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EAST MAITLAND

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Cnr Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave,  
BERESFIELD

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

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All baptised members of the community

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**Message from Fr Paul O'Neill**

My Sisters & Brothers,

On Sunday the 9th June we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost. This feast celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit gifting the early church with the courage to go out and spread the good news about the risen Christ. The feast of Pentecost draws to a conclusion the 50-day season of Easter.

More than ever these days in our broken Church we need the gift of the Holy Spirit to bring us forgiveness for our sinfulness and to give us courage to find new ways of spreading the Gospel.

The Sunday before Pentecost marks the beginning of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Our parish at Morpeth will be hosting an Ecumenical service at 7.00pm at the Immaculate Conception church with other Christians. All are welcome. It is wonderful that we can work together with our fellow Christians to spread the good news.

On the long weekend 7th -10th June I will be attending the Diocesan Cursillo weekend with some of our parishioners and others from our Diocese. It is not too late to register for this enriching weekend. Cursillo means a short course. It begins at 7.30pm on Friday 7th June and concludes at 5.30pm on Monday 10th June. It will be held at Point Wolstoncroft Sport & Recreation Centre, Kanangra Drive, Gwandalan, NSW, which is on the Swansea side of Lake Macquarie. The cost of the weekend is \$295pp, all meals are included and accommodation is on a shared basis. If you wish to attend please contact our parish office for a registration form, and if you need any further information please contact myself.

We congratulate the 215 children across our six parishes who have just receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray that that gift of the Holy Spirit will lead them and help them grow in their Christian faith. We also pray that their families, their sponsors and our parish communities will continue to nurture the faith of these young people.

A very simple prayer I love when I need help from the Holy Spirit is "*Come, Holy Spirit*". If we pray that prayer I guarantee the Holy Spirit will come.

With Love  
Fr Paul



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## Sacraments of Initiation 2019

During May we witnessed 215 children from our Chisholm Pastoral region being confirmed. These liturgies were beautiful and moving thanks to Bishop Bill, Fr Andrew Doohan V.G., Fr Paul and Fr John, our Sacramental team members, people from the music ministry and local teams. We are so thankful and lucky to have so many people who help our families and their children along their sacramental journey.

*The children are now to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in June  
Below are some important dates*



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION meeting

Parent and children preparation meetings will be held at 7pm at  
Rutherford - Tuesday 28th May  
East Maitland - Wednesday 29th May  
Beresfield - Thursday 30th May

Please bring your work books to this meeting

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS DATES

Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield	Saturday, 6.00pm - 15th June and 22nd June
Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill	Saturday, 6.30pm - 15th June
Immaculate Conception, Morpeth	Sunday 7.15am - 16th June
St Paul's, Rutherford	Sunday, 8.00am - 16th June and 23rd June
Holy Family, Largs	Sunday 8.20am - 16th June and 23rd June
St Patrick's, Lochinvar	Sunday, 9.30am - 16th June and 23rd June
St Columba's, Paterson	Sunday 9.30am - 23rd June
St Joseph's, East Maitland	Saturday 5.00pm - 15th June and 22nd June Sunday 8.30am - 16th June and 23rd June Sunday 6.00pm - 16th June and 23rd June

*Please keep all our children, their families and our Sacramental team in your prayers.*

### LAY LED FUNERAL LITURGIES AND SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS IN ANTICIPATION OF EUCHARIST

Now that we have only two priests working full time across our six parishes and eight worshipping communities, we are reliant on other priests to supply Masses. If we are unable to obtain supplies it will be necessary to offer in some communities "Sunday Celebrations in Anticipation of Eucharist" led by a lay person or a Deacon. We are asking each community to submit names of people in their community who are trained and available to lead Sunday Celebrations.

Also since we have many funerals across our six parishes sometimes a priest is not available for a funeral and if the funeral is not a Mass, but a Liturgy of the Word, a lay presider will be able to lead that funeral.



# St Vincent de Paul Society

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## WINTER APPEAL 2019

### **“HELP END THE PAIN OF POVERTY”**



This winter, thousands of Australians like Ruby (pictured) will struggle to make ends meet. After her husband died a decade ago, Ruby found herself living alone, barely able to pay for food or cover the cost of rent. Like many older Australians living in poverty, Ruby felt forgotten.

By supporting the Winter Appeal, you will be able to provide vital assistance to older Australians to remove some of the stress of living in poverty. Thanks to people’s generosity, Ruby has been helped with the essentials to take the pressure off making ends meet. However, the biggest difference for Ruby was the support she received from dedicated Vinnies volunteers. “I appreciate the food and help, but I love having someone visit me for a chat. That makes my day” said Ruby.

Older Australians are among many in the community who are struggling to cope – single parents with young children, the unemployed, the disabled and those coping with mental health issues. Well over 2 million people, including more than 600,000 children, live below the internationally accepted poverty line.

The Winter Appeal this year supports those who are attempting to rebuild their lives against the odds. In the face of adversity and limited government support, they remain resolute in protecting their families – doing heroic things under immense pressure.

We know that there is no quick fix solution to poverty. However, by donating to the Society’s Winter Appeal, **we can help end the pain of poverty**, and give people like Ruby an opportunity to better their lives. All donations received will be used to support people in the local area.

**The Appeal is to be conducted in parishes throughout the Chisholm region on the weekend of 8/9 June.**

We thank you for your continuing support over past years, and in anticipation of your generous support for this year’s Appeal.

Michael Healy  
Regional President

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## ***The History of the Catholic Church in the Maitland Area***

*"To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?" -**Marcus Tullius Cicero***

Over the coming months we would like to share with the community a little of the history of the Catholic Church in the Maitland area.

Let's begin with excerpts from the work of Father Lex Levey, Parish Priest of St Joseph's East Maitland at the time of its sesquicentenary 34 years ago. The Preface by Fr Levey in the booklet **"St Joseph's Parish East Maitland 150 years 1835-1985"** published for the sesquicentenary, acknowledges the resources that were used in the publication and highlights the significance of the region in Australia's history.

*It begins.....*

### **CATHOLICISM IN MAITLAND**

We pass over the coming and going of the "convict priests" and the deportation of Rev. Father J. O'Flynn as none of these ever came to the Diocese of Maitland. But Father O'Flynn's deportation to England by Governor Macquarie raised such a storm in the British Parliament that two Catholic chaplains, Father Philip Connolly and Father John Joseph Therry, were appointed to New South Wales. They arrived in Sydney in May, 1820.

It is certain that each of these priests visited the northern settlements and that they were the first to do so.

The first priest ever in the Newcastle-Hunter Valley area was the unsung Father Connolly. Father Connolly visited Newcastle and then Port Macquarie in 1822.

This was the first visit of any priest to our Diocese and the first and only visit of Father Connolly. He chose to go to Hobart and spent many years there in what was then the more difficult situation. Father Therry remained in New South Wales and became the founder of the Church in this State and really in this continent.

We say that Father Connolly was the first priest in the Diocese of Maitland. Whether he said Mass here is, of course a matter of debate. He would certainly have said Mass at Port Macquarie and fulfilled the other duties of the official chaplain at that place.

Concerning Newcastle and his activity there, we have no record. The commandant was not friendly and that would probably exclude his visiting the convicts, but it would not prevent the priest saying Mass.

