

**Maitland Parishes of the
Chisholm Pastoral Region**

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

**We are in the country of the Worimi, Gamilleroi,
Wanarua, Gweagul, Darkinjung, Biripi and
Awabakal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge
their Elders, celebrate their continuing culture
and the living memory of their ancestors.**

Ministers

All baptised members of the community

Ministry Team

Parish Priest: Fr Paul O'Neill
Asst Priest: Fr John Lovell
(Presbytery 4934 5783)

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Fr Joseph Figurado, Fr Paul Berezniuk,
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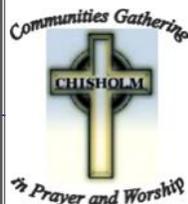
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CHISHOLM CONNECTION

Our News from the Pews

Volume 9, Issue 8

August 2019

Message from Fr Paul O'Neill

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We stand on the brink of the season of Spring. Many things are happening in our national Diocesan and parish communities which seek to bring about renewal in the church.

- ✦ In 2020 and 2021 there will be the national plenary council reflecting on the direction of the Catholic Church in Australia.
- ✦ On 8th August 2019, the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Bishop Bill convoked a Diocesan Synod to be held over three gatherings in November 2019; 2020 and 2021. Synod means "on the road together". So at the Diocesan Synod representatives of the whole Diocese will gather to reflect on our life as the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.
- ✦ September 15th will be observed as a 'Perpetual Day of Remembrance' for those who suffered child sexual abuse in our church and for all affected by those crimes. This day is an occasion to commit ourselves to remembering what happened so as not to allow those things to be repeated.
- ✦ In September and October this year our parish communities will be gathering for parish assemblies. The dates are as follows:

DATE	PARISH	CONTACT	
September	Sunday 15 th after Mass	Rutherford	Ian Searston
	Sunday 15 th , 3.30pm 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

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.
- **PREPARING FOR THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.**

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.

Finally, I would like to thank Fr John Lovell for his leadership in our parish communities whilst I was on holidays in July, and to thank Deacon John Mahony for his assistance in our parishes over the past couple of months, and we wish him every blessing as he returns to Ireland at the beginning of September.

Wishing you every blessing in this season of new birth.

With love Fr Paul



**AUGUST 2019
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Pastoral Plan (as accepted at the 2016 Assemblies) for the Maitland area Parishes of the Chisholm Pastoral Region 2016-2020

Our Vision

To Create a Caring Community, Evangelise and Grow the Catholic Faith throughout our Communities

Ministers of the Pastoral Plan

All baptised members of the community

In 2016, Fr Paul wrote:

My Sisters and Brothers

We are very fortunate that the different communities of the Parishes of our Maitland region are so vibrant and welcoming; this is because we are inheritors of the dedication of many of our parishioners to this time. I heard a statement once that said "*if we have no vision we perish*". Our Pastoral Council gathers each month to plan and reflect on the vision for our parishes. At the 2016 Parish Assemblies, that are being held after each Mass in the churches of our parishes, we reaffirm the five pillars of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan:

1. Leadership and structure
2. Worship and Prayer
3. Formation and faith education
4. Identity and Community
5. Mission and outreach

The central hub of our Pastoral Plan is "*to Create a Caring Community, Evangelise and Grow the Catholic Faith throughout our Communities*". A tool that we plan to use in these coming years is the Parish Cells of Evangelisation. We will build small home groups to which people will be invited to come and share and grow in their faith.

So, as the parishes of this region, we want to embrace and deepen our faith in Jesus and do the best we can to bring the message of the Gospel to others.

With love
Fr Paul O'Neill
Parish Priest

Our Pastoral Area consists of :

PARISHES:

St Joseph's, East Maitland (Est 1835)

St John the Baptist, Maitland (Est 1841): Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill; Holy Family, Largs;
St Columba's, Paterson

Immaculate Conception, Morpeth (Est 1871)

St Patrick's, Lochinvar (Est 1905)

Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield (Est 1947)

St Paul's, Rutherford (Est 1961)

SCHOOLS:

Primary

St Aloysius, Chisholm

St Joseph's, East Maitland

St Patrick's, Lochinvar

St John the Baptist, Maitland

St Paul's Rutherford

Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Secondary

All Saints College, Maitland

- St Peter's Campus 7-10; St Mary's Campus 11-12

St Joseph's College, Lochinvar

St Bede's College, Chisholm

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Parish Cells of Evangelisation

PARISH CELLS

of Evangelisation

A "cell" is a small, constantly growing group, at whose center there exists current relationships, which attempts to evangelise, make disciples, and carry out its ministry through daily relationships.



Why Develop Cells?

