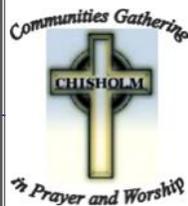


**Maitland Parishes of the  
Chisholm Pastoral Region**



**CHISHOLM CONNECTION**

*Our News from the Pews*

**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 John Lovell  
(Presbytery 4934 5783)

**Weekend Supply:**

Fr Maurie Cahill, Fr Lex Levey,  
Fr Greg Arnold, Fr Des Harrigan,  
Fr Joseph Figurado, Fr Paul Berezniuk,  
Fr Peter Street, Deacon Gerard McCarthy

**Co-ordinator, Spiritual care of sick & aged  
in care or at home:** 4933 8918

**Co-ordinator, Dying, Bereaved & Funeral  
Ministry:** 0428 220 997

**ACTiv8 Youth Co-ordinator**  
Bec Piefke 0422 500 429

**Regional Office**

Louise Gilchrist, Rita King,  
Janine Sidoti, Sandra Buck  
302-304 High St Maitland 2320  
PO Box 215 Maitland 2320  
Hrs: Tues - Fri 9.00am-4.30pm  
(closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm)

**CLOSED MONDAY**

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**Message from Fr Paul O'Neill**

My Sisters & Brothers,

Last year when I was away on six months leave, we had a refresher course for the Lay Leaders of Sundays in Anticipation of Eucharist. As it turned out while I was away we were able to obtain supplies for all the Sunday Masses in our parishes. However, I'm aware for those who have trained to be lay leaders it can be disappointing that they do not have an opportunity to exercise that ministry. I thank you for offering your support when needed.

I am about to take my annual leave for this year in the month of July. While I'm away Fr John Lovell will be on his own during weekdays with help from supplies at weekends. Sometimes we can have up to four to five funerals in one week, so I have asked our bereavement teams to offer families the ministry of a Lay Leader where the funeral is a Liturgy of the Word and not a Funeral Mass. We are all very grateful to the bereavement teams of East Maitland, Beresfield and Morpeth for the wonderful support they give to grieving families in helping them prepare their funeral liturgies.

During the month of July Catholic Mission will be conducting their annual appeal across our parishes. I thank you in anticipation for your generosity in supporting the missionary outreach of our church.

Sr Chris Marsh rsm, has retired from her ministry of taking holy Communion to Catholic patients in Maitland Private Hospital. Sr Chris has now been visiting the hospital for many years and has brought a great deal of comfort and consolation to the patients she has visited there. On behalf of our parish communities I express our deepest gratitude to Sr Chris for her generous care of the sick.

If there are parishioners who would like a Catholic patient visited and to receive Communion at Maitland Private Hospital please contact our parish office.

Finally, I express my gratitude to a parishioner at Rutherford who wishes to remain anonymous, and has donated \$1000 towards the renovations in St Paul's porch area. We are very grateful for that parishioner's thoughtfulness and generosity.

I wish you every blessing for July and will see you on my return to the parish in August.

With Love  
Fr Paul



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## Sacraments of Initiation 2019

*Congratulations and prayers to the children in our region  
who completed their Sacraments of Initiation when they received  
the Sacrament of Confirmation/Holy Communion*

### **Our Lady of Lourdes BERESFIELD**

Ruby Bradford, Hallei Chegwiddden-McGregor, Caleb Coleman, Madison Dunn, Arlie Fetterplace, Ethan Hurley, Mitchell Jackson, Milla Kernahan, Kayley Kowalski, Hugo Krautz, Leah Maher, Isla Marriott, Aaliyah Masters, Ivy O'Callaghan, Bella Punch, Ashton Ross, Banjo Rose, Isaac Ross, Ruby Sparke, Layla Wind, Harvey Wynne

### **Sacred Heart CAMPBELLS HILL**

Sibella Dean, Sophie Gifford, Lexus Harris, Kiara Hill, Charles King, Henry King, Ryan Morrissey, Ashleigh Rutter, Braye Walls

### **St Columba's PATERSON**

Gemma Cowled, Riley Deaves, Austin Herrmann, Fletcher Herrmann, Lucas Mulhearn, Thomas Reynolds

### **Holy Family, LARGS**

Decosta Ackland, Kalibo Ackland, Lucas Curry, Leila Dark, Lachlan Davies, Sarah Davies, Harry Huckstadt, Cooper Lancaster, Lily Moad, Tate Phillips, Lachlan Shafer, Evie Shaw, Clancy Smith, Sonny Thorne

### **St Joseph's EAST MAITLAND**

Pearl Adamson, Maya Alfaro, Mila Baker, Alana Barnes, Dominik Barrios, Marissa Bartolo, Jacob Blazevic, Addison Bowles, Savannah Broekman, Corey Burg, Daimen Burg, Laice Byrne, Lucy Cant, Annika Carmody, Carter Carmody, Jade Christie, Tyrone Cleary, Phoebe Corben, Georgia Curtis, Jasmine DeMamiel, Molly Dillon, Hannah Dixon, Jonty Donrahy, Addisyn Durighello, Timothy Fairland, Thomas Faul, Andrew Finucane, Liam Fletcher, Cameron Francke, Zaidan Fullick, Anabelle Goddard, Ashton Greedy, Clare Green, Emma Green, Marli Grice, Aaron Harland, Abel Harris, William Harris, Henry Harrison, Harrison Hawke, Cohen Hayman, Chloe Hennessy, Ethan Hogan, Charlotte Jacka, Oliver Jackson, Harrison Kane, Miah Laver, Dekota Mahony, Kayden Mahony, Anastasia Marquez, Rhoanann McCarter, Oakley McDonough, Penelope McDougall, Joseph Mikhail, Nathan Mills, Amy-Jeane Moore, Gus Minett, Samuel Murray, Boey Nancarrow, Kolby Neumann, Tadhg O'Connor, India O'Nions, Emielia Parker, Arlynn Payton, Sophie Poter, Addison Priestley, Hannah Sargent, Dempsey Sexton, Patrick Shanahan, Lily Smith, Hunter Spittles, Preston Stace, Riley Stace, Covey Stevens, Jazlyn Stevens, Hunter Strong, Mia Svensen, Cooper Thomas, Isabella Thomas, Jack Thorley, Lily Tickle, Paige Tomkins, Rhys Victorino, Henri Walton, Jackson Watters, Sapphire Werren, Georgie White, Hamish Whitney, Oscar Williamson, Finn Wilson, Logan Wilson, Nate Wilson, Joseph Wilson, Emily Yager, Ruby Young

### **St Patricks, LOCHINVAR**

Thomas Birch, Nate Chalker, Talon Chalker, Dakota Cherry, Noah Cherry, Lottie Crampton, Corbin Doniger, Elenore Gurr, Logan Maarschalk, Oliver McNally, William McNally, Brianna Meyer, Chloe Meyer, Peyton Redgrove, Lourdes Rohr, Lucius Roose, Isla Smith, Jack Sweeney, Ruby Sweeney, Archie Watson

### **Immaculate Conception, MORPETH**

Liam Bowling, Jack Boyd, Jack Hewitt, William Lantry

### **St Paul's RUTHERFORD**

Elayna Barry, Faith Ferraro, Harper Finch, Benjamin Fisher, Zachariah Hartigan, Tayla Jordan, Cooper Malloy, Graeme Malloy, Phoebe Malloy, Matisse Hudson, Judd Kostrzewski, Alannah Lewis, Joe Lynch, Sophie Rees, Luke Stark, Kayleigh Thomas, Joseph Unicom, Liv Weston, Cody Wiggins, Tyler Wiggins

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults 2019



The Initiation “journey” for those people who last year made enquiries about “becoming a Catholic”, concluded on Pentecost Sunday.

