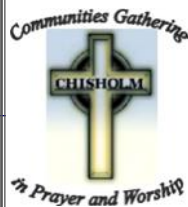


**Maitland Parishes of the
Chisholm Pastoral Region**



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

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Message from Fr John Lovell

Dear Friends,

Winter is now certainly upon us, so I hope you are all keeping warm enough. Please keep in your prayers those less fortunate than ourselves, especially people living on our streets under these harsh conditions, and if you can, please donate any spare clothing, blankets or cash to our local Vinnies who are always working so hard to help so many in need. We also need to keep praying for our farmers, both here and further up the Valley, who are now desperately in need of rain.

I'd like to take this opportunity to specially thank everyone around our parishes for your wonderful support over this past month during which Fr Paul has been away on annual leave. Special mention must go to our excellent office staff who do so much behind the scenes with their great administrative skills to keep our six parishes going. Then we have are our fantastic parish teams, including our Bereavement Teams, our hospital visitation volunteers, sacristans, readers, servers, musicians, counters, youth ministry, SRE volunteers, RECs in our Catholic schools, our cell groups and many others. Since coming here in late June last year I've never ceased to be amazed at the faith and commitment of our people here. On behalf of Fr Paul and myself, our heartfelt gratitude goes out to you all.

Another group I'd also like to specially mention and thank on behalf of us all, are our supply priests, without whom we would not be able to continue celebrating ten Masses across our region every Sunday. With their varied personalities and style (homiletics, some with their singing, others with their humour) they provide a wonderful richness to our liturgies. These include our two local retired priests, Frs Maurie Cahill and Lex Levey. Then we have those who come from a little further afield: Frs Greg Arnold, Bill Burston, Des Harrigan, Peter Street and Joseph Figurado, along with Deacon Gerard McCarthy, who have all been very generous in assisting us with their services over recent weeks. And our thanks also to Frs Gerard Mackie and others who have helped us out recently at relatively short notice.

At the moment we have staying with us in the presbytery here at East Maitland, Deacon John Mahony, who has kindly offered to assist Fr Paul and myself with our liturgies until he returns to Ireland in late August. John is very knowledgeable, easy going and we love his Irish accent. Recently, you may have also seen Deacon Graham Fullick assisting at a few of our Masses. Graham is a local man and former lawyer who returned home in June after completing his four years of study for the priesthood at the Beda Pontifical College in Rome. He will be assisting Fr Joyce in Raymond Terrace over the next few months. We anticipate he'll be ordained to the priesthood for our diocese around the end of this year. Please keep Graham in your prayers.

Just a couple of final points. For NAIDOC Week 2019 we installed a framed copy of Prime Minister Rudd's 2008 National Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples in all of our churches and Catholic schools. In recognition of this, we might do well to stop and reflect on these from time to time. And just a couple of important Thursdays to mark on your calendars: on 8th August we will have the feast day of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop and on 15th August the Assumption of Our Lady (holy day of obligation).

Wishing you all every grace and blessing
Fr John



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Parish Assembly 2019

In September and October we will be conducting our Parish Assemblies.

These Assemblies will follow the same format as the Assemblies which were held in 2016.

Each Assembly will take about one and a half hours and it is hoped that we will have the voice of many within each community and not just a few. So please make a note of your assembly date and come along.



Assembly discussion items are:

UPDATE ON PARISH EVANGELISATION CELLS

THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING OUR CHURCHES OPEN DURING THE DAY and parishioners rostered to have some time in the church praying about our mission of evangelisation.

A FINANCE REPORT for each parish community on the status of income and expenditure as FYE2019.

PLANNING SUNDAY LITURGIES for the parishes in the light of decreasing number of clergy.

COMMUNITY BASED CONCERNS. This is where your questions or concerns will be discussed. These need to be submitted to your Assembly Contact person OR your Representative on Regional Pastoral Council at least two weeks before your Assembly date.

DATE		PARISH	CONTACT
September	Sunday 15 th after Mass	Rutherford	Ian Searston
	Sunday 15 th at 3.30pm in the Therry Centre	East Maitland	Judy Healey
	Saturday 21 st after Mass	Beresfield	Lesley Marshall
	Sunday 22 nd after Mass	Morpeth	Vicki Grogan
	Sunday 29 th after Mass	Largs	Yvonne Rohr
October	Saturday 12 th after Mass	Campbell's Hill	Judy Crittenden
	Sunday 13 th after Mass	Paterson	Matt Conn
	Sunday 20 th after Mass	Lochinvar	Tony Towers

*The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, 15th August 2019*

MASSES in our region
Vigil 7.00pm Largs
7.00am East Maitland
9.30am Beresfield
6.30pm Campbell's Hill



Mary's Assumption into heaven does not mean that she went 'up' into heaven. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* quotes the Byzantine Liturgy: 'in your Dormition you did not leave the world, but were joined to the source of Life'. This is a powerful affirmation that body and spirit are an integrated whole. Mary's Assumption is an anticipation of our resurrection to fullness of life. Today is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Parish Cells of Evangelisation

Frequently asked...about Parish Evangelisation Cells and the Parish Evangelisation Cell System



What is a Parish Evangelisation Cell?

A group of six to 14 people, initially made up from parishioners. The cell group meets fortnightly, normally in a member's home.

What happens at a cell gathering?

Gatherings follow a set format, including praying together and listening to input from the Parish Priest, sharing and discussions and intentional prayers. The meetings focus on praying for and finding ways to reach out with the Gospel to family, friends, neighbours, school friends, workmates etc.



Who can be in a cell?

Anybody. Initially, each cell is made up of parishioners who have put themselves forward to join a cell group. But it is hoped that each cell will then attract new members. The new members may be folk from inside the Parish or people who used to come to Church but have stopped doing so. Or they may be people (family, friends, neighbours, school friends, workmates and so on) without a Church background.

On what day and at what time will cell group meetings take place?

Cell group gatherings will be held fortnightly, with each cell group meeting in the same (Monday to Saturday) week. We expect that cell groups will meet on different days of the week and at different times of the day. When you ask to join a cell group, you will be asked to nominate which days and times would work for you.



Why do the groups focus on evangelisation?