Advantages of the Cell

- Flexibility
- Mobility
- Inclusiveness
- Personal
- Growth
- Effective Evangelisation
- Adaptability
- Small in size - (8-14 people)

Objectives of a Cell Group

- To Grow in Intimacy with the Lord
- To grow in love of one another
- To share Jesus with others
- To minister in the mystical body of the Church
- To give and receive support
- To develop new leaders
- To deepen our Catholic Identity

What happens in a Cell Meeting?

- **Song and Praise** - Spontaneous prayer that starts off each meeting.
- **Sharing** - A time where cell members can share about what God has done in my life since the last meeting, what I have done to fulfil Gods work since the last meeting and how is God working in our life?
- **Instruction** - Listening to a prepared teaching from the Parish Priest. The teachings are addressed to help individuals to understand the Church, her teachings and to stimulate spiritual growth.
- **Discussion** - A time to discuss the teaching, What you may have learnt, how the teaching relates to your life and an opportunity to break open what the teaching may mean to different members of the cell.
- **Cell Business** - notices, parish news, announcements.
- **Prayers of Intercession and Healing Prayer** - A time to pray for intentions received form the parish, personal intentions, intentions from within the cell and asking for the intercession of Mary and the Saints.

A Cell meeting is 1.5 hours in duration



St Vincent de Paul Society

NSW/ACT

good works

THANK YOU

The St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank members of the parishes in the Lower Hunter region who have so generously supported the annual **Winter Appeal**. The total collected across the region was more than \$26,000. The funds will be spent on assisting vulnerable people in our local community who need support.

We also wish to thank members of the local community for their support of the **Vinnies Community Sleepout**, to be held at the Maitland Gaol on Thursday 29 August. A number of generous volunteers are braving the elements in the middle of winter to raise awareness of the plight of the 116,000 people in Australia who are homeless. The funds raised through sponsorship will be used to assist the vulnerable and homeless in our local community.

The Society in NSW has established a **Community Housing** company. In partnership with the state government, it is in the process of constructing 305 new properties and acquiring an additional 195 properties across the state, helping those who can't afford to rent in the private rental market to access homes that are affordable.



In Maitland 17 new units are in the process of construction in High St Maitland. The units will be secure and modern designed units, with parking spaces, an office and community room and a roof top terrace. Tenants will benefit from tailored support services. The target date for completion and start of tenancies is May 2020. Pictured is an artist's impression of the dwellings under construction in High St.

Michael Healy
Regional President

Special Religious Education

A LOVE OF TEACHING CHILDREN



Melissa Fielding began teaching **State School Scripture** classes at the beginning of the year.

"I felt God's calling to do something meaningful in my life, but only felt brave enough when I kept seeing the advertisement in the bulletin for volunteers. Although I am my mother's carer, I could manage time for a thirty-minute lesson on Wednesday afternoons. I knew the Holy Spirit was calling me.

"Usually I am a shy person, but I found working with my small kindergarten class easy. After two weeks working with an experienced teacher, I felt confident enough to go solo.

"I adore working with children, even if it's only for a short period each week. I go home with a smile on my face. I'm so glad I noticed that appeal for volunteers."

The History of the Catholic Church in the Maitland Area Part 4

Fr James Watkins remained in East Maitland for nine months. His last entry in the parish register was made on 24th July 1836 when he officiated at the marriage of Johnson Brothers and Mary Ann Hernyns at Morpeth. His activities were mainly confined to the Maitland, Black Creek and Morpeth area and during his time in the area, he performed 55 baptisms and officiated at 4 marriages.

When **Fr Christopher Dowling** arrived in August 1836, Fr Watkins left the Maitland area for Hobart where he took over from Fr Connolly. He remained in Hobart until he then handed over to Fr Therry in 1838.

It was seven years before any known whereabouts of Fr Watkins could be ascertained. It appears that he was aboard the brig "Mariner" which was outward bound from Melbourne but was wrecked near Maria Creek on 7th November 1845. Fr Watkins survived and made his way to Adelaide from Kingstown (240 kms southeast of Adelaide) arriving on 20th November where he offered his services as a priest to Bishop Murphy, the first Bishop of Adelaide.

Bishop Murphy wrote to Bishop Geoghegan of Melbourne giving this account; *"...his clothes were a little mildewed but otherwise safe and sound. He is now under my roof, and from what I have seen of him I hope he will be a credit to the Church and a blessing to the mission."*

Fr Watkins left Adelaide in 1849 bound for the Cape of Good Hope where he worked for some years before returning to his birthplace, Abergavenny, Monmouth, Wales. He died there in 1869 aged 75 years.