However, despite the end of the weekly meetings over the months that followed, their real journey into and with the Catholic Faith Community has just begun. Hopefully it will be life-long and life-changing.

On a Diocesan level, a Neophyte Mass for the “new Catholics” was held on Friday June 7 at The Junction. This Mass was presided by the Vicar-General Fr Andrew Doohan. As usual Chisholm Pastoral Region were well represented by some of our Neophytes, Sponsors, RCIA Team members and other faith supporters.

Locally, following a “tradition” established quite a few years ago, those who were available met on Pentecost Sunday for the RED Party. So called as it is held at Pentecost.

As the Holy Spirit came down amongst the Disciples to help them go out and speak/live the Good News of Jesus, so too are our Neophytes encouraged to do likewise through the guidance received from the Holy Spirit.

### *Congratulations and Blessings to:-*

Aimee Shepherd	East Maitland
Andrew Gould	East Maitland
Ashley Whitaker	Morpeth
Breanna McPhee	Morpeth
Carla Whiting	East Maitland
Gavin Hughes	East Maitland
Mary Brogan	Beresfield
Nicole Hudson	East Maitland
Rechelle Blanch	Morpeth
Sharyn Gould	East Maitland
Simon Lloyd	East Maitland
Tegan Fletcher	Rutherford



Anyone who is interested learning more about joining the Catholic Faith and the RCIA process, please contact the Chisholm Office on 4933 8918.

*Wayne Smith on behalf of the Chisholm Pastoral Region Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults Team.*

### **A Tragedy or a Blessing!**

Years ago in Scotland, the Clark family had a dream. Clark and his wife worked and saved, making plans for their nine children and themselves to travel to the United States. It had taken years, but they had finally saved enough money and had gotten passports and reservations for the whole family on a new liner to the United States.

The entire family was filled with anticipation and excitement about their new life. However, seven days before their departure, a dog bit the youngest son. The doctor sewed up the boy but hung a yellow sheet on the Clark’s front door. Because of the possibility of rabies, they were being quarantined for fourteen days.

The family’s dreams were dashed. They would not be able to make the trip to America as they had planned. The father, filled with disappointment and anger, stomped to the dock to watch the ship leave - without the Clark family. The father shed tears of disappointment and cursed both his sons and God for their misfortune.

Five days later, the tragic news spread through Scotland - the mighty Titanic had sunk. The unsinkable ship had sunk, taking hundreds of lives with it. The Clark family was to have been on that ship, but because a dog had bitten the son, they were left behind in Scotland.

When Mr Clark heard the news, he hugged his son and thanked him for saving the family. He thanked God for saving their lives and turning what he had felt was a tragedy into a blessing!

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

*A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.* **Marcus Garvey**

### ***Who was Fr Therry?***

Fr John Joseph Therry was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1790, the son of John Therry and Eliza Connolly. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and was assigned to parochial work in Dublin and then Cork, where he became secretary to the bishop.

Fr Therry's interest in Australia, aroused by the transportation of Irish convicts and the publicity surrounding the forced return in 1818 of Fr Flynn, came to the notice of the authorities when they were looking to send two Roman Catholic chaplains to New South Wales. Fr Therry, recommended by his bishop, Dr Murphy, 'as a capable, zealous and valuable young man', sailed from Cork under senior priest Fr Philip Connolly on board the ship 'Janus', which also carried more than one hundred prisoners. They arrived in Sydney in May 1820, authorized by both church and state.

Fr Therry described his life in Australia for the next forty-four years as 'one of incessant labour very often accompanied by painful anxiety'. Popular, energetic and restless, he appreciated from the beginning the delicacy of his role. He had to be at once a farseeing pastor making up for years of neglect, a conscientious official of an autocratic British colonial system, and a pragmatic Irish supporter of the democratic freedoms. Though respectful of authority and grateful for co-operation, he was impatient of any curtailment of what he considered his own legal or social rights as a Catholic priest in a situation governed by extraordinary circumstances. [*Australian Dictionary of Biography Vol. 2 (MUP) 1967*]



Father John Joseph Therry 1790-1864

Although Fr Therry was mindful of the authority of the British colonial system, he worked tirelessly to improve the conditions of his flock and the disadvantaged. This of course often met with opposition and on one such occasion it led to his official status being withdrawn.

The British government decided on a major religious adjustment to ensure the stability, and increase the influence, of the state Church and Fr Therry had to fight for permission to carry out the vital services of his ministry. With the creation of the Church and School Corporation in 1825, the Church of England, under the leadership of Archdeacon Thomas Scott, was overwhelmingly favoured and although Fr Therry had established friendships and contacts with non-Catholics, he now became prominent in a possible opposition party. In an article printed in the Sydney Gazette on 14 June 1825, Fr Therry was misquoted in reference to 'the other Revd Gentlemen of the Establishment' which eventually resulted in Governor Darling removing his official status as Catholic Chaplain and withdrawing his salary. He was offered 300 pounds to leave the colony but refused to go and continued what he knew was his God-given work.

From that time until his reinstatement in 1837 Fr Therry continued his work as before but was forced to be more cautious and sometimes even secretive, as there were many who, because of their animosity, did everything they could to hinder him. He did not always advertise his movements. He carried on ministering to his people and deprived of his pension of 150 pounds per year relied upon their support for day to day living. He travelled whenever he was summoned, to Wollongong, Goulburn, Maitland, Bathurst and Newcastle.

The following extract from Dean Kenny's "Progress of Catholicity in Australia" gives us an insight into the character of Fr Therry.

'...the Rev. Father was prohibited from visiting the sick in the hospitals and infirmaries – when he could not administer to them the consolations of our Holy Religion. To show the fortitude and address of this apostolic man, whilst under ban, he went to visit a dying man at one of the hospitals. He was stopped by the guard when about to enter. Father Therry said to him, "the salvation of his man depends on my ministrations; which is your first duty?" The guard, recognizing the right of the man of God, lowered his arms and permitted him to pass. At another time he was going into the infirmary to attend a sick person, when the doorkeeper told him to stop until he ascertained from the attendant surgeon whether he could be admitted. Whilst he was away, Father Therry, who knew all the passages of the place, entered, gave the sick person consolation, and when returning met the official, who told him he could not be admitted. Many of the petty officials were very insolent to Father Therry and his flock, taking advantage of the circumstances. It was permitted to have divine service in the old Court House, a large building, now a public school in Castlereagh Street, but because their pastor was not recognised by the Government, the door was locked against them. But in defiance of such insolence the door was forced open. It is said Mr Wentworth, the lawyer, was consulted as to the steps the Catholic ought to take to secure the

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

Court House for divine service, as they had as good a right as others to use it for that purpose. "What will you do?" said Wentworth. "Why, take a crowbar and break the door open; and if they take you to court, send for me, and I'll defend you".'