Because evangelisation -- proclaiming the good news about Jesus Christ -- is central to the Church's mission. But the cell groups also help members to learn more about, and to deepen, their faith. They are small, loving and supportive mini-communities within the wider Parish community.

Isn't evangelisation Protestant rather than Catholic?

No. The Catholic Church is quite clear about this -- evangelisation is what the Church is all about; and it is the responsibility of each member of the Church, not just our clergy and those in religious orders.

Are cells a new idea? And why are the groups called "cells"?

They're not really new at all -- remember that the early Church was formed of small groups meeting in people's homes. They are called "cells" because they are intended to attract new members, grow and eventually divide.

How can I join a cell group?

You can join a cell group at any time. You can get information about the current cell gatherings by contacting Sam via email at Sam.Hill@mn.catholic.org.au or on 0414 278 069.



How will the cell group allocations work? Can I choose to be in a cell with my spouse/friend/parent/partner?

When you receive your application form there will be time slots of current cell groups to pick from. Alternatively you may be asked to join a particular cell meeting by an existing member. Accept the invitation and come and try.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults 2019



Have you or someone you know thought about “becoming a Catholic” and what is involved in doing so?

There are many reasons why people decide to join the Catholic Faith. However, there is one process in fulfilling the decision. It is called

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Becoming a Catholic is a spiritual journey, one that helps you develop a closer relationship with God. The process takes place within a parish community and is highlighted by certain ceremonies known as Rites along the way.

For those people interested in learning more about the RCIA process which leads to being fully initiated as a Catholic next Easter, please note that an Enquiry evening will be held on Wednesday 14th August in the Therry Centre, St Joseph’s Parish East Maitland at 7.00pm.

At the Enquiry night you will discover what the RCIA process is about, have some of your questions answered and meet other people who like you are interested in learning more about joining the Catholic faith.

If you require any further information about the initiation journey, please contact the Chisholm Office on 4933 8918.

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

Hunter Deanery Family Ministry Coordinator Update

Over the past 4 years, across the parishes and schools of the Hunter Deanery, I’ve had the pleasure of meeting and working with dedicated parishioners. I was keen to find ways of building links with families in our local communities in my role as Family Ministry Coordinator. Whilst this role has had its challenges, and will continue to do so, I have seen many seeds planted and many of those seeds have started to grow and blossom.

Like all things in life there is a cycle and although I find this ministry exceptionally life giving, the next opportunity has arrived and I will be finishing up my role in the Diocese towards the end of August to take on the role of Director of Mission for the St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners of the Chisholm region, not just for the encouragement over the past 4 years in this role, but essentially all the love and support over the last 8 years.

My involvement in our region was really kick-started in 2012 when I joined the first live-in ACTiv8 youth ministry team. Over this time I’ve been able to spend time in all of our parishes meeting so many people, hearing and sharing stories, as well as hopes and ideas.

Growing up in the region and completing my schooling through our schools, before continuing on to work in this area, has meant that I’ve always been at “home” in my ministry environment. It has been a blessing being able to walk with so many but also having so many wonderful people walk with me along my journey.

I am sure that whoever takes on the role of Family Ministry Coordinator for the Hunter Deanery will feel welcomed and at home and I look forward to hearing and seeing the fruits of this ministry grow. God Bless, Sam Hill

St Vincent de Paul



St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW/ACT
good works

Back to Gaol for Jodi



I hope Jodi Hinshelwood has plenty of winter woolies. She'll need them, for on Thursday night, 29th August, she will take part in the Maitland Gaol **Vinnies Community Sleepout**.

Jodi will sleep outdoors on a cardboard mat. She doesn't expect to get much sleep, but that will be nothing new for Jodi, a prison warden in NSW gaols for the past fifteen years.

"We don't sleep on night duty," explains Jodi. "The night begins with a headcount, then supervision of the evening meal. We ensure each prisoner returns to his/her cubicle, and finally turn off lights at 9.00pm. The remainder of the night is spent doing security checks or monitoring on screens. By comparison the community sleepout will be a breeze."

Among the prison population a number of inmates have suffered from the curse of homelessness. Jodi has seen the problem first hand, and wishes to raise awareness. She also aims to raise \$1000.

If you wish to sponsor Jodi go to the internet and google:

VINNIES COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT MAITLAND 2019

Click on *sponsor a friend* and then click on *Jodi*.

All donations will be greatly appreciated. Every little helps.

Jodi and the homeless will be most grateful for your support.

Jan Healy

2019 Catholic Mission's Appeal - Thank You

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Reach out. Give life.

Thank You!



Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued

from life-threatening situations. Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Ghana Mission Partners Program. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

The History of the Catholic Church in the Maitland Area Part 3

The First Reinforcements

When Fr Therry was suspended as official Catholic Chaplain, Rev Fr Daniel Power was appointed to replace him. Fr Power arrived in the colony on 3rd December 1826. He was a sickly man and died on 14th March 1830.

Governor Darling then appealed to the British Government to send two Chaplains to the colony. It was not for concern of the Catholic people who were without an official chaplain but more to displace Fr Therry who though deprived of his chaplaincy and salary, was held in high regard and affection by the people. The Governor's hope was that the new chaplains would work obediently with the government. **Fr Vincent Christopher Dowling** and **Fr John McEnroe** were nominated.

Fr Dowling arrived in Sydney on 17th September 1831 on the *'Mary Ann'* accompanied by his sister, Mary Theresa who married David Chambers, a solicitor, on 8th May 1832. Fr Dowling soon gained widespread support and secured government funds for the education of Catholic children.

It was not long, however, before difficulties began between Fr Dowling and Fr Therry and this continued until the arrival of Fr John McEnroe in August 1832. Fr McEnroe was very patient and tactful and became a great friend of Fr Therry until his death in 1864.

Fr Dowling was appointed chaplain for the Hawkesbury by Governor Bourke and went to Windsor where he established a school and became friends with John Macarthur who gave land and money for a Catholic chapel at Camden. Fr Dowling performed the first Catholic marriage and baptism at Windsor on 1st January 1835. He was later appointed to Maitland.