Probably then, to Father Connolly, must go the honour and credit of saying the first Mass in the Diocese of Maitland as we know it.

### **FATHER THERRY AND THE HUNTER RIVER MISSION**

Whatever about the unsupported assumptions of Father Therry's visits to so many other places in New South Wales, there can be no doubt about these visits to Newcastle, Maitland, Singleton and the Hunter River. The first of these visits certainly took place in the late 1820's and very likely in the early years of that decade.

The two chaplains, Father Connolly and Father Therry, arrived in Sydney in May 1820. There is evidence that Father Therry was in Maitland before 1829.

The first resident Bishop of Maitland, Bishop Murray, speaking on one occasion, repeated a conversation he had with a resident of East Maitland, who told him that his mother had been baptized by Father Therry before the town had been established on the site chosen by Major Mitchell who surveyed the area for the two townships.

That would set the date as early as 1829 at the latest.

We will show later that he had established the Church of St Joseph at East Maitland by 1830.

Many of the early visits were rushed and hurried. The so-called modern grapevine was working then perhaps even better than it is today; the word would come through that the priest was needed here or needed there, that an execution was scheduled to take place; a soul was about to meet its Maker. It is not for no reason that the church of St Joseph at East Maitland faces Stockade Hill, the place of execution.

### **PREFACE**

Trying to write a history of more than 150 years is a big undertaking. In this booklet I have gathered bits and pieces from here and there. I am no historian and have never before undertaken such a task. St. Joseph's is deeply indebted to Father Harold Campbell, the Diocesan historian, for permission to reprint sections of his book "Centenary — The Diocese of Maitland — 1866-1966". The early history of the Diocese is also the early history of East Maitland for it all began here. Many parishioners have also been good enough to delve into their own memorabilia and lend photographs for this publication. We also pay tribute to the Maitland Mercury and Newcastle Morning Herald who over the years have reported important events in our history some of which are reproduced here.

Sister Colleen Kelly has been responsible for the work on the Sisters of Mercy who have given their energies and zeal to our Parish since 1885. I thank Sister for her contribution.

I have not had the time nor do I have the expertise to present a fine and scholarly researched account of our 150 years of Parish life. What is here presented is an attempt to record some of the events of those years. I ask your forgiveness for any omissions and ask that you accept this work in the spirit in which it is presented.

I would like to place on record the work of many, many people — too many to mention — who by their willing labours made the celebration of the Sesquicentenary of St. Joseph's Parish such a success and a fitting commemoration of 150 years of Catholic life in East Maitland.

## ***The History of the Catholic Church in the Maitland Area cont'd***

The first St Joseph's stood on the same spot and the Catholic Chapel and the gibbet faced each other across the narrow valley bisecting Stockade Hill.

Before the chapel was built, it was on the same spot that the condemned man could confidently expect that Father Therry would be waiting to meet him before the gallows did their ghastly work.

*To be continued.....*

## **SAFETY AND WELLNESS within our Region**

With the support of the Diocesan Safety and Wellness Business Partner (Safety and Wellness encompasses Work Health and Safety) our region is working towards implementing some procedures which will help us to ensure that what we do and how we do it is the safest possible process. Some may say we are all becoming over zealous when it comes to following procedures but these are all put into place to help our Church to be a safer place for everyone.

Everywhere these days, whether it is a work place, or recreational field or place of worship, is required to complete Risk Assessments on new activities and Incident Reports on anything which may be classed as an incident e.g. a slip, fall or even a near miss. There is no reason why our Church should not follow the same rules. Over the next few months this risk assessment process will be implemented, commencing with the introduction of a WHS Committee. Their role will be to help our volunteers work through the required changes which will enable us to meet with legislation requirements. It is our hope that everyone within the Region will support and encourage this process so any changes, which may need to be implemented, are met with a positive attitude.

### **WHAT IS A RISK ASSESSMENT AND WHEN ARE THEY REQUIRED**

- Any church activity, which may have a risk of injury, should have a risk assessment completed by the people who will be involved in the activity.
- The Assessment form can be completed with the support of staff within the parish office BUT it is required that the people involved in the activity should be mainly involved in completing the form
- Risk Assessments are then reviewed and processes implemented to reduce the chance of any identified risks, (possible injuries to people). This too can be done with support by the office in consultation with the people involved with the activity
- If an incident does occur then the completed Risk Assessment gives evidence that we have given due diligence in carrying out our responsibility under the Work Health & Safety legislation
- Volunteers OR workers are required to work within the legislation
- The forms can be supplied by request to the Parish office and upon completion they should be returned.

Of course, there will be questions, these questions should be passed on to either Fr Paul, Fr John or anyone from the Parish Office so they can be answered. These questions and answers will be published in the Chisholm Connection for everyone to read.

*A question asked recently is "who will indemnify the people completing these risk assessments? After all individuals could be placed at financial risk should they be held personally responsible in the case of an accident...Perhaps because of the overhanging legal / financial risk on the individual, these risk assessments should be carried out by someone from the regional office, ie. a church employee rather than placing this responsibility on volunteers".*

### **Below is the reply from our Safety and Wellness Business Partner:**

Under the Work Health & Safety legislation, a volunteer has the same responsibilities as any employee of the Diocese.

**A risk assessment should be completed in consultation with the people who will be involved with the activity ensuring individuals have an awareness of the hazards, the controls, their role and the role of others in implementing those controls prior to undertaking the activity.**

Regarding personal indemnity; should an incident occur, during an investigation having a completed risk assessment provides evidence of a pro-active risk management approach to workplace health and safety, it supports our process of consulting with and involving workers in decisions impacting on their health and safety and the general safety culture within the Diocese

An individual/volunteer who has not completed a risk assessment but is undertaking a task where an incident/injury occurs can still be subjected to the investigation & legal process regarding liability. The risk assessment process reduces the risk of an incident/injury occurring and provides evidence of hazard identification and control implementation by the volunteers involved, protecting them from litigious action rather than placing them at risk.

In the next Chisholm Connection our WHS Committee will be introduced and also details relating to Incident Reports will be advised.

**If you would like to submit any questions, or if you feel you know of any risks within your community OR if you have witnessed an incident please feel free to send an email to [louise.gilchrist@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:louise.gilchrist@mn.catholic.org.au).**

# What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

**BAPTISM PROCESS:** PLEASE NOTE anyone wishing to have their child/children baptised within our region **MUST** attend a **Baptism Preparation Talk**. Completed Baptism registration forms and payment will be collected on this night. †Parents are urged to attend the Youth Mass as a family.

**NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:**  
 Sunday 2nd June 2019 (After Youth Mass)  
 Sunday 7th July 2019 (After Youth Mass)

† **BAPTISMS:** All enquiries for baptisms are to be lodged with the Regional Office; this includes private baptisms in our region. **4933 8918 / chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au.**

Chisholm Connection		
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JUNE	21st June	29th/30th June
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/School 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).

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.

† **Zimmerman Services** the child protection, healing and support agency of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland–Newcastle can be contacted 4979 1383.

† **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. Marion Riley 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 Warren Clarke on 4966 3683. 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.

† **PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION** If you are interested in finding out more about the Parish Cells of Evangelisation or joining a Parish Cell, please feel free to talk to Cell leaders at a parish near you. Contact Sam Hill on 0437 192 603 for leaders contact details. Monday 7pm East Maitland; Wednesday 7pm Metford; Thursday 1:30pm Metford.