In 1932 Dan Ryan, a highly respected and reliable Maitland resident who did much research into the early history of Catholicity in the Hunter Valley, wrote "Father Therry must have been a frequent visitor to Maitland, as he was held in reverence by the old settlers, and his memory was a treasured one with their children."

Early documentary evidence of Fr Therry's presence in the Maitland area is from a letter which appeared in The Australian on November 2, 1827. The letter was dated October 29, 1827 and the writer was from Newcastle.

'The Reverend J. J. Therry has been here during the last fortnight. He has twice celebrated Mass at Newcastle (on Sunday and Sunday week) and has made in the interval a tour into the interior. His arrival has been hailed by all good Catholics with enthusiasm. The Venerable Archdeacon (C. of E.) has also made his appearance amongst us. He came here on Saturday last overland from Port Stephens, and set out today for Wallis Plains. He proposes, I believe, returning to Sydney by land conveyance.'

As reported previously, this was not Fr Therry's first visit to Newcastle and the *interior*.

*To be continued.....*

## 2019 Catholic Mission's Appeal



Throughout July in  
the Chisholm Region



### 2019 Church Appeal - Ghana Help rescue and care for children in Ghana

This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the life-saving work supported by Catholic Mission in Ghana, through programs designed to rescue babies and children who are vulnerable and foster their personal development for a brighter future.

Parishioners are invited to reach out through their financial gifts and prayers in support of the work of the church in Ghana, to be present in the lives of those young people who come from a place of great need. You will learn about Sr Stan and the Nazareth Home for God's Children, which is leading these efforts in the diocese of Yendi. Below are dates for appeals in your region:

Saturday 13th July 2019  
Sunday 14th July 2019  
Sunday 14th July 2019

6.30pm Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill  
8.20am Holy Family, Largs  
9.30am St Columba's, Paterson

Saturday 20th July 2019  
Sunday 21st July 2019  
Sunday 21st July 2019  
Sunday 21st July 2019

5.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland  
7.15am Immaculate Conception, Morpeth  
8.30am St Joseph's, East Maitland  
6.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 27th July 2019  
Sunday 28th July 2019  
Sunday 28th July 2019

6.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield  
8.00am St Paul's, Rutherford  
9.30am St Patrick's, Lochinvar

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN WEEKLY BULLETINS.

# 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 7th July 2019 (After Youth Mass)  
 Sunday 4h August 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		
Deadline & Distribution Dates 2019		
ISSUE	EDITORIAL DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION DATE
JULY	19th July	27th/28th July
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: Circle Dancing Group: Saturday 6th July, 11.00am - 1.00pm**, in the meeting room. To best enjoy this spiritual and meditative activity wear loose and comfortable clothing. Donation \$10/person. We will also enjoy some morning tea together. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a plate to share.

† **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.

† **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 5th July 2019. All welcome.**



Join us to celebrate the beginning of NAIDOC Week. Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. 7th July from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Commencing with music in the garden and smoking ceremony to lead us into the service, followed by soup and damper. Please RSVP Jenny Harris by 2nd July 2019. jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au or P: 4979 1111

† **Basic Loss and Grief Support Training (Maitland)** will be held on 8th-9th July 2019 in Maitland (venue TBA). Limited places, bookings essential. To register your interest, contact Jennifer Perino - Email jperino@nalag.org.au / Ph: 0409 151 646.

† Join the Lower Clarence Valley Rising Stars in a concert of Opera Highlights in the stunning Chapel at Sacred Spaces at the Sisters of Mercy Convent. 30 Queen Street, Singleton, Hunter Valley, Saturday 13th July at 2pm Tickets - \$25 adult / \$20 concession at [trybooking.com/494892](http://trybooking.com/494892) or at the door from 1.30pm.

† **GOODNESS living by faith A Day of Prayer and Reflection with Bishop Bill** will be held at the Corcoran Centre, George Street, Morpeth, 9.30am -3.00pm on Friday 16th July 2019. Please bring a plate to share. **ALL WELCOME. 4979 1111.**

† St. Brigid's Caritas Branxton, **Annual pilgrimage to Mackillop Place, Sydney.** Friday 16th August, 2019. Bus leaves Branxton 6.15am pickup Greta/Lochinvar/Rutherford/East Maitland. Cost \$45.00 includes bus/morning tea/museum entry. Buy your own lunch. All welcome..... names /payments to Mercia 49381362 / Helen 49381467 by 31st July.

**Australian Pastoral Musicians Network 4th National Conference 'Listen to the Spirit and Sing'** on 1-3 October 2019 in Melbourne. Features three keynote presentations, two plenary workshops, over 40 breakout workshops, exhibitions, showcases, conference Mass and conference dinner. Celebrating liturgical, catechetical and religious music for parishes, schools and beyond. Of interest to all musicians, cantors, conductors, composers, choristers, teachers, catechists, campus ministers, clergy, liturgy teams ... and all who love sung prayer. Go to <https://listen-to-the-spirit-and-sing.treepl.co/home> for program, breakout options and registration. Early bird ticket discounts available until 30 June. Further details on Notice Boards.

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - 6th JULY St Joseph's East Maitland



8.30am	Reconciliation & Holy Rosary
9.00am	Mass
9.45am approx.	Adoration & Reconciliation
10.00am approx.	Benediction
Morning Tea served in the Therry Centre	
Presentation by Fr Camillus about Our Lady	

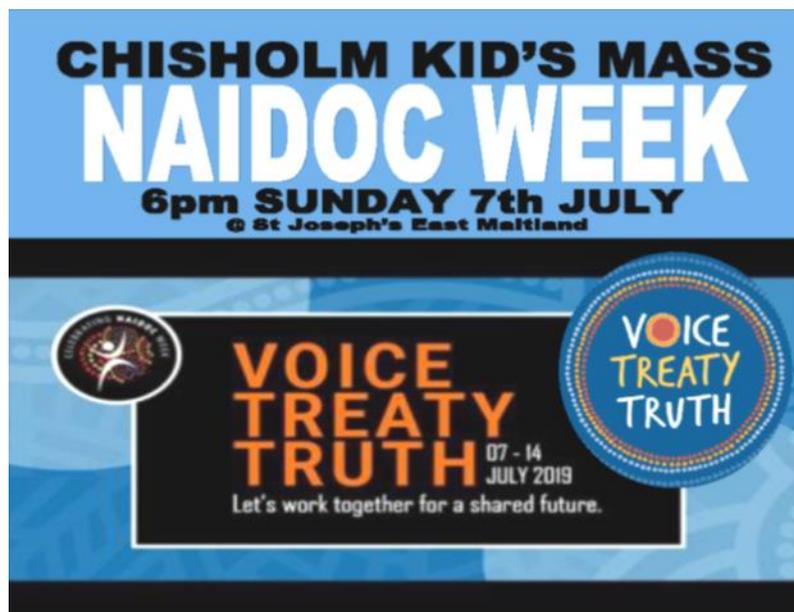
First Saturday Devotions are a response to the request made by Our Lady of Fatima that "On the First Saturday of every month, Communions of Reparation are to be made in atonement for the sins of the world " and blasphemies and offenses against Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

# What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

## 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.



**Marriage Enrichment Weekend** : Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August at St. John Bosco Parish, Engadine, NSW.