The Maitland parish covered the whole Hunter River district and extended north indefinitely. Ill health began to make it difficult for Fr Dowling to minister in the huge Maitland area and in September 1838 he was moved to Newcastle as its first resident priest. His health continued to decline and he relied heavily on assistant priests. He gave up his active ministry in 1863 and became a living legend in the district. He died on 14th December 1873 and, at his request, was buried in St Joseph's Churchyard, East Maitland. [*Australian Dictionary of Biography Vol. 4 (MUP) 1972*]

In February 1833 **Fr William Bernard Ullathorne**, a young Benedictine monk, arrived in Sydney. W. P. Morris, the vicar apostolic of Mauritius, a mission embracing Australia, had appointed Fr Ullathorne as his vicar-general.

Fr Ullathorne's arrival was not received well by Fr Philip Connolly in Hobart or by Fr Therry in Sydney. However he took control without hesitation and put things into an organized system welding the two factions among the three priests who were residing in New South Wales into one band. He visited the Hunter Valley many times as noted in the following extract from his autobiography.

"Fr Therry often made visits into the more populous parts of the interior. I visited Maitland, on the Hunter River; St Patrick's Plains, higher up in the country; Newcastle, at the mouth of the Hunter; the beautiful district of Illawarra; Bathurst beyond the Blue Mountains, and sometimes Parramatta. Our usual way of travelling was on horseback, with a servant on another horse carrying the vestments and an altar-stone."

Maitland was again mentioned in another interesting quote from Fr Ullathorne.

"Riding at Maitland along the fertile banks of the River Hunter, it was impossible not to admire the beauty of those primitive forests and the fertile abundance produced by the deep and rich alluvial soil. Then there were the varied notes of the birds. I was riding through the woods with Mr Walker, the chief supporter of our religion in that locality, when I heard at some distance first a whistle, then the crack of a whip, then the reverberation of the lash. I asked: 'What road is that over there?' 'There is not road,' he replied. 'But I heard a man driving, and there again.' 'Oh, that's the coachman.' 'But the coachman must have a road'. 'The coachman's a bird,' said he; and bird it was, exactly imitating the whistle of a coachman and the crack and lashing of his whip. Then the bellbird rang its silver bell, and another species cried like a child in trouble, whilst flocks of parrots made a croaking din, and flights of black cockatoos spread over the fields of maize with a noise like the rusty hinges of an old castle all flapping together in the wind."

Fr Ullathorne only remained a short time in Australia but during his time here he established the Church on a legal footing and set up the first real administration of the church in Australia.

St Joseph's Church, East Maitland

It is well known that the first church built north of Sydney was St Joseph's at East Maitland. When it was exactly built is not known but historical evidence seems to indicate that it was built over a period of years and more than one of the early priests were involved.

When **Fr James Watkins** took up the position of first resident priest of St Joseph's in 1835, it was described as having 'a roof of sorts and an earthen floor, excepting the Sanctuary, where it was of wood'. In the original plan of the town of Maitland (East Maitland) drawn up in 1829 by the Surveyor-General, Sir Thomas Mitchell, the corner of King Street, East Maitland and the present Newcastle Road is marked for the Roman Catholic Church. The site was

The History of the Catholic Church in the Maitland Area Part 3

opposite the gallows and as tradition states was the place that the priest camped and waited for the prisoner to arrive. The land became known as the priest's paddock.

Further evidence that St Joseph's church was built prior to 1830 can be taken from an article written by D J Ryan that appeared in the *Sentinel* in 1932.

"The late Mr Frederick Crew, who arrived in Maitland in November, 1830, gave some information in an interview with the writer when he was speaking of early days in Maitland in these words: 'I arrived in Newcastle late in November, 1830, when there was a rough track, called a road, between Newcastle and Maitland, and came in a dray to Maitland from Newcastle on November 30, 1830.



As I came over the hill from One Mile Creek, two things struck me. I saw on my left, on Stockade Hill, a gallows, and on my right hand side, the unfinished walls of the Roman Catholic Chapel which was not roofed over.' As Mr Crew was at that time in his 23rd year, he was old enough to form impressions as he passed along, and he may be regarded as a reliable witness in the present investigation. There is historical record of the fact that on the morning of November 30, 1830, five men had been hanged on Stockade Hill, and we know that Fr Therry was present at the execution."

The structure described above is thought to be of a previous temporary chapel as there is evidence that Fr Therry laid the foundation stone of old St Joseph's Church on Tuesday, 12th August 1834 as was reported in the Australian newspaper of 22nd August 1834.

Mr Editor. – Will you have the goodness to make known to the public, that the Rev. J. J. Therry, laid the foundation stone of a Catholic Chapel here on Tuesday last. The ceremony was novel and interesting, being the first public building commended here. Great praise is due to the worthy and indefatigable Clergyman alluded to – surely the people will bestir themselves, and endeavor to obtain him a salary. As funds are wanting to complete the undertaking, it is hoped the liberal minded will contribute to so good a work. Yours, &c. &c. W.J. Maitland August 14, 1834

(We trust that the public will take into their consideration the high importance of instructing a large body of the community, in their moral and religious duties. And although they may not agree in sentiment, with the promoters of this design; yet being assured of the good that must result, they will liberally contribute to carry into effect an object so desirable in itself and so praiseworthyly commenced. – Ed.)

Funds for the building of the Church came from Government grants and private subscription and both Fr Therry and Fr Ullathorne had input into the design. Stone from the nearby Glebe quarry was used and it is believed that the church was completed early in 1835.

Fr Ullathorne tells us in his autobiography: *"...I had also to look after the completion of the church begun at Maitland, and to start another at Parramatta. I had the assistance of the Government Architect in devising the plans. But, what to my surprise, on arriving at Maitland, to find that without my knowledge, Father Therry had been there and had doubled the number of windows in the walls. This was one of his singularities, to put as many windows in a building as the walls would allow of, without any consideration for the intense glare of heated light.....At Maitland he spoiled what would have been a well-proportioned nave in the old lancet style. His taste in architecture was for what he called opes; if a plan was brought to him, his first question was: 'How many opes would it admit of?' He could not, understand the principle of adapting the light of a building to the climate."*

The parish registers of East Maitland did not begin until late 1835 with the arrival of the first resident priest, Fr Watkins. Whatever baptisms or marriages conducted in the early years of the Catholic Church in Maitland were recorded in the registers of St Mary's Church on Fr Therry's return to Sydney. St Joseph's was an outstation of Sydney.