Towards the end of his life he used to tell that he was twice shipwrecked and was once stripped to be eaten by cannibals, *"but I was too fat for pork and not fat enough for bacon"*.

Fr Dowling having been appointed to East Maitland as an official chaplain by Dr Polding in October 1835 became the second priest to take up residence at East Maitland when he arrived in August 1836 and was then the only resident priest north of Sydney.

"The chaplain stationed at Maitland has to extend the sphere of his duties to Newcastle, across the Hunter, up to the whole of the Williams River, and over to Paterson's Plains on the one side, and on the other, to the distant parts of the Upper Hunter, the Patrick's and Liverpool Plains."

The official census in 1836 showed that the Catholic population of NSW was 21,898. The ordinary attendance at Mass at St Joseph's East Maitland was 250. Quoted from "History of Catholic Church in Australia" by Cardinal Moran.

At the same time there is a record of the first Catholic school at Maitland. It was totally supported by the Government and therefore had to report to the Governor. Bishop Polding reported that the school had 36 boys and 25 girls with expenses of 62 pounds.

It seems that Fr Dowling said Mass at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland on Sunday and at Newcastle on a week day. As there was no church building in Newcastle or anywhere else north of Sydney, except at East Maitland, Mass was said in the Court House or an inn or a private home.

Fr Dowling had to contend with the conditions of the time. The lack of transport and communications and housing conditions, even in the towns, was crude. Coping with the attitude of the authorities was also difficult which is highlighted in a letter written by Bishop Polding to the Governor.

*"Sydney,
October, 1837.*

Sir, The Rev Mr. Dowling, chaplain at Maitland, has represented to me that the Commandant of the stockade at Harper's Hill would not permit the prisoners of the Crown to attend Divine Service when he visited that station in August last, alleging that he could not allow the men to attend on any other day but Sunday. Your Excellency is aware that it is impossible for the chaplains to attend the spiritual instruction of the several chain-gangs on the Sunday without the omission of the essential duty of performing Devine Service in the churches or chapels of their districts. At the same time the instruction and Christian consolation of the unfortunate men condemned to the iron-gang is a duty of great importance. I have, therefore, the honour to solicit Your Excellency to direct that all reasonable facilities shall be granted for the performance of spiritual duties when the Roman Catholic chaplains visit the stockades, and that the men may be allowed to attend their ministry.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed) J.B.Polding."

In 1838 a team of young Irish priests came to Australia and a general re-organisation took place. **Fr Edmund Mahony** and **Fr John Thomas Lynch** came to Maitland and Fr Dowling was transferred to Newcastle. This heralded the real beginning of Catholicity in the Hunter Valley.

Fr Ullathorne, though an Englishman himself, saw the necessity of bringing Irish priests to Australia to minister to the Catholics here who were predominantly Irish.

The History of the Catholic Church in the Maitland Area Part 4

On 23rd March, 1838, the barque "Cecilia" set sail from Gravesend for the Colony of New South Wales arriving in Sydney on July 15th. On board were eight priests; two others had arrived in February 1838 and on the last day of that year three more priests arrived in the company of the Vicar-General Dr Ullathorne.

Two of those on board the "Cecilia" were Fr Edmund Mahony and Fr John Lynch who were appointed by Bishop Polding to the Hunter River. Their arrival in the Hunter together with Fr Dowling's work at Newcastle was the real foundation of what was to become the Diocese of Maitland.

The first baptism recorded by Fr Lynch was on 30th August and the first by Fr Mahony was on 5th September.

It was the endeavor of Bishop Polding to send out his priests, two by two as did Our Lord when He sent out the seventy-two disciples, and always to have his priests at least as near as a day's ride from each other.

In the beginning of their ministry, the two priests, Fr Mahony and Fr Lynch, lived together at East Maitland. In early 1839 Fr Lynch, although he continued to reside at East Maitland, set up a base in West Maitland. Fr Lynch moved to West Maitland in 1841 when other living quarters were set up. As Fr Mahony remained at the older established Catholic centre he was appointed as Dean. When Fr Mahony died the title went to "Dean" Lynch.

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.*

APOSTOLATE OF THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary was founded by Frank Duff in Dublin, Ireland on 7th September 1921.

It is a lay Catholic organisation whose members give service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country of the world.

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.

The unit of the Legion of Mary is called the Praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with sharings of work done as service in the name of Our Lady.



FRANK DUFF
(1889-1980)
Founder of Legion of Mary



The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick in their homes, hospitals and nursing homes and through collaboration in various apostolic and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish.