The new format of this weekend is a "Live Out" weekend. For further enquiries please ask our booking couple Adrian and Janet Sullivan on the contact number below. **Book online** at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au). Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #3

*How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?*

**This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church.**

**Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)**

"Though God made us good, God also made us free. It is the abuse of our freedom that brings sin and evil in the world."

RICHARD J. HAUSER, SJ  
*Moving in the Spirit*



## Australian bishops meet Pope Francis

*Pope Francis has given his apostolic blessing to the Australian Catholic bishops and encouraged them to explore new ways of being missionary in Australia at this time.*

*Pictured: Bishop Bill Wright [Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle] and Bishop Brian Mascord [Catholic Diocese of Wollongong] about to meet Pope Francis.*



Almost 40 Australian bishops today met with Pope Francis for more than two hours as part of their *Ad Limina Apostolorum* visit. The *Ad Limina* visit continues until this Friday (June 28). The Australian bishops will meet in the coming days with the various departments of the Holy See with responsibilities for different aspects of Church life.

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**FIRST COLLECTION** provides for priests of the Region & Diocese: their monthly stipend, household food, cooking & cleaning. **SECOND COLLECTION** provides for all the running expenses of your parish, buildings, staff, insurance, clergy motor vehicles, regional groups. **Thank you for the support** of our weekly collections but would like to impress on you the importance of the second collection.

## Safety and Wellness in our Region - Candle Fires

In Catholic churches, schools and other organisations candles are most commonly lit as a physical reminder of symbolisms found in scripture. A candle is also an open flame capable of igniting anything that can burn and one of the most common and preventable causes of fire in Church properties.

The effects of fire are devastating. Physical injury, damage to property and the loss of assets might be the consequences that first spring to mind, however the interruption to business and mission, the loss of sensitive information and the emotional impact on workers and the community can also be significant.

### Using candles safely

- ◆ Keep candles well away from items that can catch fire. This includes clothing, books, paper, curtains, Christmas trees, flammable decorations or liquids
- ◆ Think carefully about where you position candles:
  - Avoid using them in high traffic areas, especially around children who may knock them over
  - Make sure they are placed on stable, heat resistant surfaces
  - Keep them away from drafts, vents and ceiling fans to prevent rapid uneven burning, avoid flame flare ups and reduce the risk of items blowing into the flame and igniting
  - Place burning candles a safe distance apart so they are less likely to create drafts which can cause candles to flare
- ◆ Use sturdy candleholders made of non-combustible materials
- ◆ Never leave a burning candle unattended. All candles should be completely extinguished before you leave a room
- ◆ Extinguish candles with a candle snuffer and ensure that the wick is no longer glowing before leaving the candle
- ◆ Never allow children to use candles without adult supervision
- ◆ Do not burn candles all the way down
- ◆ Extinguish a candle if it flickers repeatedly, smokes or the flame becomes too high. Let it cool, trim the wick, check for drafts and then re-light
- ◆ Keep matches and lighters in a locked cupboard
- ◆ Consider using electric candles as an alternative to traditional candles.



### When might this hazard apply?

Church properties are often unoccupied for long periods of time. A candle that is not extinguished properly can smoulder for many hours before reigniting and may go unnoticed until the fire is well established. Follow the safety tips above and ensure all candles are completely extinguished before leaving the premises.

Creating beautiful displays in schools and churches for Easter and other occasions is a special part of the celebration. Unfortunately fabric, paper and other highly flammable materials are often used with candles to create these displays. Consider carefully how and where you use candles and follow the safety tips above.

### POSITION VACANT: Parish Register Record Entry

If you take pride in your hand writing and have an hour or so to spare during the week - your parish office needs you !

All our Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding and Funeral information is recorded in Parish Registers and we need help in doing this.

As the position involves you to manage personal information we do require you to complete our Parish Volunteer Documentation.

If you are interested, please contact Louise 4933 8918 for more information.

# Saints and Feasts in July 2019



**3RD JULY St THOMAS THE APOSTLE** was one of the twelve disciples commissioned by Jesus. In John's Gospel when upon hearing that Jesus had risen from the dead, Thomas replied, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe". But when Jesus appeared Thomas then professed his faith - this story giving rise to the name "doubting Thomas". After Jesus' death it is widely

believed he sailed to India in 52AD where he established several churches in the southern state of Kerala. Tradition suggests he was martyred in 72AD; speared to death at a site now called St Thomas Mount, before being buried in Mylapore in modern day Chennai. St Thomas is one of the patron saints of India.



**4TH JULY. St ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL** Elizabeth 1271-1336, St. Elizabeth of Portugal was the daughter of Peter III of Aragon and was named after her great-aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, whose virtues she also inherited. In her married life with King Denis of Portugal she had to undergo a series of heavy trials which she endured with heroism. On more than one occasion she went

to considerable pains to bring about peace between her children and their father. After her husband's death she became a Franciscan Tertiary and showed unflinching charity towards the poor. She died in 1336; her body has remained incorrupt. Before the reform of the General Roman Calendar St. Elizabeth's feast was celebrated on July 8.



**5TH JULY St BARNABUS** Born in 1502 in Cremona, Italy, Anthony became a medical doctor. In 1528 he was ordained a priest and cofounded the Barnabites, the religious congregation so called because it was headquartered in St. Barnabas Monastery in Milan. The Barnabites occupied the monastery in 1538, having been approved in 1533. Anthony popularized the forty-hour prayer ceremony, promoted the use of altar sacraments, and

introduced the ringing of church bells on Friday. He is depicted in liturgical art in habit. He died in 1539.



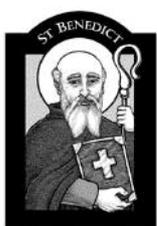
**6TH JULY St MARIA GORETTI** was born in Ancona, Italy. She grew up on a farm with her mother and father and five brothers and sisters. In 1902 when she was only twelve years old, she was attacked by a nineteen year old farm hand. She survived in hospital for two days, forgave her attacker, asked God to forgive him and died holding a crucifix and a medal of Our Lady. She later appeared to her attacker in a vision while he was in prison. This led to his conversion

and he later testified at her cause for beatification.