† **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** helpers needed for the 8.30am Mass at St Joseph's East Maitland. If you are interested in assisting our leaders, please contact Sandra Buck 0425 281 674. Thank you.

### Some Useful Diocesan Links

Just Ctrl-click on link below:

[Diocesan Information Directory](#) - important contact information for the various agencies and groups.

[Liturgy page](#) - regularly updated

[Spirituality & Faith page](#) - regularly updated

[MNnews.today](#) - Diocesan News Service

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† **BERESFIELD PARISH: Would you like to join a Circle Dancing Group?** First Saturday of each month from 11.00am-1.00pm, Beresfield Parish Team invite you to gather with us in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish meeting room (March to October), to learn a very gentle circle dance. To best enjoy this spiritual and meditative activity wear loose and comfortable clothing. Donation \$10.00 / person / session. Funds raised will go to our Special Purpose Account. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a plate to share.

† **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** at St Paul's Rutherford 7.00pm Wednesdays. All welcome.

† **ST JOSEPH'S EAST MAITLAND SPIRITUAL LIBRARY** is set up in the prayer room at the side of the church 24 hours a day. Books are available for you to borrow and is run on an honour basis. Please note the date, your name and contact details in the book provided. This is a wonderful resource made available to you at no cost. **ADORATION** is held every Monday 12-1pm.

† **NEOPHYTES MASS** will be held on **Friday 7th June at 6.00pm** at **St Joseph's church, cnr Kendrick & Farquhar Sts, The Junction**. ALL Neophytes and those newly received into the Church, along with the families, sponsors, RCIA team members, fellow parishioners, priests, deacons and parish leaders, are warmly welcome to gather for the annual Neophyte Mass. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the gift of faith and for God's presence and action in our lives. Supper will follow in the Regional Centre. RSVP to [Sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:Sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au) by 31st May for catering purposes.

### **CURSILLO 7th-10th June 2019**

*Come journey with us as we share our faith stories - a weekend of meditations, prayers, songs and talks - at Point Wolstoncroft Sport & Recreation Centre, Kanangra Drive, Gwandalan on beautiful Lake Macquarie. Held on the June long weekend - Friday evening 7th June to Monday afternoon 10th June 2019. For details please contact Fr Paul.*

*Come and celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians! Please let us unite from all the parish centres of the Chisholm region, as we pray the holy rosary for the protection of Australia.*

*On Sunday 26th May, 2019 at 2.30pm in St Joseph's church East Maitland.*

*Our prayers will be joined with the prayers of thousands around Australia as part of the "OZ ROSARY #53" project. Together we are powerful!*

CHISHOLM REGIONAL

ASCENSION

# Kids Mass

SUNDAY 2nd June 6pm

St Joseph's East Maitland



ALL WELCOME TO JOIN IN  
It's especially for kids and families

† **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** First Friday of each month - from after Mass at 7am till 9am Saturday Mass at St Joseph's East Maitland. Next date: Friday 7th June 2019. All welcome.

### THE PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY IN 2019



Pentecost marks the launch of the next stage of preparation - *Listening and Discernment* - with the themes for national discernment announced. Applications and selections of Working Group Chairs and members, with one working group per theme developing Council papers for discussion at the first session of the Plenary Council. Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 on the website. [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

# What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

## Neophyte Mass

FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2019



All are  
welcome

**Time**  
6.00 pm

**Where**  
St Joseph's Church,  
Cnr Kendrick & Farquhar St  
The Junction

**Supper**  
Will follow Mass in the  
Regional Centre.

All Neophytes and those newly received into the Church, along with their families, sponsors, RCIA Team members, fellow parishioners, priests, deacons and parish leaders, are warmly welcome to gather for the annual Neophyte Mass.

This is an opportunity for all faithful to give thanks for the gift of faith and for God's presence and action in our lives.





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### THE WAY WE SEE THINGS

One day a father and his rich family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night on the farm of the very poor family. When they got back from their trip the father asked his son, 'My dear Son, how was the trip?' 'Very good Dad!' 'Did you see how poor people can be?' the father asked. 'Yeah!' 'And what did you learn?'

The son answered, 'I saw a lot, we have one dog at home, and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden, they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard, they have a whole horizon.'

When the little boy was finishing, his father was speechless. His son added, 'Thanks Dad for showing me how **poor we are!**'

Isn't it true that it all depends on the way we look at things? If we have love, friends, family, health, good humour and a positive attitude towards life we've got everything! We can't buy any of these things, but we can have all the material possessions we can imagine, provisions for the future etc., but if we view life meanly, or negatively, we have nothing. Attitude is everything! Decide to have a good, positive and productive attitude every day!

John Sheridan with permission Fr. Joseph Figurado

### Help Palms Achieve a World Free of Poverty

Share your skills with a community organisation in Asia or the Pacific to contribute to **sustainable solutions to poverty**. Our community partners have requested **teachers, nurses, tradies and more** to work alongside a local counterpart in 2020.

We welcome all those who envision **volunteering their skills overseas** in the next few years to **join our next training course**, starting in **Sydney on July 6th**. Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) or call Palms now on **02 9560 5333** for more details



**Please ensure that you update your WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** - Do you hold a Working with Children Check number? The Working With Children Check has been operating in NSW for nearly five years and some Working With Children (WWC) numbers expired from 15 June 2018. You will not need to apply for a new Working With Children Check but simply renew, and the WWC number will be valid for another 5 years. [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check)

**Special Religious Education (SRE)** is an important ministry that supports parents, students, clergy and parishes in the religious education of Catholic students attending government schools. SRE is often referred to as 'Scripture' and SRE volunteers may be referred to as Catechists or Scripture Teachers.

**How do I become an SRE volunteer?** Special Religious Education (SRE) teachers are volunteers who are authorised and commissioned by the parish priest to go into the classroom to teach religious education using an approved curriculum. Successful SRE volunteers have a love for children and communicate well with them. They are comfortable with being on a faith journey with the children and are willing to learn more about themselves and their faith. They will commit to attend classes punctually and regularly. Volunteers are required by law to have a Working with Children Check clearance and declare they have not committed offenses against children. There is regular child protection training including adherence to the Diocesan Code of Conduct. SRE is a great opportunity for university students and others. If you are interested in knowing more about becoming an SRE volunteer contact our Parish Office 49338918.



## What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

### My contribution to the Church

Each weekend at Mass the collections take place, normally the **1<sup>st</sup> collection** is immediately after the Prayers of intercession. The **2<sup>nd</sup> collection** timing may vary in parishes but normally it is taken up after communion.

**THE FIRST COLLECTION** provides for the priests of the Region: their monthly stipend, household food, cooking and cleaning expenses. Funds surplus to the local priests is forwarded to a central fund which provides for the health care of priests and for the care and upkeep of retired priests and the Bishop. Surplus funds do not stay in your parish.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** provides the income for all the running expenses of your parish - staff employment, insurance, maintenance for all our buildings, maintaining and operating the Regional Office, liturgical supplies, motor vehicle expenses for our clergy, any normal running expenses or regular repairs relating to the East Maitland Presbytery (as this is the home of our Regional Clergy), waste collection, and most importantly - parish and regional ministries and services e.g. the Funeral Ministry, Sacramental Programme, surplus funds stay in your parish.

#### WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

First Collection: There is only one way to contribute and this is via your weekly First Collection plate.

Second Collection: There are several ways that you can contribute to this collection:

1. **Cash** donations on the Second Collection
2. **Weekly Envelopes** (known as the planned giving scheme) which are placed in the Second Collection each weekend
3. **Periodical Contributions** in which a reminder letter can be sent to you by the Parish Office on a quarterly, half-yearly or yearly basis should you prefer to make a contribution according to these time periods. Credit card facilities are available should you wish to use them with this option
4. **Monthly automated contribution** via your Credit Card or direct deposit on a monthly basis according to a signed authority, offering a 'set and forget' option for those who would like to set up a regular system for their contributions.

**Tax Receipts** are available for some parishes if part of the planned giving funds are used for Diocesan charitable works. This does change from year to year and is dependant upon whether the parish has contributed to the Diocesan Contribution.

**NOTE: The Australian Tax Dept classes The Catholic Church a Not for profit organisation & not a charity**

If the parish has larger expenses throughout the year e.g. a major repair project OR our collection funds have reduced throughout the year, this may require Fr Paul to consult his Regional Finance Council and decide whether or not to contribute to the Diocesan Contribution for that year.

If the decision has been made to not contribute to the Diocesan contribution this means that NO tax receipt can be supplied due to the fact that 100% of your planned giving funds was used by the parish on the running costs and upkeep of the parish and not used for Charitable works by the Diocese.

This year the parishes who are able to claim tax receipts are still being calculated so I ask that you keep your eye on the bulletin in June for more information. If you wish to receive a tax receipt and your parish is able to supply one, a form will be required to be submitted to our office before 30th June so as soon as I can, details will be distributed relating to which parish can supply a tax return for part of your planned giving contribution.

A Summary of your contribution is always available at anytime. Please contact our parish office if you require one.

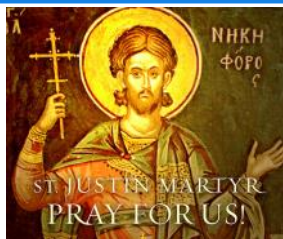
**School Building Fund Levy Rebate:** The Diocese has a policy that enables parents of children who attend our Catholic Schools, who contribute to their parish planned giving program, to obtain a partial or full exemption from paying the Diocesan Family School Building Levy (DFSBL) at their children's school. To obtain this rebate please contact the Parish Office.

**Becoming a planned giver:** If you wish to apply for Weekly Envelopes, set up a periodical contribution OR have a monthly contribution please contact the parish office.

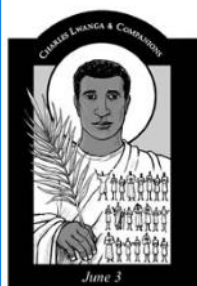
*If you have any questions relating to this notice please don't hesitate to contact Louise Gilchrist on 49338918.*

## Saints and Feasts in June 2019

**1st June. St Justin, martyr.** Died about 165 AD. Was born in Nablus, Samaria and, having studied Platonist philosophy, converted to Christianity at the age of about thirty three. As a lay apologist he travelled around preaching the faith, defending it from attack and writing works such as the Apologies and Dialogue. He was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Marcus Aurelius.



**2nd June. The ASCENSION of the LORD** The Ascension is a feast that celebrates the completion of the Lord's work on earth. On the other hand, it might be seen as a feast celebrating the beginning of the work of the church. He is now raised and has gone to his rightful place. What matters now is that the Church continues the work that he inaugurated.



**3rd June. St Charles Lwanga and companions** Charles Lwanga and his companions were African Catholics who died for their faith in Uganda in the 1880s. At the time Uganda was ruled by King Mwanga who persecuted Christians for their primary allegiance to God rather than their king. Charles Lwanga was the head of the royal page boys, some of whom he had baptised. One day all the pages were assembled and the Christians were separated from the group and arrested. Charles and his companions, many only boys, were martyred for their belief. The example of these passionate young Africans inspired many people who then became converts to Christianity

**5th June. St Boniface, bishop & martyr.**

Was born at Crediton in Devon (England) in about 673. As a child he entered a Benedictine community and in 716 set out for his first missionary expedition to Frisia. This was unsuccessful but he returned two years later, with papal approval, and evangelised much of southern Germany. He was eventually named Archbishop of Mainz. In his seventies he embarked on a new missionary enterprise in Holland but was martyred at Dokkum in Frisia and is buried at the monastery he had founded in Fulda Germany.



**6th June. St Norbert of Xanten,** (born c. 1080, Xanten, Duchy of Lower Lorraine [Germany] - died June 6, 1134, [Magdeburg](#), Saxony; canonised 1582; [archbishop](#) of Magdeburg and founder of the Premonstratensians (Norbertines, or White Canons), a congregation of priests. He was ordained in 1115. In 1119 Pope [Calixtus II](#) asked him to found a religious institute at Prémontré, Fr. With such

notable [disciples](#) as Hugh of Fosses and St. Evermod, he established his [community](#), the [Premonstratensians](#), in 1120. The congregation was dedicated to preaching, pastoral work, and education. Norbert adopted the rule of Bishop [St. Augustine](#) of Hippo for his new order. His monastery at Prémontré became the motherhouse of the Premonstratensians. He became archbishop of Magdeburg

in 1126, and was an important church figure four years later when he defended Pope [Innocent II](#), whose claim to the papacy was threatened by Antipope [Anacletus II](#). Norbert won the German church for Innocent's cause and influenced the German king Lothar II/III to defend Innocent.

**6th June. St Marcellin Champagnat, religious.**

(20 May 1789 – 6 June 1840) was born in Rozet, village of Marlhes, near St. Etienne (Loire), France. He was the founder of the Marist Brothers, a religious congregation of men in the Roman Catholic Church devoted to the Virgin Mary and dedicated to education. Champagnat was ordained as a priest in 1816, and was part of a group led by Jean-Claude Colin which founded the Society of Mary, a separate religious congregation to the Marist Brothers teaching order Marcellin founded later. After a long and painful illness, Champagnat died of cancer on 6 June 1840, aged 51.

"If you want to teach young people, first you must love them - love them all equally"

St Marcellin Champagnat



**9th June PENTECOST.** Jesus is departing from us, out of our sight. And yet, he continues to assure us of his continued presence through his gift of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost the Spirit of God - and through the Spirit, God's unconditional love - comes down upon the disciples, resting on each of them and thereby bringing them - and us - together once again.

**10th June. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.** Pope Francis has decreed that "the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church," should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost. The decree, signed by the two Vatican prelates, said "the joyous veneration" given to the Mother of God by the contemporary church "in the light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature" cannot ignore "the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church." It traced the history of this veneration down the centuries from the period of the early church as is reflected in the writing of St. Augustine (354-430) and St. Leo the Great, who was pope from 440-461. It recalled that St. Augustine said "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church" while St. Leo said "the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church."

**11th June. St Barnabas, apostle. St**

**Barnabas** was a Jew from the island of Cyprus. He was an apostle, although not one of the Twelve. It was Barnabas who introduced St Paul to the other apostles. Paul later joined Barnabas who had been sent to Antioch to lead the growing Christian community there. Together, Barnabas and Paul set out on the first missionary journey which began in Cyprus, but later they split up after an argument over their companion Mark (the author of the Gospel) who had returned to Jerusalem. Barnabas returned to Cyprus where he established the church and where he was also later martyred around the year 61AD.