"For all states of the laity, the perfect example of spiritual and apostolic life is the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles, who while leading the life common to all here on earth, one filled with family concerns and labours, was always intimately united with Her Son and in an entirely unique way, co-operated in the work of the Saviour.....All should devoutly venerate Her and commend their life and apostolate to Her maternal care".

(Vatican II: Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity)

Persons who wish to become a member of the Legion of Mary, are welcome to attend the friendly weekly meeting first as a visitor. You will quickly discover that the sharings of work discussed you already perform in your day to day duties.

Auxiliary Membership to the Legion of Mary is also open to Priests and Religious and especially to lay people who may not, for one reason or another, be able to attend the weekly meetings, but can include the Legion of Mary in their daily prayers by reciting the Catena Legionis or Magnificat.

For more information or how to become a member, please contact Mary Jordan on 49052144.

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.

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 1st September 2019 (After Youth Mass)
 Sunday 6th October 2019 (After Youth Mass)

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

Chisholm Connection		
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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. 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:

- [Liturgy page](#) – regularly updated
- [Spirituality & Faith page](#) – regularly updated
- [MNnews.today](#) – Diocesan News Service
(don't miss out on anything in your Diocese, view events calendar, see photos and read stories about what is happening locally)
- [Subscribe to Diocesan Update eNewsletter](#)
- [Aurora Magazine articles online](#)
- [Full Diocesan Calendar](#) and [Community Noticeboard](#)

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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 6th September 2019. All welcome.**

† **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.**

† **22ND SPECIAL NEEDS MASS** Bishop Bill Wright, the community of St Dominic's Centre Mayfield, together with the Federation of P & F Associations and The Special Needs Working Party warmly welcome all to join with clergy, students, principals, teachers, school staff, families and parishioners for this special celebration. **Sunday 8th September 2.30pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle. Followed by afternoon tea and activities in the Murray Room.**



Special Blessing for Fathers

God of Abraham, Moses and Aaron;
of Zachary, father of John the Baptist,
of Joseph, foster-father of Jesus,
listen to our prayer:

Bless all who 'father' and protect new life in any way,
these 'fathers' who teach and guide,
who encourage and lead.

Invite them to the table of your eternal feast,
these 'fathers' who work hard to provide for the life
that has been entrusted to them.

Embrace them warmly in the intimacy of your love,
these 'fathers' who lift up with strength
those who are helpless and dependent.

Bless them today with all good things:
with health, with laughter, with joy and with love,
with pride in their 'children'
and with the support of many friends.

May all 'fathers' who have protected and guided the life of
others
be themselves held securely one day in your strong embrace,
there, for all eternity, to rejoice with their families and
friends.

Let us pray, Faithful God,
Fill this world with a father's love!
We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray in the most intimate of terms
when he called you his *Abba*.
He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever Amen.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - 7th September, 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	
The presider for Mass will be newly ordained Fr Anthony Coloma who will also give a Presentation on "The Christian Vision of Salvation in Benedict XVI" in the Therry Centre after morning tea.	

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

Sacred @ Seven



A room filled with young people is not usually silent. However, at Sacred@Seven (S@S), this is what sets it apart. Young people are sitting or kneeling; eyes closed in reflection and prayer. Soft music fills the church, and the center point is a monstrance holding the most precious thing to a Catholic: The Blessed Sacrament.

S@S is an initiative of the Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People (DCMYP), held quarterly. The event attracts young people for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and includes music, a Gospel reading and discussion. It is organised by young people, for young people- as an opportunity to worship together.

The next Sacred@Seven will be held on **Wednesday 4th September** at Holy Family, Largs.

You are invited to come join the parish community for **Mass at 7:00pm** which will be followed by **adoration at 7:30pm**, with supper afterwards. All are welcome. For more info and how to get involved, please contact Jess: 0401 607 810.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults 2019



An Enquiry Evening was held on Wednesday August 14th to discuss what's involved to become a Catholic. Four "Enquirers" attended and had the opportunity to ask Fr Paul O'Neill and members of the RCIA Team questions regarding the process. The Team are aware that three other people are also interested, however had other commitments on that night.

Weekly meetings will begin on Wednesday 11th September at 7pm in the Therry Centre, East Maitland.

Should you or anyone you know are interested about joining the Catholic Faith, it isn't too late to enquire and commence the journey.

**For more information please contact
Margaret Smith on 0419 335 878.**

Wayne Smith, On behalf of the Chisholm Region RCIA Team

† **September 15th** will be observed as a 'Perpetual Day of Remembrance' for those who suffered child sexual abuse in our church and for all affected by those crimes. This day is an occasion to commit ourselves to remembering what happened so as not to allow those things to be repeated. Child Protection Week is from 1st September to 8th September 2019.