**9TH JULY St AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS** 87 Chinese Catholics and 33 Western missionaries from the mid-17th century to 1930, were martyred because of their ministry, and, in some cases for their refusal to apostatise. Many died in the oxer Rebellion, in which anti-colonial peasant rebels slaughtered 30,000 Chinese converts to Christianity along with missionaries and other foreigners. They are

remembered with an optional memorial on this day.



**11TH JULY St BENEDICT** was born at Nursia in c.480, the brother of St Scholastica. Most of what is known of his life comes from St Gregory the Great's writings. He left his studies in Rome to become a hermit in the mountains near Subiaco, and after a while many followers joined him. It is believed that some monks tried to poison him, possibly out of jealousy or due to his strict discipline. He moved to Monte Cassino, where he completed his Rule; a written guide for

those living a monastic life, with a strong emphasis on obedience, moderation and community life. Although Benedict never became a priest or ever intended to found a religious order, his Rule became the fundamental monastic code in Europe into the early middle ages.



**13TH JULY St HENRY (972-1024)** As German king and Holy Roman Emperor, Henry was a practical man of affairs. He was energetic in consolidating his rule. He crushed rebellions and feuds. On all sides he had to deal with drawn-out disputes so as to protect his frontiers. This involved him in a number of battles, especially in the south in Italy; he also helped Pope Benedict VIII quell disturbances in Rome. Always his ultimate purpose was to establish

a stable peace in Europe. According to eleventh-century custom, Henry took advantage of his position and appointed as bishops men loyal to him. In his case, however, he avoided the pitfalls of this practice and actually fostered the reform of ecclesiastical and monastic life. He was canonized in 1146.



**18TH JULY St CAMILLUS DE LELLIS** was born at Bocchianico, Italy. He fought for the Venetians against the Turks, was addicted to gambling. He became a Capuchin novice, but was unable to be professed because of a diseased leg he contracted while fighting the Turks. He devoted himself to caring for the sick, and became director of St. Giacomo Hospital in Rome. He received permission from his confessor (St. Philip Neri) to be

ordained and decided, with two companions, to found his own congregation, the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians), dedicated to the care of the sick. They ministered to the sick of Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, enlarged their facilities in 1585, founded a new house in Naples in 1588, and attended the plague-stricken aboard ships in Rome's harbour and in Rome. In 1591, the Congregation was made into an order to serve the sick by Pope Gregory XIV, and in 1591 and 1605, Camillus sent members of his order to minister to wounded troops in Hungary and Croatia, the first field medical unit. Gravely ill for many years, he resigned as superior of the Order in 1607 and died in Rome on July 14. He was canonised in 1746, was declared patron of the sick, with St. John of God, by Pope Leo XIII, and patron of nurses and nursing groups by Pope Pius XI.



**15TH JULY St BONAVENTURE** joined the order of Franciscans in 1243, and was soon recognised for his intellectual talents. He was sent to study in Paris where he taught and preached for many years. He was a contemporary of St Thomas Aquinas, with whom he defended the mendicant friars against their opponents. In 1257, Bonaventure was elected as the head of the Franciscans, and has since been considered the greatest friar minor since St Francis of

Assisi himself. He wrote important works on theology, philosophy and mysticism, and was declared a doctor of the church in 1588. He was also regarded for his compassionate and gentle nature and for his accessibility to those who sought him



**16TH JULY OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God. Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is worldwide, and most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Mary appeared to St. Simon

Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was

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instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church by Benedict XIII in 1726.



**20TH JULY St APOLLINARIS** was believed to be born in Antioch, in the Roman province of Syria. Tradition has it that he was the first bishop of Ravenna and was appointed by St Peter himself, after which, he faced constant persecution by Roman authorities. He was eventually arrested, tortured and put to death by the sword, although there is no reliable written information about his life and martyrdom. Apollinaris is a patron saint against epilepsy and gout.



**22ND JULY St MARY MAGDALENE** St Mary of Magdala was a disciple of Christ who was healed by him when he cast out seven devils. She stood at the foot of the cross as Jesus died, and went to the tomb to anoint his body on the morning of Easter Sunday. She was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection when she found his tomb empty. In St Mark's Gospel, it is Mary Magdalene to whom the risen Jesus first appears and further to this, in St John's account, Jesus gives

her a message to pass on to his brethren. Since the time of Pope Gregory the Great, a tradition in the Western church arose that identified Mary Magdalene as the unnamed sinner who anointed Christ's feet, and Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. But since 1969 the new Roman calendar has rejected this belief entirely.



**23RD JULY St BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS.** Patron saint of Sweden, Bridget married a young prince and lived happily with him for 28 years, bearing him eight children. St. Catherine of Sweden was their daughter. After her husband died, Bridget founded the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, erecting at Vadstena a double monastery for monks and nuns. Following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, she later went to Rome, where she worked for the return of the Popes from Avignon. This Scandinavian mystic is famous for her Revelations concerning the sufferings of our Redeemer.



**25TH JULY St JAMES, APOSTLE** James, with Peter and John are a group of three privileged disciples whom Jesus admitted to important moments in his life. Present for the Transfiguration event (Mk 9:2-8) they attend our Lord during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane. (Mk 14:32-42). We know nothing of St. James's early life. He was the brother of John, the beloved disciple, and the Synoptic Gospels tell us only that James and John were with their father by the Sea of Galilee

when Jesus called them to follow him. The only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament, James is traditionally believed to be the first of the twelve apostles martyred for his faith. Pope Benedict in reflecting on the apostles observed that James' journey from the mount of the Transfiguration to the mount of Agony symbolises the entire pilgrimage of Christian life. In following Jesus, like St James he says, we know that even in difficulties we are on the right path.



**26TH JULY Sts JOACHIM AND ANNE,** Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Joachim was the husband of Saint Anne and the father of Mary the mother of Jesus. The story of Joachim and Anne first appears in the apocryphal Gospel of James. Joachim and Anne are not mentioned in the Bible.

According to tradition, Saint Anne was born in Bethlehem, and married Joachim of Nazareth, both descendants of David. Tradition has it that the parents of the Blessed Virgin, who, apparently, first lived in Galilee, came later on to settle in Jerusalem. However, as his wife was barren, the high priest rejected Joachim and his sacrifice, as his wife's childlessness was interpreted as a sign of divine displeasure. Joachim consequently withdrew to the desert where he fasted and

did penance for forty days. Angels then appeared to both Joachim and Anne to promise them a child. Joachim later returned to Jerusalem and embraced Anne at the city gate. There was ancient belief that a child born of an elderly mother who had given up hope of having offspring was destined for great things. Parallels occur in the Old Testament in the case of Hannah, mother of Samuel.



**29TH JULY St MARTHA.** Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus. In St John's Gospel it tells of the special relationship Jesus had with the. Jesus was a frequent visitor to their home. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53 and John 12:1-9. Luke tells how Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them; whilst Mary sits and listens to Jesus. Jesus observes that Martha is worried about

many things that distract her from really being present to him and he reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important, listening to him. The next visit shows how well Martha learned his lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother. When she hears Jesus is in the area she goes to meet him. In her conversation with Jesus she shows her faith and courage stating clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus tells her he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. Finally, Jesus returns to share a meal with his good friends and all we hear about Martha is simply that she "served". She isn't in the spotlight, she simply serves Jesus.