**13th June. St Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor of the Church.** 1195-1231. was born in Lisbon (Portugal) and joined the Canons Regular of St Augustine and then the Franciscans at Coimbra. He became famous as a learned

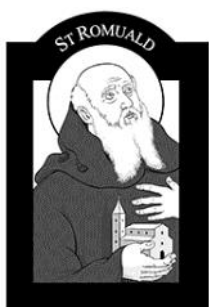
## Saints and Feasts in June 2019



theologian, eloquent preacher and worker of miracles- he is still popularly invoked for finding lost objects. He is known as the 'Evangelical Doctor' and was canonised the year after his death. Anthony died on the way back to Padua on 13 June 1231 at the Poor Clare monastery at Padua, aged 35. Anthony is buried in a chapel within

the large basilica built to honour him, where his tongue is displayed for veneration in a large reliquary.

**16th June, The Most Holy TRINITY** Jesus has taught the disciples all that they are to know and understand about the present time. What they need to know about the future will be revealed to them at the appropriate time and when the Paraclete, the Spirit comes. This means that, even when they are faced with the future which is uncertain, the Holy Trinity's presence will be with them. They are not alone. The Paraclete will not give a new teaching but will continue what Jesus has begun.



**19th June. St Romuald, abbot.** Born to a wealthy family in Ravenna, Italy in around 951. As a young man he lived a life of indulgence, but after witnessing his father kill a relative in a duel, Romuald went to the Basilica Sant'Apollinare and did 40 days of penance for his father. He became a monk there, but he felt that the observances were not strict enough, so he moved to Venice and lived the severe life of a hermit for 10 years. Romuald then spent the next 30 years travelling Italy,

founding and reforming monasteries and hermitages, before once again withdrawing to live his remaining years as a hermit.

**21st June. St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious.** 1568.1591. He belonged to one of the great Italian noble families and served as a page at several princely courts. At the age of eighteen he embraced a life of poverty and obedience by joining the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He showed great piety and died as a result of his heroic nursing of the plague-stricken in 1591. He has been declared protector of Students and patron of Christian youth.



**22nd June. Sts John Fisher (Bishop) & Thomas More; Martyrs.** Both were friends of King Henry VIII; John Fisher appointed as lifelong Chancellor of Cambridge University and Bishop of Rochester.



Thomas More served in Parliament as a diplomat, later becoming Lord Chancellor. Both were imprisoned and later beheaded for treason for refusing to recognise the king as sovereign of the church to enable himself to divorce.

**23rd June. The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi).** Today we reaffirm with great joy our faith in the Eucharist, the Mystery that constitutes the heart of the Church. This feast originated for the very precise purpose of openly reaffirming the faith of the People of God in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is a feast that was established

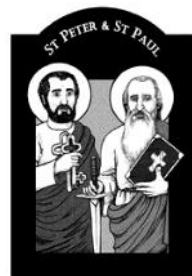
in order to publicly adore, praise and thank the Lord, who continues "to love us to the end", even to offering us His Body and His Blood. Corpus Christi is a renewal of the mystery of Holy Thursday, in obedience to Jesus' invitation to proclaim from "the housetops" what He told us in secret (Mt 10: 27). It was the Apostles who received the gift of the Eucharist from the Lord in the intimacy of the Last Supper, but it was destined for all, for the whole world. This is why it should be proclaimed and exposed to view: so that each one may encounter "Jesus who passes" as happened on the roads of Galilee, Samaria and Judea; in order that each one, in receiving it, may be healed and renewed by the power of His love.

**24th June. Nativity of St John the Baptist.** as told in the Gospel of Luke, begins with the Angel Gabriel appearing to John's father in the temple. Gabriel told Zachariah that his elderly wife Elizabeth was to have a son named John. When Zachariah left the temple he was unable to speak, for Gabriel had told Zachariah that he would be left mute until his son was born. After Elizabeth gave birth there was disagreement among the family's relatives over the naming of the baby. When they approached Zachariah he wrote, "His name is John". From that moment, Zachariah was able to speak again and he praised God and made a prophesy about John, saying: "You will be called the prophet of the Most High."

**28th June. The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus.** The devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Roman Catholic devotions, taking Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity. The devotion especially emphasises the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity. The origin of this devotion in its modern form is derived from a Roman Catholic nun from France, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, who said she learned the devotion from Jesus during a series of apparitions which occurred between 1673 and 1675. Pope Pius XI stated: "*the spirit of expiation or reparation has always had the first and foremost place in the worship given to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*". The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar since 1856, and is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost. As Pentecost is always celebrated on Sunday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart always falls on a Friday.

**29th June. Sts Peter and Paul, apostles:**

**St. Peter (died c.64).** Was the brother of Andrew and a Galilean fisherman. He was called by the Lord and, despite his obvious human weaknesses, eventually chosen as the leader of the Twelve, the 'rock' on which the Church was built. After Pentecost, he became particularly associated with Antioch and then Rome. He was crucified under the Emperor Nero and buried at the Vatican. He is the author of the epistle which bears his name.



**St Paul (died c.64/67).** Was a tentmaker from Tarsus (then capital of the Roman province of Cilicia, now in Turkey), a Pharisee and a Roman citizen. He was initially a persecutor of Christians but was converted by the Lord on his way to Damascus. He became the Apostle of the Gentiles, preaching the Gospel to the uncircumcised, reaching Greece, Italy, Malta and possibly even Spain. He was beheaded along the Via Ostiense and buried nearby, on this site where the basilica bearing his name now stands. He is the author of more than half the New Testament.

# Chisholm Region Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<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><b>3</b></p> <p>12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer &amp; Exposition (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Rutherford)</p> <p>7:30pm LOW (Rutherford)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:30am St Joseph's Primary School Mass (East Maitland)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:30am OLOL Primary School Mass (Tarro)</p> <p>12:00pm Mass (St John's Chapel, Maitland)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Largs)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (Largs)</p> <p>7:30pm Prayer Group (see EM notice)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice)</p> <p>10:00am St Joseph's High School Mass (Lochinvar)</p> <p>6:00pm RPC meeting</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>← CURSILLO WEEKEND</p> <p>12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer &amp; Exposition (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Rutherford)</p> <p>7:30pm LOW (Rutherford)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre)</p> <p>7:00pm Parish Team Meeting (OLOL Hall)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:30am Anoint Mass (Largs Nursing Home)</p> <p>12:00pm Mass (St John's Chapel, Maitland)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Largs)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (Largs)</p> <p>7:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice)</p> <p>10:00am St John's School Mass (Maitland)</p> <p>6:00pm RFC meeting</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer &amp; Exposition (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Rutherford)</p> <p>7:30pm LOW (Rutherford)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>10:30am Anoint Mass (EM - Therry Centre)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00am St Bede's School Mass (Chisholm)</p> <p>12:00pm Mass (St John's Chapel, Maitland)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Largs)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (Largs)</p> <p>7:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice)</p> <p>10:10am St Peter's School Mass (Maitland)</p> <p>7:00pm Meeting Communion Ministers to Sick (Therry Center)</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer &amp; Exposition (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Rutherford)</p> <p>7:30pm LOW (Rutherford)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:30am St Paul's School Mass (Rutherford)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00am Anoint. Mass (Benhome)</p> <p>12:00pm Mass (St John's Chapel, Maitland)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Largs)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (Largs)</p> <p>7:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice)</p> <p>10:00am St Mary's School Mass (Maitland)</p>