To be continued.....

Resources used: Centenary-The Diocese of Maitland 1866-1966 by Rev Harold Campbell;
St Joseph's Parish East Maitland 150 years 1835-1985;
Australian Dictionary of Biography.

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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 4th August 2019 (After Youth Mass)
 Sunday 1st September 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.**

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ISSUE	EDITORIAL DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION DATE
AUGUST	19th August	24th/25th August
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>

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†**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:

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

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† **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 2nd August 2019. All welcome.**



Marriage Enrichment Weekend : Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! **10th-11th 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. Alternatively contact **Adrian and Janet Sullivan**: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Mary MacKillop Appeal

in our Parishes on the weekend of 10th/11th August 2019



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to bring life to "the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard."

Your donation to Mary MacKillop Today will support thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia with education, health, finance and livelihoods opportunities, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.

Please consider making a small monthly donation with our Regular Giving Program and help bring Mary MacKillop's charism to life.

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† **INTERFAITH DIALOGUE:** Is there anti-religious sentiment in Australia? Australians take pride in being a multi-cultural society, but in Australian society today displaying signs of intolerance towards religion? Join panel members for a discussion, **Thursday 22nd August 6.30pm-9pm, MacKillop Pastoral Centre Function Room, 7 Milson St, Charlestown. RSVP jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au or 4979 1111.**

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - 3rd AUGUST 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 Hugh Thomas OssR	
"Holy Spirit in Scripture - in our lives and in the Church"	

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.

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Become a Scripture Teacher and impact young lives with the good news of Jesus!

Team up 2019

support and ongoing training for SRE teachers

Saturday 24th August, 9.30am-12pm, Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College, Minmi Road, Fletcher \$10 (or donation). Bring your SRE team, get professional tips on promoting SRE. Bookings are essential www.huntersre.org.au or 0490 130 576.



†**BLESSING OF OUR LAND** As an expression of the Tri-Diocesan Covenant between the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle and the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and Broken Bay, the Catholic and Anglican Parishes of the Kurri Kurri and Cessnock areas invite people of all Christian Churches, and those who do not belong to any religious group to this liturgy and picnic. BYO everything. Please arrive at 11.30am for 12.30pm on **Sunday 25th August** at Pokolbin Community Hall, 128 McDonalds Rd, Pokolbin, in the beautiful Vineyards of the Hunter Valley.

†**COMMUNION RITE AT MASS** Exploration and Conversation. A new resource "Pastoral Guidance for the Celebration of the Communion Rite at Mass", was made available and became effective on 2nd December 2018. The Diocese invites you to gather and engage in an exploration of, and conversation about this document. This is for all concerned with the preparation and celebration of liturgy from schools and parishes. Next gathering: **Saturday 31st August, 10am-12pm**. Morning tea 9.30am, Toohey Room, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle. RSVP sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au or 4979 1134.

†**Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service - URGENTLY WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Kalumburu and La Grange/Bidyadanga. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725.

POSITION VACANT: Parish Register Record Entry Volunteer. Thank you to everyone who applied, this has now been filled.

PLenary COUNCIL 2020: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church? Find latest reports and statistics at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT *Latest information*

Health Infrastructure is now in detailed design so your thoughts as volunteers, carers, health consumers and supporters would be greatly appreciated. There is a flyer around of how the hospital is being built on the website

newmaitlandhospital.health.nsw.gov.au as well if you wish to see where and what will be on the new location. If you wish to contact them the links

newmaitlandhospital@health.nsw.gov.au

Let us pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops, and all those who minister in the Church. That they may guide the Church with wisdom and holiness through the works of Faith, Hope and Charity.

105TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MIGRANTS

It is not just about migrants but also about ourselves, our fears and our hopes.

How is God encouraging and inviting us? Who are we becoming? What kind of society are we preparing for those who come after us?

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WEEK

19-25 AUGUST 2019

For more information visit www.acmro.catholic.org.au

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10). It is not just about migrants: it is about the whole person, about all people. Pope Francis

What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

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.treep.co/home> for program, breakout options and registration. Further details on Notice Boards.

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

2019 BISHOP'S AWARD APPLICATION NOW OPEN!

The Bishop's Award is very generously supported by Bishop Bill and is one of the ways he seeks to recognise publicly the efforts of students and young people of faith within our diocese who have contributed to the community through their School, Parish, church group or church agency.

The Bishop's Award is open to students, Years 7-12 and Young People (who have completed Year 12 and are under 25 years of age).

The Bishop's Award comprises four categories: Students in Year 7 & 8; Students in Year 9 & 10; Students in Year 11 & 12; Young People (those who have completed years 12 and are 25 years of age or less)

We trust you will enthusiastically promote and encourage students and young people within your communities to consider applying for these Awards. Each successful applicant will receive an award of \$1000 which may contribute towards the student's or young person's education or faith formation e.g. World Youth Day, Diocesan Youth Retreat, music ministry.

Applicants may nominate themselves or be nominated by their parent(s), carer or a member of their Parish. Applications close on 30th November 2019 and notification to successful applicants will occur early in Term One 2020.

For further information, please visit www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/youth/bishopsaward/. Applications can also be completed at <http://bit.ly/BishopsAward2019>. Any queries, please contact Cath Garrett-Jones by email to bishopsaward@mn.catholic.edu.au.