**30TH JULY St PETER CHRYSOLOGUS** About 431, Peter, a deacon, became bishop of Ravenna, Italy. Many Christians in his diocese were following false teachings and living by values that were not Christian. Peter became known as an outstanding preacher. He also preached to catechumens preparing for Baptism. At the bishops' meeting in Constantinople in 448,

Eutyches, a false teacher, denied that Jesus was both God and man. When the bishops refused Eutyches the right to teach his false ideas, he went to Peter for help. But Peter said, "In the interest of peace and the faith we cannot judge in matters of faith without the consent of the Roman bishop [the pope]." Peter Chrysologus believed that Christians should acquire knowledge to support the Christian faith. He encouraged education as a God-given opportunity and obligation. About 450, Peter died where he had been born: Imola, Italy. Thirteen centuries later, Pope Benedict XIII declared him a Doctor of the Church because of his homilies.



**31ST JULY St IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST** (ca. October 27, 1491 – July 31, 1556) was a Spanish knight from a local Basque noble family, hermit, priest since 1537, and theologian, who founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and, on 19 April 1541, became its first Superior General. Loyola's devotion to the Catholic Church was characterized by absolute obedience to the Pope. After being seriously wounded in the Battle of Pamplona in 1521, he underwent a spiritual

conversion while in recovery. After claiming to experience a vision of the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus at the shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat in March 1522, he went to Manresa, where he began praying for seven hours a day, often in a nearby cave, and formulating the fundamentals of the *Spiritual Exercises*. Ignatius and a few followers bound themselves by vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. In 1539, they formed the Society of Jesus, approved in 1540 by Pope Paul III, as well as his *Spiritual Exercises* approved in 1548. Loyola also composed the *Constitutions* of the Society. He died in July 1556, was beatified by Pope Paul V in 1609, canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622, and declared patron of all spiritual retreats by Pope Pius XI in 1922. Ignatius is a foremost patron saint of soldiers, the Society of Jesus, the Basque Country, and the provinces of Gipuzkoa and Biscay.

Please note not all memorial, solemnities, feasts for July are listed

# Chisholm Region Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>1 Jul</b> 12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer & Exposition (EM) 6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Rutherford) 7:30pm LOW (Rutherford)	<b>2</b> 9:30am St Joseph's Primary SM 5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre) 7:00pm Youth Mass (EM)	<b>3</b> 9:30am OLOL School Mass 12:00pm Mass (St John's Chapel, Maitland) 5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Largs) 7:00pm Youth Mass (Largs) 7:30pm Prayer Group (see EM notice)	<b>4</b> 7:00am Mass (EM) 10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice) 10:00am St Joseph's Lochinvar SM
<b>8</b> 12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer & Exposition (EM)	School Holidays		To 19 Jul →
	7:00pm Mass (EM) 7:00pm Parish Team Meeting (OLOL Hall)	10:00am Anoint. Mass (OPAL Ruth Anambah Rd) 12:00pm Mass (St John's Chapel, Maitland) 7:00pm Mass (Largs) 7:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)	7:00am Mass (EM) 10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice)
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July 2019

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>5 Jul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00am Mass (EM)</li> <li>8:00am Adoration (E/M 7am-Sat 9am)</li> <li>9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church)</li> <li>10:00am St Aloysius SM</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am Mass + First Sat Devotions (EM)</li> <li>2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</li> <li>5:00pm Mass (EM)</li> <li>6:00pm Mass (Beresfield)</li> <li>6:30pm Mass (C Hill)</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:15am Mass (Morpeth)</li> <li>8:00am Mass (Rutherford)</li> <li>8:20am Mass (Largs)</li> <li>8:30am Mass (EM)</li> <li>9:30am Mass ( Lochinvar, Paterson)</li> <li>11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM)</li> <li>6:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</li> <li>7:00pm Baptism Preparation (EM)</li> </ul>
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>← From 8 Jul</li> <li>7:00am Mass (EM)</li> <li>9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church)</li> <li>10:30am Greenhill's Lodge AM</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <p>School Holidays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 Catholic Missions Appeal</li> <li>8:00am Mass/Reconciliation (EM)</li> <li>2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</li> <li>5:00pm Mass (EM)</li> <li>6:00pm Mass (Beresfield)</li> <li>6:30pm Mass (C Hill)</li> </ul>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:15am Mass (Morpeth)</li> <li>8:00am Mass (Rutherford)</li> <li>8:20am Mass (Largs)</li> <li>8:30am Mass (EM)</li> <li>9:30am Mass ( Lochinvar, Paterson)</li> <li>11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM)</li> <li>6:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</li> </ul>
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>← School Holidays</li> <li>CC Deadline</li> <li>7:00am Mass (EM)</li> <li>9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church)</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <p>2019 Catholic Missions Appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am Mass (EM)</li> <li>2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</li> <li>5:00pm Mass (EM)</li> <li>6:00pm Mass (Beresfield)</li> <li>6:30pm Mass (C Hill)</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:15am Mass (Morpeth)</li> <li>8:00am Mass (Rutherford)</li> <li>8:20am Mass (Largs)</li> <li>8:30am Mass (EM)</li> <li>9:30am Mass ( Lochinvar, Paterson)</li> <li>11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM)</li> <li>6:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</li> </ul>
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00am Mass (EM)</li> <li>9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church)</li> <li>10:30am Anointing Mass (OPAL Broughton St)</li> </ul>	<p>27</p> <p>2019 Catholic Missions Appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00am Mass (EM)</li> <li>2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</li> <li>5:00pm Mass (EM)</li> <li>6:00pm Mass (Beresfield)</li> <li>6:30pm Mass (C Hill)</li> </ul>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:15am Mass (Morpeth)</li> <li>8:00am Mass (Rutherford)</li> <li>8:00am Polish Mass (OLOL Beresfield)</li> <li>8:20am Mass (Largs)</li> <li>8:30am Mass (EM)</li> <li>9:30am Mass ( Lochinvar, Paterson)</li> <li>11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM)</li> <li>6:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</li> </ul>

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# Parish News - St Paul's Rutherford

## COLLEEN CANNY REPORTING FOR ST PAUL'S AT RUTHERFORD - JUNE 2019

WELL the Sleep Out at Saint Paul's went extremely well. We had 42 students from Years 5 and 6 attending. All the activities that had been arranged, were very much enjoyed, by the students. Sister Joseph opened with prayer and Peter Eagleton the President of the Rutherford Conference, extended a welcome to the attendees. Gabby Fishlock, also from the Rutherford Conference was present to support the event. Sr Joseph then introduced prayer conversation and song. A special altar had been set up by Sister to enhance the spiritual part of the evening. The children responded to all of her activities highlighting the real reason they were there, not only for fun but for the spirituality, and the plight of the homeless. **I recently read, there are 16,000 people homeless every night in Australia.**



Mini Vinnies Peter Eagleton



TEAM



I then commenced to think of how many people had been involved with this event. Our students from Years 5 and 6 totally supporting the Mini Vinnie's who slept out in those very cold conditions. Our school teachers who are already so busy with their everyday demands: Bradley, Karli (Spiritual Leader), Stacey (our Assistant Principal), Sr Joseph, Sharon Mac (Administration), the Gillett Family, and not forgetting **Mr Garnett** always supporting our Mini Vinnie's activities. Youth Support also there were Sam Hill and Adrian Humphries.