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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <p><i>Come Holy Spirit</i></p>	<b>1 Jun</b> 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)	<b>2</b> 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 Kids' Mass (EM) 7:00pm Baptism Preparation (EM) 7:00pm Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Service (Morpeth Church)
	<b>7</b> 7:00am Mass (EM) 8:00am Adoration (E/M 7am-Sat 9am) 9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church) 10:00am St Aloysius School Mass (Chisholm) 6:00pm Neophyte Mass (See Notices)	<b>8</b> CURSILLO WEEKEND SVdP WINTER APPEAL 2019 8:00am Mass/Reconciliation (EM) 2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice) 5:00pm Mass (EM) 6:00pm Mass (Beresfield) 6:30pm Mass (C Hill)
<b>14</b> 7:00am Mass (EM) 9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church) 11:00am Anointing Mass (Greenhill's Nursing Home)	<b>15</b> 7:30am Sons & Daughters of God (LOL church & meeting room) 8:00am Mass/Reconciliation (EM) 2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice) 5:00pm Mass First Holy Communion (EM) 6:00pm Mass First Holy Communion (Beresfield) 6:30pm Mass First Holy Communion (C Hill)	<b>16</b> 7:15am Mass First Holy Communion (Morpeth) 8:00am Mass First Holy Communion (Rutherford) 8:20am Mass First Holy Communion (Largs) 8:30am Mass First Holy Communion (EM) 9:30am Mass First Holy Communion (Lochinvar, Paterson) 11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM) 6:00pm Mass First Holy Communion (EM)
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## Parish News - St Paul's Rutherford

**COLLEEN CANNY** REPORTING FOR ST PAUL'S AT RUTHERFORD - MAY 2019



The Family Mass, with St Paul's School and the Parish was well attended, so nice to see the children participating in the Mass. We enjoyed the St Paul's Choir, who sang beautifully and was very much enjoyed by the Parish. I believe it will be included in the Church and school calendar during the year to continue this special occasion.

Easter at St Paul's has been busy, the Hot Cross promotion raising \$280 for the Rutherford Conference. Well done to the Mini Vinnie's.

Project Compassion was very well promoted at the school. The out of uniform day raising \$25. I was given the privilege of being one of the judges for the school colouring competition, this became a very serious judging, with Sister Joseph and a group of Mini Vinnie's being part of the judging team. A great deal of discussion taking place, with Sister Joseph declaring she had artistic skills it developed into a demanding judging.



Bradley, Sharon, Sister Joseph and myself visited the Opal Nursing Home with the Mini Vinnie's boys. The activity was outdoor lawn bowls. I found it really so nice to see the residents giving instruction to the boys on the art of lawn bowling. The boys being very receptive to the instruction given. A very nice activity for the St Paul's students and the residents.

A competition at the school run by Bradley suggested a Project Compassion Box competition, each class was given a Compassion box, of which they placed coin into for the need of the Bangladesh people in need. I find this hard to believe each box was weighed, and 50KG's weight was donated to this wonderful cause. Amount \$222.00. Well done!

On Sunday 10th April, we had Michael Healey visit at our Sunday morning St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting. Michael presented information from the gathering of the St Vincent de Paul presidents conference. One of the ideas presented was to learn to listen, a simplistic suggestion but very relevant to the ongoing stewardship of our Vinnie's during visitation, also, finding methods to recruit new members to assist with visitation, suggesting to provide times to suit the volunteers with their time restraints.

On the 24th May the Mini Vinnie's will be organising a **Sleep Out for the Winter Appeal**. I attended this sleep out last year, and I think we all realised what it was like to sleep out in very cold conditions.

## Parish News - St Paul's Rutherford cont'd

Our St Paul's School marched very proudly, at the Anzac march in High Street, Maitland. The march was attended by the local schools, so nice to see the children supporting this very special day.



Our second Gathering after Mass was a very well attended morning, **This time the Easter timeline was over biscuits on that occasion.** The Gathering this time had lots and lots of yummy array of plates of food. In general most people remained after Mass to enjoy the occasion. Following the concept of gathering and reaching out to our community. The trial will finish after the May Mass, however I feel this will continue, as our parishioners continue to reach out, to become familiar with their fellow parishioners.

**A big thank you to Gabby and Gemma, for their support.**

*Christian Meditation at St Paul's Rutherford 7.00pm Wednesdays. ALL WELCOME.*



**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - 1st June 2019** commences with Holy Rosary and Reconciliation at 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.00am. At the conclusion of Mass there are fifteen minutes of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during which time reconciliation is available. The morning devotions conclude with Benediction and a hymn to Our Blessed Mother. Everyone is invited to the Therry Centre for a catered morning tea after which our guest celebrant, Bishop William Wright will give a presentation entitled "THE EUCHARIST- FOOD FOR THE SOUL".

First Saturday Devotions are a response to the request made by Our Lady of Fatima that "On the First Saturday of every month, Communions of Reparation are to be made in atonement for the sins of the world " and blasphemies and offenses against Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

Our Lady's promises "to help at the hour of death, with graces necessary for salvation, whoever on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall:

1. Confess and receive Communion
2. Recite five decades of the Rosary (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful or Glorious Mysteries).
3. Keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on one or all of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

While keeping up with these devotions over five consecutive months is not easy, the reward for making the effort is eternal. So resolve to make the effort to do this devotion and pray for the grace to follow through to the end. Our Lady always gives grace to those who wish to faithfully carry out Her requests!

## Parish News - Maitland

### Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill

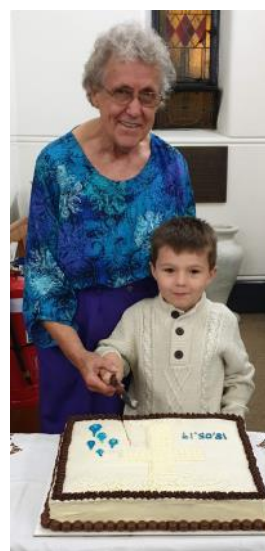
### Holy Family Largs

### St Columba's Paterson

During Our Vigil Mass at Campbell's Hill on Saturday Night Simon King Lloyd son of Simon and Richelle, received the Sacrament of Baptism.

There was a special feeling of the Holy Spirit in the Community as Father John Lovell baptized Simon. A cup of tea was enjoyed by all after Mass and Simon cut special cake to celebrate his Baptism.

As each picture tells a story.



**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).

### THE MOLECULE MENTOR

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## Parish News - OLOL Beresfield

**CIRCLE DANCING:** Would you like to join a Circle Dancing Group? Circle dancing is probably the oldest known dance formation and was part of community life from when people first started to dance. Dancing in a circle is an ancient tradition common to many cultures for marking special occasions, rituals, strengthening community and encouraging togetherness.



Please join us in the Parish meeting room on the **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month from March to October from 11.00am-1.00pm.** A member of our Parish will lead us in a very gentle circle dance. To best enjoy this spiritual and meditative activity wear loose and comfortable clothing. Donation \$10.00/person/session. Funds raised from this Parish Activity will go to our Special Purpose Account. We will also enjoy some morning tea together. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a plate to share. Everyone welcome.

