th, four classes from St. Aloysius along with parishioners, parents and grandparents attended Mass at the Immaculate Conception church Morpeth, celebrated by Fr. Joyce. It was a joyous celebration as we reflected on events which remind us of our on-going faith over time. The children were made aware of the dedicated devotion to the faith of Shirley Mills and Eunie Morris as they celebrated their 90th birthdays. Fr. Joyce provided them with a special blessing and twin girls from St. Aloysuis presented them with a bouquet of flowers to mark their special day.

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