Donations came from Hoff's butchery donating sausages; Bakers Delight bread; Woolworths at Pender Place; Opal Nursing Home at Rutherford; Telarah Pharmacy; Priceline Pharmacy at Rutherford and Pender Place donating toiletries, for the packages to be given to people in need within our community. Our parents also gave generously towards the toiletries packs.



Sr Joseph arranging packs



Mini Vinnies at Mass

Also this year the students have been unbelievably supportive of the Caritas Appeal, \$250 00 for the Out of Uniform Day, and \$2200 for the Compassion Box Appeal. Easter Hot Cross Bun \$280. This was arranged by Bradley, financially very successful, sometimes in financial difficult times - **WELL DONE ST PAUL'S SCHOOL.**

The students were very happy to welcome **Jenny Aitcheson** to the school to congratulate them, and to give her some feedback on the evening. Jenny also donated to the Mini Vinnie's Homeless Appeal. I was pleased to see four students from St Joseph's at Lochinvar, past students of St Paul's attend the night and give support to the school and the students.



The night progressed quickly with fun activities, a sausage sizzle and a movie. Finally the lights went out on the quadrangle, and in most cases all went to sleep. The morning commenced with breakfast, followed with conversation with Sam Hill, reflecting on their thoughts and the experience. I think they were all quite happy to be going home to the warm comfortable environment awaiting them. Well it didn't quite end there, at St Paul's Sunday Mass three Minnie Vinnie's leaders, Liv Kauter (School Captain), Campbell Gillett and Liam Canny, spoke to the congregation sharing their experience on the Sleep Out. Mrs

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

Mullen had prepared some slides of the Sleep Out and Graham Harris was able to arrange for this to happen within a very short period of time on Sunday. A beautiful piece of music by Michael Crawford was played **NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE** creating a lovely atmosphere. The three students took up a small collection to support the St Vincent de Paul Conference for the Homeless. I was totally blown away when monies were counted, a total of \$430. **St Paul's Parish again showing their wonderful support for the Mini Vinnie's and the Homeless.**

**I think we could describe this event as being Very Well Supported by a Wide Range of People all Sharing their Concern for our Community in need of our Love and Support**



## SCHOOLS WINTER SLEEPOUT

The Mini Vinnies School Sleepout allows students to connect on a personal level with the issue of homelessness by sleeping out as a school community, whilst raising awareness to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society. The event provides just a glimpse into what life is like for people facing homelessness in Australia.

Thank you to our organisers and to our volunteers on the night, Bradley Sabotic, Sr. Joseph Mazur, Karli Chenery, Stacey Mullin, Sharon MacFarlane, Colleen Canny, Sharon Gillett, Peter Eagleton, Gabby Fishlock, Peter Fishlock, Sam Hill, Adrian Humphries, Scott Gillett, Joe Chenery, Steve Mullin and Harry Gillett.

*On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Year 5 & 6 students from St Paul's Primary slept outside underneath our school COLA to raise awareness of the homeless issue in our community. 47 students went to the sleepout and participated in activities that highlighted the needs of the homeless. We built shelters out of cardboard boxes, we prepared Dignity bags from our school communities donated toiletry items and we participated in an activity about the*

*essential items we would keep if we had to leave home in a hurry. We participated in prayer and reflection but also had lots of fun with our friends. It was very cold throughout the night and early in the morning but it was important for us to understand what homeless people in our community are going through. -Yr 6 Mini Vinnies member-*



# Parish News - Maitland

## Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill

## Holy Family Largs

## St Columba's Paterson

What a delight to it was see our young Catholics receive The Most Precious Body and Blood of Jesus during our vigil Mass for the first time Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen the Faith of the families of these new communicants to give them the gift of Faith that they may be uniting in praising and honouring the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



We thank Father Des Harrigan who was our President, for this special occasion. After Mass we celebrated with a special Cake and a cup of Tea/ Coffee. 'Thank you' to all those who stayed for this, and a special 'Thanks' to those who brought some delicious delights to eat, also those who helped with the tidy up after. It was a night to remember.



Riley, Lucas, Thomas, Austin, Gemma and Fletcher received their First Holy Communion at St Columba's Paterson with Father Lex and Deacon Gerard guiding our community in this special celebration.

**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

**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 **1st 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 – 9.00AM ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH:** Please note that there will be *no Saturday morning Mass in July.*

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2019 – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES – 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE:** Congratulations to all the children, and their families, who participated in the Sacraments of Initiation program of 2019, and celebrated their First Holy Communion on the weekends of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**SOUP NIGHT – AFTER MASS - SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY:** Winter is here again and that means it is time for another enjoyable soup night. Come along and join us for warm food and warm friendship. Please bring a dessert to share! You will have a chance to try your lucky numbers once again in the 100 club. **Tickets in the 100 club will be on sale commencing on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and the winner will be drawn at the soup night! Tickets \$2.00ea.**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> July.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> July.**

**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. **This month the ladies group will gather for lunch at The Windsor Castle Hotel, Cnr Lawes & George Sts, East Maitland, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, at 11.30am for 12.00 start.** You are warmly invited to join us.

**PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING:** - Next meeting - **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, in the Parish Meeting room, at 7.00pm.** All parishioners welcome.

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## Parish News - St Joseph's East Maitland

### NEWS FROM THE PARISH TEAM



At all Sunday Masses in the region on the weekends of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June the children who had recently being confirmed received the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** for the first time. At East Maitland we were fortunate to be able to celebrate with 93 First Communicants. **Congratulations** to all the children and their families. Thank you to the members of the Sacramental team who have supported the children on their sacramental journey.

As a result of the General Parish Meeting held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, there will be a slight **change in our collection process**. Beginning in July, for a one year trial period, both collections will be conducted following the POF with a reasonable gap (3 or 4 pews) between presenting the collection bags. Two collectors will cover the front half of the church, starting from the front pews and finishing at the offertory table. Another two collectors will cover the back half of the church, starting from the offertory table finishing at the back pew. Both collections will be taken up as part of the offertory. Thank you to all those who attended the meeting, especially Fr Paul. The minutes of the meeting are posted on the noticeboard.

Contribution to the planned giving scheme (second collection -blue bag) is the main source of income which keeps our parish viable. Thank you for your continued support.

A '**cuppa**' will be served after Masses on the weekend of **6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> July**. During the colder months we will set up in the front foyer so everyone can enjoy a warm *cuppa*. Please join us and if anyone is able to bring a plate to share it would be greatly appreciated.