Save the dates:

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
2nd	6th	4th	1st	6th	3rd	7th	5th

**SATURDAY MORNING MASS – 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH:**

The next Saturday morning Mass will be at 9.00am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2019 – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES – 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE:** Please join us for a cuppa as we gather together after these very special Masses to congratulate the children making their First Holy Communion, along with their families.

**REFUNDABLE CANS / BOTTLES.** Two wheelie bins are located outside the entrance of the church – at Mass times only. Refundable type cans or bottles ONLY (rinsed out first please) should be placed in the appropriately labelled bin, one bin for cans and one for bottles. The collected cans and bottles will be taken to the recycle refund collection station and the refund deposited into our Special Purpose Account.

**OLOL LENDING LIBRARY OF SPIRITUAL BOOKS:** Books of this kind are not always readily available, so this is an opportunity for any parishioners to have easy access to material which can satisfy curiosity and enrich understanding and appreciation of our shared faith. The books are available at the front of the Church on Saturday nights before and after Mass.

**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.

**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 participate.

**POLISH MASS:** The next Polish Mass will be celebrated at OLOL Church, **8am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**.

**BERESFIELD PARISH MID-WEEK MASS** is celebrated at OLOL Tarro on the first Wednesday of each month during school term. The parish community is invited to join the children and teachers of OLOL Tarro to worship at this Mass. **The next mid-week Mass will be at 9.30am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

**LADIES SOCIAL GROUP:** The ladies group meet on an informal basis on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from February to November. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am in the Parish meeting room**. You are warmly invited to join us.

**PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING:** - Next meeting - **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, in the Parish Meeting room, at 7.00pm**. All parishioners welcome.

## Parish News - St Patrick's Lochinvar

St. Patrick's parish council meet on the third Monday of the month at 6.15pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to attend and join in the discussions. Please contact the Parish Leader Tony Towers on 0437 280 147.

## Parish News - St Joseph's East Maitland

### **NEWS FROM THE PARISH TEAM**

There have been lots of positive comments received about the **Easter Triduum Liturgies** and I would like to acknowledge and thank all those involved. The attendance at the various liturgies was great with parishioners from neighbouring parishes joining us allowing for active and fruitful participation by all.

The team are hoping for a great turn out at the upcoming **Parish Meeting** to be held in St Joseph's church **following the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. Fr Paul will be attending. One of the matters to be addressed is a concern raised by a parishioner as to how the collections are currently conducted and ways that this may be improved. The meeting will also be an opportunity for parishioners to raise any issues they have so that the team may be able to work towards resolving them. Parish team members, collectors and all interested parishioners are encouraged to attend.

A 'cuppa' will be served after Masses on the weekend of **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June**. As the weather is getting a little cooler, we will set up in the front foyer so everyone can enjoy a warm *cuppa* and get to know their fellow community members. If anyone is able to bring a plate to share it would be greatly appreciated.

**Congratulations** to all the children who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** recently. The parish community is looking forward to celebrating with you when you receive your First Holy Communion at the Parish Masses in June. Thank you to the families and Sacramental team who have guided the children on their sacramental journey.



May the Holy Spirit light your way so that your  
FAITH and LOVE grow stronger everyday.

There are a number of opportunities in our parish for **Worship & Prayer**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**First Saturday Devotions 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Begins at 8.30am with the Rosary and Reconciliation with Mass at 9am followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and then Benediction. This is followed by a faith talk in the Therry Centre.

**First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7<sup>th</sup> June** – following 7am Mass.

**Adoration** – Mondays 12 midday for 1 hour in the church.

**Anointing Mass** – held the third Tuesday of the month, 10.30am in the Therry Centre. **NEXT DATE 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Apostolate of Prayer to St Joseph of the Eternal Family** – First Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm, 65 Brisbane St, East Maitland. 4933 6635

**Cenacle & Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer Meeting** – Wednesday's 7.30pm (excluding first Wednesday) & Thursday's 10.00am, 65 Brisbane St, East Maitland.

**Legion of Mary "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour"** – Tuesday morning, 10.30am, 79 Banks St, East Maitland. 4905 2144

**Community** activities are also available to which everyone is welcome.

**St Joseph's Craft Group** – Monday's during school term, McAuley Room, 9.30am to 1.00pm. For more information please contact 4933 5840/ 4933 4586 or just come along.

**Seniors Social Group for widows, singles or divorced** – next outing please contact Barbara 4934 3862.

**East Maitland Catholic Women's League** – meet First Thursday of the month, 7.30pm, Catherine McAuley Rooms, King St, East Maitland. Enquires: Mary Kearney 4930 0863.

**The Library** – Spiritual books available for loan to parishioners – located in prayer/baby room at right of church.

Are you wondering how you could reach out to the vulnerable or disadvantage in our society? Perhaps you could consider becoming a member of The **St Vincent de Paul Society**. Our parish has two conferences: The **Day Conference** which meets fortnightly on Wednesday mornings (9.30-11am) in the Catherine McAuley Room and the **Night Conference** which meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Catherine McAuley room. New members are always welcome.

If anyone is looking for a special card or gift, perhaps for a baptism or on the occasion of a child's First Communion, the **Piety Stall** in the foyer of the church may have something for you – rosary beads, statues, holy medals & cards, children's Mass books etc. It is open after Mass each weekend. (Volunteers are needed to assist, please see Marion if you are able to help).

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



**A Baptism** on the 5<sup>th</sup> May at the 8.30am Sunday Mass was celebrated by Fr John Lovell in which all parishioners were blessed to be a part of. The baptismal rites occurred straight after the Homily and the baptismal font was opened for the blessing with holy water of the child, Henry Atelea Tupou. After the baptism the parishioners congratulated the wonderful family with a resounding applause including parents, Zena and Nathaniel Tupou, godparents, Angela Strong and Benjamin Tupou and the joyous grandparents, Sharon and George Brennan and Mary and Atelea Tupou. At the end of the Mass, many personally congratulated the family of the newly baptised child during morning tea. One parishioner who personally congratulated the family observed that "It was wonderful to be a part of the baptismal celebration of their family."



**ANZAC Day** was commemorated at St Joseph's the 7am Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> April. One of our parishioners, Adrian Humphries, read a eulogy originally written and spoken by one of his comrades at a memorial service for two members of their section who were killed in action during Adrian's last tour of Afghanistan in 2012. Adrian served 15 years in the army, completing tours in the Solomon Is, Pakistan, East Timor and four tours of Afghanistan. He also recalled fond memories of his mates sharing laughter amidst all that was happening. The congregation, accompanied by Fr Paul and Fr John, then proceeded outside where the Australian flag was raised and then lowered to half-mast by Adrian. Afterwards, refreshments were served by Margaret Grzanka. We were fortunate to have current and former Defence service men and women in attendance. It was truly a wonderful commemoration of ANZAC Day.

### AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The monthly Anointing Mass was held in the Therry Centre on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Following the mass the Catholic Women's League hosted a "Biggest Morning Tea" which raised \$660 for cancer research.

Congratulations ladies.