Chisholm Region **AUGUST** @ St Joseph's East Maitland
KIDS MASS
 Come and join in!
 Bring the kids ... Bring the whole family...
 MUSIC, CUSHIONS, SAUSAGES, CAKE, FUN, FRIENDS, JESUS!!
SUNDAY 4th AUGUST 6pm



Chisholm Region Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>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.</p>			<p>1 Aug</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00am Mass (EM) 10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice) 10:00am St Joseph's School Mass (Lochinvar) 6:00pm RPC meeting
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer & Exposition (EM) 6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Rutherford) 7:30pm LOW (Rutherford) 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am St Joseph's School Mass (East Maitland) 5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre) 7:00pm Youth Mass (EM) 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am OLOL School Mass (Tarro) 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) 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00am Mass (EM) 10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice) 6:00pm RFC meeting
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<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHISHOLM CONNECTION DEADLINE 12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer & Exposition (EM) 6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Rutherford) 7:30pm LOW (Rutherford) 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Anoint Mass (EM - Therry Centre) 5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre) 7:00pm Youth Mass (EM) 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00pm Mass (St John's Chapel, Maitland) 5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Largs) 7:00pm Youth Mass (Largs) 7:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice) 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00am Mass (EM) 10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice) 10:00am St Mary's School Mass (Maitland)
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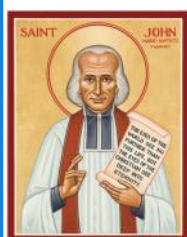
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>2 Aug</p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>8:00am Adoration (E/M 7am-Sat 9am)</p> <p>9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church)</p> <p>10:00am St Aloysius School Mass (Chisholm)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Mass + First Sat Devotions (EM)</p> <p>2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</p> <p>5:00pm Mass (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Mass (Beresfield)</p> <p>6:30pm Mass (C Hill)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:15am Mass (Morpeth)</p> <p>8:00am Mass (Rutherford)</p> <p>8:20am Mass (Largs)</p> <p>8:30am Mass (EM)</p> <p>9:30am Mass (Lochinvar, Paterson)</p> <p>11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm KIDS' Mass (EM)</p> <p>7:00pm Baptism Preparation (EM)</p>
<p>9</p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church)</p> <p>11:00am Anointing Mass (Greenhill's Nursing Home)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Mary MacKillop Appeal</p> <p>8:00am Mass/Reconciliation (EM)</p> <p>2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</p> <p>5:00pm Mass (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Mass (Beresfield)</p> <p>6:30pm Mass (C Hill)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:15am Mass (Morpeth)</p> <p>8:00am Mass (Rutherford)</p> <p>8:20am Mass (Largs)</p> <p>8:30am Mass (EM)</p> <p>9:30am Mass (Lochinvar, Paterson)</p> <p>11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</p>
<p>16</p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church)</p> <p>9:30am St Patrick's School Mass (Lochinvar)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30am Sons & Daughters of God (OLOLchurch & meeting room)</p> <p>8:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</p> <p>5:00pm Mass (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Mass (Beresfield)</p> <p>6:30pm Mass (C Hill)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:15am Mass (Morpeth)</p> <p>8:00am Mass (Rutherford)</p> <p>8:20am Mass (Largs)</p> <p>8:30am Mass (EM)</p> <p>9:30am Mass (Lochinvar, Paterson)</p> <p>11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</p>
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<p>30</p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:00am Mass & SOR (East Maitland)</p> <p>2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</p> <p>5:00pm Mass (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Mass (Beresfield)</p> <p>6:30pm Mass (C Hill)</p>	<p>COURAGE, COURAGE, TRUST IN GOD WHO HELPS YOU IN ALL THINGS*</p>  <p><small>BY HAND OF THE CROSS MAKEUP FIRST DAY IN AUGUST</small></p>

Saints and Feasts in August 2019



1ST AUGUST, ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI was born near Naples in 1696, and was the son of a nobleman. He was a successful lawyer before being ordained a priest at the age of 29. In 1731, Alphonsus refounded a community of nuns and a year later he founded the Congregation of the Holy Redeemer; a community of priests dedicated to preaching to the poor in rural towns. He was bishop of Saint Agatha dei Goti for thirteen years before retiring due to ill health. He published more than thirty theological and devotional works and as a result was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871.

3RD AUGUST, ST DOMINIC DE GUZMAN was born in Calaruega, Spain, in c.1170. One legend suggests that at his baptism, his mother saw a shining star appear in front of him. Dominic became a priest at the age of twenty six, and several years later was made the unofficial leader of a papal mission to the Albigensian heretics in the French province of Languedoc. For this work he trained a group of religious women and established a nunnery at Prouille. Soon the idea of an order of preachers began to grow, and in 1216 the order of Friars Preachers was formally approved by Rome. With a strong emphasis on the vow of poverty, the Friars Preachers became popular missionaries in Western Europe, Asia and the Americas.



4TH AUGUST, ST JOHN VIANNEY, (8 May 1786 – 4 August 1859), was a French parish priest who is venerated in the Catholic Church as a saint and as the patron saint of parish priests. He is often referred to as the "*Curé d'Ars*" (i.e., Parish Priest of Ars), internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish

in Ars, France, because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics attribute this to his saintly life, mortification, his persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and his ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



6TH AUGUST, TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD is an episode in the New Testament narrative in which Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant upon a mountain. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9: 28-36)

describe it and 2 Peter 1:16-18 refers to it. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by voice in the sky, assumed to be God the Father, as in the Baptism of Jesus. The transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being Baptism,

Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension. The transfiguration not only supports the identity of Jesus as the Son of God (as in His Baptism), but the statement "listen to him", identifies him as the messenger and mouth-piece of God. The significance of this identification is enhanced by the presence of Elijah and Moses, for it indicates to the apostles that Jesus is the voice of God "par excellence", and instead of Elijah or Moses, he should be listened to, surpassing the laws of Moses by virtue of his filial relationship with God.

8TH AUGUST, ST MARY OF THE CROSS

MACKILLOP was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne, in 1842, the eldest child of Scottish immigrants. In 1861 she moved to the small town of Penola in South Australia, where she met Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Together they established Australia's first free Catholic school. In 1866 she co-founded Australia's first religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph, and took a vow of poverty. Soon there were 17 schools under her care, but Mary's refusal to abide by the rules of the Bishop in Adelaide led to her excommunication from the church. She was accepted back a year later and eventually shown respect by the Bishops for her work with the poor. Mary was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995, as a result of a woman who was cured of leukaemia in 1961 after a group offered prayers to Sister Mary. She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010 and is now known as St Mary of the Cross.



10TH AUGUST, ST LAWRENCE was a deacon who lived in Rome at a time when Christians were being persecuted. He was closely associated with Pope Sixtus II, who was martyred a few days before Lawrence at the hands of Emperor Valerian. Popular tradition tells of Lawrence's rather gruesome death by fire, although he was most likely

executed with a sword, which was the usual method of capital punishment at the time. He became one of the early church's most popular martyrs and was especially renowned for his alms giving. St Lawrence is a patron of deacons.