If I could divert a little from Parish News, I would like to take this opportunity to mention **DioSounds**, which is a yearly event held at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle which showcases the performing arts of the high schools of our diocese. The 13<sup>th</sup> production of DioSounds took place on 6<sup>th</sup> June. I was blown away by the amount of talent that was on display:from vocals to piano and keyboard, string instruments, wind instruments and dance. Congratulations to the students and teachers who took part, especially those from St Joseph's Campus, All Saints College Campus and St Bede's Campus.

**Worship & Prayer** opportunities to which everyone is welcome to attend.

✠ **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5<sup>th</sup> July** – following 7am Mass.

✠ **First Saturday Devotions 6<sup>th</sup> July** – 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.

✠ **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 16<sup>th</sup> July**.

✠ **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



First Saturday Devotions in May with Bishop Bill

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

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

✦ **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.

With the advent of the cold weather we are very lucky to be able to sit in front of our heaters and sleep under our warm blankets/doonas, but there are

many in our community who are not so fortunate. The **St Vincent de Paul Society** recently conducted their Winter Appeal to help to provide warmth to the vulnerable and disadvantaged. 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. The Society is always in need of new members.

Congratulations to all the children who recently participated in the **Mini Vinnies Sleep Out** at St Joseph's Primary School.

The **Piety Stall** in the foyer of the church is open after Mass each weekend. There are a variety of goods available for purchase – Missals, rosary beads, statues, holy medals & cards, children's Mass books, prayer books etc. (Volunteers are needed to assist, please see Marion if you are able to help).

The **next Parish Team meeting** will be held on **Thursday 18th July at 7pm** in the **Therry Centre** and anyone interested is welcome to attend.



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## KIDS MASS

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**SUNDAY 4th AUGUST 6pm**

## Parish News - Immaculate Conception Morpeth

For those fortunate enough to attend the annual TWEC Dinner where we were both entertained and enlightened by the address given by Dr Michelle Connolly rsj on the relevance of the Gospels in today's society. Sr Michelle had a connection with Morpeth, when as a young girl she and her family lived in the school house adjacent to the State primary school when her father was Principal. It was an opportunity for some of those present to renew friendships from times past.

On Sunday 16th June we welcomed four young boys and their families as they celebrated their First Holy Communion; a day remembered in the lives of most parishioners with a show of hands when asked by Fr Paul. The Winter breakfast following the Mass was once again an opportunity to enjoy the delicious food provided, and friendship which is a hallmark of the Morpeth parish community.

The Men's Night Out scheduled for Friday 28th June has been put back until Friday 5th July. The venue will be announced once we have an indication of how many wish to attend. Just let John Lane or John Saunders know if you and any of your friends are interested in attending.

**Our next Community lunch will be held at the Bank Hotel East Maitland on Wednesday 10th July. Join us for a relaxed lunch and chat.**

You are reminded of the next phase of the Plenary Council preparation which is the Listening and Discernment process. You are encouraged to access the Plenary Council website [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) to familiarise yourself with the national Themes for Discernment flowing from the thousands of responses to the Listening and Dialogue phase.

**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.

**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)

### WINTER PYJAMA PARTY

- Monday 1st July - St Paul's Primary School, Rutherford 5.30pm
- Tuesday 2nd July - Therry Centre, East Maitland 5.30pm
- Wednesday 3rd July- Holy Family Church hall, Largs 5.30pm

We are celebrating the greatness of winter by having a pajama party!  
Please come along in your favorite PJ's , onesie, or comfy tracksuit and wear your slippers if you like!

Things to bring

- Pillow
- Blanket or sheet ( to build a blanket cubby)
- A mug or cup ( hot chocolate will be supplied )
- Gold coin donation

ACTiv8 Chisholm

# Parish News - St Patrick's Lochinvar



Congratulations to Timothy & Jessica Reid whose daughter Savannah Anne was baptised and welcomed into the Community at St Patrick's on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We ask God our Father to bless and guide Savannah Anne and her family on their faith journey

Congratulations to the candidates who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and a sincere Thank you to Fr Paul who was the celebrant at the Mass.



Parishioners once again enjoyed the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual TWEC dinner on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. The guest presenter was Dr Michele Connolly rsj, and the topic was "*Does the New Testament speak to contemporary Australia?*" A very informative and worthwhile evening.

**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.**



The ACTiv8 Youth Ministry would like to express their gratitude to **Easts Bowling Club** for their ongoing financial support of ACTiv8 and the youth initiatives in our Region. Their generous support is much appreciated. Thanks!!

**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.

# ACTIV8 YOUTH

## Rutherford Youth Group

In term 2 of this year we established a new youth group at St Pauls Primary School, Rutherford on Monday evenings.

I am very pleased to report we have had a wonderful response to young people attending. This youth group was originally intended to be a primary school aged youth group, but we have opened our doors to high school students too. We had an overwhelming amount of interest from those older students that were previously attending a primary school aged youth group and have now moved onto high school as well as older siblings coming along.

We are blessed to have the support of the staff at St Paul's primary school who made available a warm cosy space for us, equipped with heating and a projector screen which allows Sr. Joseph to provide a reflection with the use of short DVD's.

This term at youth group our focus has been on the sacraments, although many of the participants have already completed their sacraments it gives them a great refresher on the importance on each of them and the "why" we do the things we do.



## East Maitland Youth Group



This term at East Maitland youth group we have welcomed some new participants who are working their way through the RCIC program and will be baptised during term 3. Please keep Samuel and Kayden in your prayers as they walk this journey.



On Tuesday 25<sup>TH</sup> June, Alexander who has recently completed the RCIC program and his younger sister Eleanor were baptised alongside their youth group friends at our week night youth Mass. Our youth group participants and youth group leaders have been a wonderful support to Alexander and Eleanor in their preparation for baptism.

# ACTIV8 YOUTH

## Largs Youth Group



Throughout term 2 at Largs we have had so much fun. We have some super creative youth volunteers at Largs and they continue to provide us with fun games and activities each week.

With the weather being cold and dark we have been keeping warm inside and we have had a great term learning new card games and doing craft.



**During the school holidays one of our long time Largs ACTIV8 Volunteers Courtney is going to be married. We wish Courtney and her fiancé Hayden love, joy and happiness as they begin their new life together.**

## Senior Youth Group

ACTiv8 senior youth group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

Our youth group begins with the Chisholm Regional Youth Mass where many of our senior youth group participants are involved in the ministries at the Mass.

We then continue onto a more informal part of the evening in the Therry Centre.

At this group we aim to empower young people to live life to the full through developing a personal relationship with God. We share our faith whilst having fun and forming friendships. Our night includes games, faith talks, social time and sharing a meal.

All high school students are welcome.

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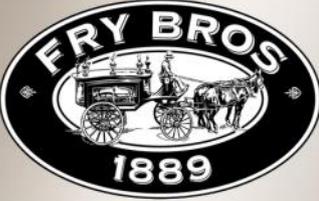
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