The **Parish Team** encourages input from parishioners. You may have some ideas about how to reach out to the wider community. What about starting a Mother's Group, Coffee Group, Play Group or Younger Social Group? We can help! The **next Team meeting** will be held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm** in the **Therry Centre** and anyone interested is welcome to attend. The minutes of each team meeting will be posted on the noticeboard on the side of the church to keep everyone informed as to what is happening in our Parish.

## Parish News - Immaculate Conception Morpeth

At our Mother's Day Mass the steps of the Altar were strewn with bunches of flowers as many took the opportunity to remember their mother in this special way. The Mother's Day prayer recited at the end of Mass was one of thanksgiving to our mothers for their role in our lives. Following Mass the flowers were collected by members of the bereavement team and placed on the tombs of the deceased mothers of our parish; those who have left us but whose legacy lives on in the continuing community spirit evident within the parish.



Blessed with summertime weather the ChapelJazz week-end was a huge success. On Sunday afternoon, following the Ecumenical service at the Uniting Church, the grounds of the Corcoran Centre echoed to the sounds of Jazz performed by three school bands. A special thanks must go out to the young students from the Hunter Valley Grammar school, Newcastle Grammar school and the Hunter School of Performing Arts. The generosity and enthusiasm of these young musicians was a sight and sound to behold. The professionalism of the performers was evident in the way the crowd responded with spontaneous applause. A special thanks also must go to our group of tireless workers. Without their dedicated support in so many ways the event would not have been such a resounding success.



**On Sunday night of 2nd June at 7 pm the Immaculate Conception Church Morpeth will host the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity The service will be led by Fr. Paul with the assistance of the Anglican and Uniting church ministers. All are invited to join our fellow Christians as we celebrate together.**

Our winter Community breakfast will be held on Sunday 16th. June following the 7.15am Mass. Make sure you have the date marked in your calendar.

**ACTIV8 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.

# Mother's Day at St Bede's in Chisholm

On the 10<sup>th</sup> May St Bede's came together to celebrate Mother's day. It was a lovely morning that started off with a barbeque breakfast with bacon and eggs, cakes and a cuppa.



The whole school then held a Mother's Day Liturgy. Our theme was Head, Heart and Hands of those we call 'mother'.

The first candle on our sacred space honoured the innate wisdom with which mothers guide their children. The second candle honoured their loving hearts which never cease to believe and hope. The third candle honoured our mothers' capable hands which nurture and comfort.

The artwork used was Year 8's artwork from the recent Catholic Prayer and Spirituality unit and Our Lady of Lourdes Mass.



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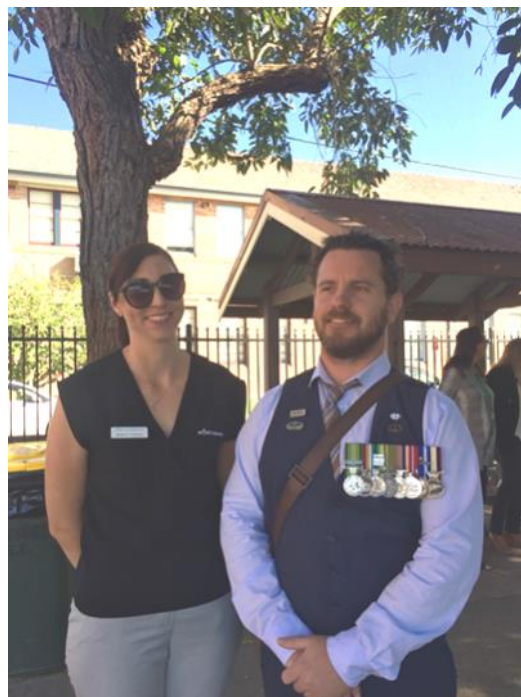
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# ACTiv8 YOUTH

Our ACTiv8 youth ministry is blessed to be involved in the schools across the Chisholm region. On 29<sup>th</sup> April we attended All Saints College, Maitland ANZAC service followed by St Joseph’s, East Maitland.

Adrian was invited to talk to the students. He spoke about his personal loss of friends in the War in Afghanistan and, as a result, reminded the kids to show love for themselves, their parents, and each other. To make the loss of his friends and so many others worth it.



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

*“help me come closer to God... by myself”*



CGS is held in a specially prepared environment (Atrium) that aids the child’s personal conversation with God. We provide a hands-on experience with materials that further meditation on the mystery of God. Although the catechists are there to assist, the children are led by the Holy Spirit to work with the materials that move them.

### 6-9 Atrium

After a lot of hard work from a number of people (especially my husband) in Term 1 we welcomed 4 children to an atrium specially made for children aged 6-9 years. This Atrium has larger tables and chairs and more materials that suit the growing child. Due to their different needs we have been using the Beresfield parish hall adjacent to the 3-6 year old atrium for the 6-9 year old children. We are fortunate that the parish has been so supportive of this work.

In the 6-9 Atrium children continue to meditate on the church’s liturgy, parables and narratives from the Gospels but dig deeper into the mysteries. New parables are presented as the older child moves into a stage of life where their moral development becomes more important. We also begin considering the history of the kingdom of God from creation to Parousia (the time when the new heaven and the new earth are created and God will be all in all). Finally we continue to present the geography of the Holy Land as an aid to a deeper understanding of the land where Jesus lived.

The 6-9 Atrium sessions run from 4:15pm-5:45pm on Wednesday afternoons. We are eager to welcome new children to the Atrium. If you know a child aged 6-9 years who is interested in getting to know and love God (perhaps they have recently received the sacraments or will be soon) more please give me a call or send me an email.

## GAMES AND BURGER NIGHT AT LARGS YOUTH GROUP

The highlight for Largs this term so far has been Games Night! After a round of jump rope (a Largs favourite), we played games of Janga, Pictionary, Sets, UNO and we learnt a new card game called Spoons. The stakes were high - who would be crowned the Largs Youth Games Champion? After some intense competition, we enjoyed hamburgers and finished off with a game of Cat n Mouse. Archie took home a trophy this games night - who will it be next time?



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd cont'd

*"help me come closer to God... by myself"*

#### 3-6 Atrium

We have a core of 6 children attending every Wednesday morning from 10am-11:30am. Their dedicated parents travel up to half an hour each way! While the children are in the Atrium the parents are able to spend the time in the hall next-door and in the church and enjoy some time of fellowship, rejuvenation and "me-time".

During Lent and Easter the children have been experiencing the great JOY of the season. We have had many occasions of spontaneous song and prayer as the children express their inspirations from the Holy Spirit. For myself, I have been enjoying the great peacefulness that I experience for the 1.5 hours I get to spend with the children and God. It is truly my favourite time of the week.

We have several children from the 3-6 session heading off the school next year so if you are interested in having your young one join us in the Atrium please give me a call or email. We have places available for Terms 3 and 4 as well as for 2020.

#### How can YOU help?

We need your prayers most of all. Although I am very fortunate to have such generous helpers in Ailis, Margaret and Claire, if someone is sick or away it is sometimes difficult to replace them. And due to child protection policy I need to have two adults in each session. Little training is needed as an assistant, but I would also love to have more trained catechists to take some pressure off myself. I can assure you that this is very rewarding work and quite different to SRE in schools. If you are able to be available to help in the Atrium or love the sound of what we are doing and want to be a catechist, please let me know.

Siubhan Sadler for the Chisholm Children's Atrium  
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