11TH AUGUST, ST CLARE OF ASSISI

was born in Italy in 1194 AD to a wealthy noble family. As a child she was devoted to prayer and at the age of eighteen she heard St Francis of Assisi preach and she was inspired to follow his example, despite the protestations of her family. After living a life of strict poverty with the Benedictine nuns, she eventually led a new order known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano". For a time the order was directed by St Francis himself, and Clare cared for him in his final days. In 1224 the Prussian King, Frederick II led an army to take the town of Assisi. It is believed that Clare faced the army carrying only the Blessed Sacrament, and that suddenly the army was overcome with fear and fled. Ten years after her death in 1253, her order



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became known as the Order of St Clare.



15TH AUGUST, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven after the end of her earthly life. Mary's assumption into heaven is seen by many as a fulfilment of Jesus' promise to all faithful servants; that

they too will be received into the kingdom of God. Mary is seen as the first disciple of Jesus and a model for all disciples; it is fitting that she receive the gift of discipleship first of all. Belief in the Assumption of Mary had become widespread by the end of the seventh century and was eventually defined in an infallible statement by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

21ST AUGUST, ST PIUS X, Giuseppe Sarto was born into a poor family in 1835. From this humble beginning he was eventually elected pope in 1903. He took as his motto, "To restore all things in Christ". Pius X was remembered for many things including advocating the frequent reception of holy communion and the admission to it of children from the age of about seven; reform of church music and encouraging the use of Gregorian chant; the reform of Canon Law; the reorganization of the Roman curia; and the separation of church and state in France. He also promoted Bible reading for all Catholics and encouraged the use of clear and simple homilies. He found some aspects of the Vatican's wealth and ceremony distasteful. Before his death in 1914, Pius X wrote in his will, "I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor."



22ND AUGUST, THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY is a Marian feast day in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, created by Pope Pius XII. On 11 October 1954, the Pontiff pronounced the new feast in his encyclical *Ad caeli reginam*. The feast was celebrated on May 31, the last day of the Marian month. The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and

is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the feast day to 22 August. It has been placed eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption, in order to emphasize the close bond between Mary's queenship and her glorification in body and soul next to her Son. The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Church states that "Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son" (Lumen Gentium, 59).

24TH AUGUST, ST BARTHOLOMEW

was one of the twelve apostles, but very little is known about him. Scholars believe that he was the man known as Nathanael, who was introduced to Jesus by St Philip. In the synoptic Gospels he is named Bartholomew, which means



"son of Tolmai". Some believe that he may have preached in India, where a Hebrew copy of Matthew's Gospel was found – believed to have been left by Bartholomew. He is also believed to have preached in Armenia where he was martyred.

28TH AUGUST, ST AUGUSTINE was born in 354 in Thagaste (now known as Algeria) to a pagan father and a Christian mother – St Monica. In a search for truth he explored many philosophies and theologies, though he rejected Christianity. In Milan, he heard Bishop Ambrose preach and in 387 he and his son were baptised by him. He returned to Northern Africa and established a monastic community and in 391 was ordained a priest. Five years later, Ambrose was chosen bishop of Hippo and for thirty-four years he served his diocese with authority and compassion. His vast writings (more than one-hundred books and five-hundred sermons) earned him the title, doctor of the church.



29TH AUGUST, THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, most scholars agree that John baptised Jesus. Scholars generally believe Jesus was a follower or disciple of John and several New Testament accounts report that some of Jesus' early followers had previously been followers of John. John the Baptist is also mentioned by Jewish historian Josephus. Some scholars maintain that John was influenced by the semi-ascetic Essenes, who expected an apocalypse and practiced rituals corresponding strongly with baptism, although no direct evidence substantiates this. According to the New Testament, John anticipated a messianic figure greater than himself, and Jesus was the one whose coming John foretold. Christians commonly refer to John as the precursor or forerunner of Jesus, since John announces Jesus' coming. John is also identified with the prophet Elijah. In the gospel account of John's death, Herod has John imprisoned for denouncing his incestuous marriage, and later executes John by beheading. John condemned Herod for marrying Herodias (who was not only his brother Philip's former wife but also Herod's niece) in violation of Old Testament law. Later Herodias's daughter (traditionally thought to be Salome, who was Herod's grand-niece and stepdaughter) dances before Herod, who offers her a favour in return. Herodias tells her to ask for the head of John the Baptist, which is delivered to her on a plate (Mark 6:14-29).



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

Some others are: 2/8 ST EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI; ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD; 5/8 DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR IN ROME; 7/8 ST SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS; ST CAJETAN; 9/8 ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS; 12TH 12/8 ST JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL; 13/8 STS PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS; 14/8 ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE; 16/8 ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY; 19/8 ST JOHN EUDES; 20/8 ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX; 23/8 ST ROSA OF LIMA; 25/8 ST LOUIS, ST JOSEPH CALASANZ; 27/8 ST MONICA

Parish News - St Paul's Rutherford

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

I was very much overcome when watching our children receiving the Eucharist at Saint Paul's. Mass was presided by Fr Lex and Deacon Gerard. They were all so focused on this very special occasion. As the children were going up to receive the Eucharist, Ruth commenced to play on the violin "On My First Communion Day". This brought back so many memories to me, as being one of the very special days for me, only 66 years ago, but still very much remembered. I tried to do some research on this beautiful piece of music, to make sure I had the correct title, and it appears the title was correct. I believe it was composed by a nun, name unknown. Thank you Ruth for the piece of music, certainly would have brought back memories for our mature parishioners. Music has definitely been important to our Parish, the music played "Someone is Crying Out There" played for our launching of our Mini Vinnie's for the Homeless, certainly conveyed a very important message for our Homeless.

I then thought about our Musicians, Clare, Alex, Ruth, Tom, our singers Ann Marie Gamma, Therese and Deidre. These parishioners come every week to provide this beautiful music to enhance our Sunday Mass. Grahame, who arranges the IT to go onto the overhead, for the Church, to be able to join in. Yes I believe music is an important part of our Church Life, sometimes lifting our Spirits sometimes in sad and difficult times

The children from St Paul's visited the Nursing Home during the month of July, this time taking their singing with them, to entertain the residents. This is a wonderful action for the Mini Vinnie's to experience and really brings incredible joy to the residents. Feedback I was told the residents joined in the singing and some dancing and I was informed the TWIST was popular. Sadly I too remember that dance move. A big thank you to go to Bradley and Sr Joseph, very dedicated teachers from St Paul's, who somehow manage to include these additional activities into their busy school days.

Peter Eagleton President of the Vincent de Paul Conference at Rutherford launched our Winter Appeal at St Paul's. He emphasised the serious need for us to support the Appeal, with so many people experiencing just being cold, and lacking food for themselves and family. The Parish gathered after Mass sharing hot soup to signify the plight of the Homeless. A big thank you to the Parishioners supplying those really nice soups. Liam Canny a Mini Vinnie's Leader, presented a prayer from the Mini Vinnie's at St Paul's to support the Appeal.

The Mini Vinnie's produced this together as a group, giving it much thought, showing their concern for our people in need, who are reaching out for our support.

OUR PRAYER FOR THE HOMELESS

Dear Lord

Have mercy on those less fortunate and experiencing homelessness

Let them find your light in what can be a dark and lonely tunnel

We pray that God and others will show kindness and keep them safe and warm and secure

We pray that those more fortunate can support the homeless in every day life

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

I am always amazed by our Mini Vinnie's always truly following the Frederick Ozanam in 2019.

During last week St Paul's school had a Pyjama **OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**. The school collected two truckloads of warm clothing to donate for the area, to allow our community of people in need to keep warm.

ON the 25-07-2019 the Outreach Gathering will meet for Morning Tea at the Information Centre at East Maitland. The environment will be relaxed and I know there will be much conversation and chatter Usually it presents with lots of laughter and exchange of events and stories ,always enjoyed by all. Thanks Gabby for arranging of the Gathering.



Parish News - Maitland (Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill - Holy Family Largs - St Columba's)



SACRED HEART - We celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Straight Island week at Campbell's Hill during our Mass, as Mrs Shirley Ernst carried a copy of the Australian Apology to the front of our Church and placed it on a stand near the Altar accompanied by the click of the clapping sticks. It was a very moving experience for all those who were present. Our Recessional Hymn was sung with gusto by all present and said it all. "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

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).**

St John the Baptist, Maitland – Tabloids

St John's recently celebrated our Feast Day (The Nativity of John the Baptist June 25th) and after a few days delay due to the rain, we held a Tabloids activities afternoon organised and run by our Year 5 & 6 students. A total of 19 activities were held including Zumba dancing, paper plane construction, teepee construction, parachute games, drawing and Limbo. The junior students thoroughly enjoyed the variety and fun.

A BIG thank you to our Year 5 and 6 students for your leadership, teamwork and sense of fun. Chris Sheridan - REC.



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.**

NOTE: 1st Saturday in September moved to last Saturday in August!!

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 & 31st	-	5th

SOUP NIGHT



About 40 people enjoyed another enjoyable soup night on Saturday 20th July after Mass. There were lots of beautiful hot soups and lovely sweet treats.

Thank you to all those who cooked the soups and supplied lovely sweet treats to enjoy. Many thanks also go to the many people who contributed, in too many ways to list, in the preparations for the evening that enabled us all to spend a lovely evening together.



SATURDAY MORNING MASS – 9.00AM ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH: The August Saturday morning Mass will be on **Saturday 17th August.**

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.

Parish News - OLOL Beresfield

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 25th August.

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 7th August.**

LADIES SOCIAL GROUP: The ladies group meet on an informal basis on the 4th Tuesday of each month from February to November. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 27th August at 10.00am in the Parish meeting room.** You are warmly invited to join us.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING: - Next meeting - **Tuesday 13th August, in the Parish Meeting room, at 7.00pm.** All parishioners welcome.

Parish News - Immaculate Conception Morpeth

July with its cold mornings was always a challenge for those leaving the warmth of their beds to make the 7.15 am Mass. However, those who were brave enough to make the effort came rugged up in their winter woollies. Notwithstanding a slight decrease in numbers, the music, singing and responses lifted the spirits of those in attendance. It won't be long now until the warmer weather is with us and the cooling fans will be in full swing.

July was a quieter month with just two social gatherings being the Men's Night Out at the Hunter Regal Tavern and a lunch at the Bank Hotel. Both events were well attended with lots of laughter and boisterous chatter; maybe the accompanying beverages helped to lighten the mood!

Morpeth with its vibrant community spirit relies on a dedicated group of parishioners who volunteer to support the various lay ministries. Many of these activities are performed without too much recognition. Nonetheless, they are essential in making sure all is in readiness for the celebration of our Sunday Mass and other celebrations from time to time. Unfortunately, with an aging population some find it is time to pass the baton after many years of dedicated service.

Consequently, it is time to send out an urgent SOS to replace those who are no longer able to contribute as they have in the past. Loretto Jordan is compiling the rosters for the coming three months and is calling for new volunteers. Several are needed for the Sunday morning welcoming group, several for the Church dusting and one more for washing the purifiers and corporals used at each Mass.

Annette Hogan who has been involved with the RCIA for many years is looking for a Morpeth representative to assist with the RCIA programme. When you look around the Church on a Sunday morning you realise just how successful this program has been within our Morpeth community. Just talk to Loretto and Anne after Mass on Sunday if you can give support in any way to these worthwhile and essential lay ministries. One of our sacristans has recently retired after many years of dedicated service and training up a replacement. However, we would welcome another person or persons to take on this ministry. This would reduce the frequency of those currently involved to three months a year on a month by month rotating basis. Your involvement in any of the lay ministries no matter how small will ensure the continuation and building of our Church Community

Parish News - St Patrick's Lochinvar

PLEASE NOTE there will be refresher training held for existing and new Proclaimers of the Word and Communion Ministers on Sunday 4th August after 9.30am Mass. See you there!

DON'T FORGET OUR NEXT SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS IS ON SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST

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

St Joseph's Parish Assembly SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER, 3.30pm in the TERRY CENTRE

Items Fr Paul would like to raise at the Assemblies are:

- ❖ Update on Parish Evangelisation Cells.
- ❖ The possibility of the church to be open during the day and parishioners rostered to spend some time praying about our mission of evangelisation.
- ❖ Planning Sunday liturgies in the light of decreasing number of clergy.
- ❖ Parish finances as at 30th June 2019.

There will also be an opportunity for the community to give feedback on any concerns and hopes they may have about our community.

If there is anything that anyone would like to be raised at the Parish Assembly, could they please let a member of the Parish Team know as soon as possible.

Parish Team members are Orlando Calma, Paul Cuskelly, Judy Healey, Michael & Jan Healy, Adrian Humphries, Sue Jordan, Rebecca Piefke and Marie Simoes. *If anyone is interested in joining the team they would be most welcomed. Why not come along to the next meeting Thursday 15th August at 7pm in the Terry Centre to check it out.*

There are a number of WHS projects that the team is currently in the process of prioritising and budget planning for as well as other projects that the team have been requested to look into. To that end the Finance Advisory Group and Terry Centre sub-committee have been formed to aid in this process. If you are interested in having input into any of these projects please speak to a team member for more information.

Hopefully everyone is now aware of the minor change in the collection process and except for a few hiccups all is working well. The change mainly affects those that sit in the back half of the church. We ask that the collectors and parishioners be patience with the new process as we monitor the effectiveness of the change for one financial year. 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.

Our monthly 'cuppa' will be served after Masses on the weekend of **3rd/4th August**. During the colder months we will set up in the front foyer. Thank you to all those who have braved the cold weather and participate in fellowship with other parishioners. Please join us and if anyone is able to bring a plate to share it would be greatly appreciated.

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

- ✠ **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2nd August** – following 7am Mass.
- ✠ **First Saturday Devotions 3rd August** – Begins at 8.30am with the Rosary and Reconciliation with Mass at 9am followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and then Benediction. This will be followed by a faith talk in the Terry Centre by Fr Hugh Thomas OssR "Holy Spirit in Scripture – in our lives and in the church".
- ✠ **Adoration** – Mondays 12 midday for 1 hour in the church.
- ✠ **Anointing Mass** – held the third Tuesday of the month, 10.30am in the Terry Centre. **NEXT DATE 20th August.**
- ✠ **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.

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

St Vincent de Paul Society- Day Conference meets fortnightly on Wednesday mornings (9.30-11am) in the Catherine McAuley Room. **Night Conference** meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Catherine McAuley room. The Society is always in need of new members.

The **Piety Stall** in the foyer of the church is open after Mass on Sundays. 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).

June First Saturday with Fr Camillus



Ordinary Time



Ordinary Time is the period in which God reveals to us the face of Christ through the eyes of Matthew, Mark and Luke. In the 33 (sometimes 34) Sundays of Ordinary Time, some of which occur between Christmas and Lent (depending on the date set for Easter) and the remainder after Pentecost, we get on with the day-to-day faithful living of the Gospel.

The difference is that whereas the other Seasons of the Liturgy are focussed on one major faith event, Ordinary Time simply follows the Gospels. During this period, we hear a semi-continuous proclamation of the Scriptures over the 3-year cycle. It's as if the evangelists are our guides. Each year, one of them will lead us deeper into the mystery of the mission of Christ in the world.

In Year A: We meet Jesus the great teacher as introduced by Matthew. In Matthew's gospel, we find Christ actively present through the Church and the Sacraments.

In Year B: Mark shows us the mystery of Christ as truly divine and truly human – Son of God and Son of Man. Mark calls us into a response of faith by which we radically choose to leave all to follow Christ and become willing to share our conviction with others.

In Year C: (we are now in Year C) The 'social' gospel of Luke lays before us the practical meaning of following Christ. Luke outlines the role of the disciple and the cost of discipleship in our loving response to the needy and the outcast of society. Luke assures us that the Holy Spirit is always with us as *we* try to become Good News for our world.

Where, then, is the gospel of John? While there is no 'year' of John, the Church reflects each year on John's gospel during the Christmas and Easter cycles. John's gospel gives us a deeper appreciation of the meaning of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus. He teaches us that Christ is the very source of our life in God.

Catholic Women's League promotes Earth Action Initiative

This poster is from the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations of which Catholic Women's League is a member. CWL in this diocese will be trying to support this initiative and would be happy if the people of the Chisholm Pastoral Region might also support this. It is something that can be done in one's home, school or workplace. Many thanks.

"Whether believers or not, we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone."
Laudato Si, 93, Pope Francis

EARTH ACTION INITIATIVE

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To all schools, service clubs, and Church organisations:
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CALL TO ACTION: In the face of the plastic and toxic waste crisis that is devastating our oceans, lakes, and rivers, all peoples of the world are called upon to eliminate any further damage to the Earth's water resources and to clean up the damage already sustained.

i All life is interconnected. In a similar way, all pollution is interconnected in that the majority of pollutants entering our water systems come from activities on land. Human activities along the coastlines and far inland affect the health of our oceans (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - USA). As a result:

+ 14 BILLION	70%	2 MILLION	
Pounds of trash end up in oceans every year (seastewards)	Of industrial waste is dumped into water (National Geographic)	Tons of sewage, industrial and agricultural waste are discharged into the world's water every day (UN WWAP)	Every year, more people die from unsafe water than from all forms of violence, including war (UN - Water for life decade)

WHAT CAN YOU DO:

- Organize a plastic and waste clean-up event at your nearest ocean beach, lakefront, or riverbank, along roadways, ditches, and in public spaces.
- Organize an event to educate the public about the plastic waste crisis.
- Advocate for better landfill practices particularly in areas subject to environmental conditions that could result in waste entering a water system.
- Advocate for the elimination of single-use plastics and the re-use and recycling of disposable plastics.
- Change your ways:
 - 1) Reduce your own use of plastic products.
 - 2) Re-use your plastic containers as often as possible.
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ACTIV8 YOUTH

To celebrate the end of term 2 we held pyjama parties at each of our youth groups on the last week of term, we all thoroughly enjoyed them and it was a great way to keep warm on the chilly evenings. We hope everyone had a restful and safe holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back this term for more exciting activities.

Bec and the ACTIV8 volunteers



SEPTEMBER
KIDS MASS
SUNDAY 1ST September 6pm
St Joseph's East Maitland
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Bring the kids Bring the family
ALL WELCOME TO JOIN IN

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.

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