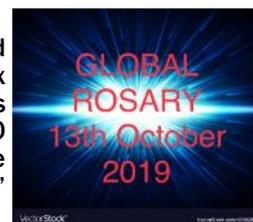
**Summary: Social Justice Statement 2019-2020
Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World**

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29th September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. The Statement will become available on their website and some hard copies will be left in church porches.

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements

Australian Pastoral Musicians Network 4th National Conference 'Listen to the Spirit and Sing' on 1-3 October 2019 in Melbourne. 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. Further details on Notice Boards.

On 7th October 2018 the world prayed the Rosary in 56 countries on six continents, including Australia, united as a **Global Rosary**. In Australia over 200 locations in all states we prayed the Rosary. This is different from 'Oz Rosary' which is specifically for Australia.



The countries of the World Wide Global Rosary will again pray for world peace, penance and reparation for the world on Sunday 13th October 2019, on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

Intentions are:

- For our country Australia and her people.
- As Reparation for our sins and those of the whole world.
- As Reparation for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- For our Priests and Religious.
- For the 'Protection of the Innocent both at the beginning and end of life.
- For the Sanctity of Marriage and Family.
- For Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- For Australia to live it's calling to be the 'Great Southland' of the Holy Spirit with a renewed devotion and spirit of evangelism.

Please join us for this Global Rosary event on **Sunday 13th October** at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland from 2.30pm for a Holy Hour of Rosary, hymns and quiet time for reflection. Everyone welcome to attend. [For more information go to OZRosary19 facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/OZRosary19)

What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

EARTH ACTION INITIATIVE sponsored by the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations of which Catholic Women's League is a member.

Choose any Saturday in September to help eliminate any further damage to the Earth's water resources and to clean up the damage already sustained. 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. Posters outlining ways to help are in church porches, but some are:

- Arrange a plastic and waste clean-up event along roadways, riverbanks, public spaces.
- Reduce your own use of plastic products.....

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

Diocesan Synod – Celebration will be on **Saturday 23rd November** at the Diocesan Offices, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West from 9.30am to 5.00pm followed by Mass. Theme: "Building the Kingdom of God together"

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).

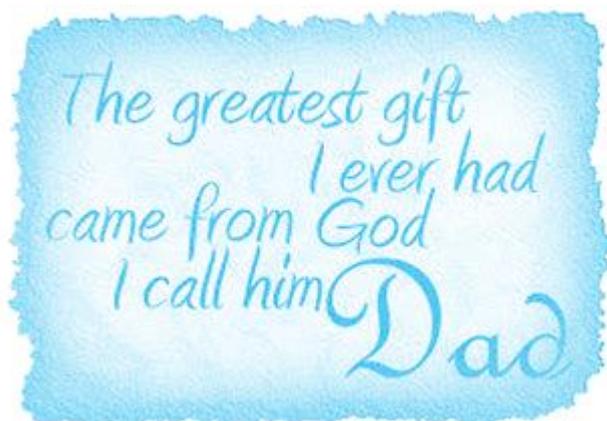
The Bishop's Award comprises four categories: Students in Year 7 & 8; Students in Year 9 & 10; Students in Year 11 & 12; Young People (those who have completed years 12 and are 25 years of age or less)

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.

- **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. 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




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Chisholm Region Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>30 Sep</p> <p>12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer & Exposition (EM)</p>	<p><i>Please note,</i></p> <p><i>all care and attention is taken to ensure that times, dates and places are correct at time of publication.</i></p> <p><i>If you have any queries please contact the parish office.</i></p>		
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September 2019

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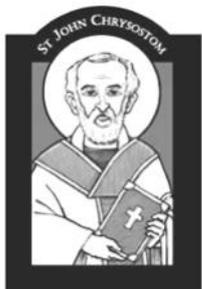


3RD SEPTEMBER Gregory the Great was born in Rome in 540 AD. He used his own money to establish monasteries in Rome and Sicily, and eventually became a monk himself at the age of 35. In 590 AD, he became the first monk to be elected pope and the first pope to take the name Gregory. He was known as a great statesman and is accounted the fourth of the great latin doctors of the church. His influence on church music gave rise to plainsong becoming known as Gregorian chant. Gregory the Great was the father of the medieval papacy, and he was instrumental in helping Western Europe rise from the ashes of the fallen Roman Empire. He referred to himself as "the servant of the servants of God", a term which the popes have used ever since.

9TH SEPTEMBER St Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1581 AD. After studying at the University of Barcelona, he became a Jesuit at the age of 20. St Peter was influenced by St Alphonsus Rodriguez to become a missionary in the Americas, where he ministered both physically and spiritually to the African slaves. He spent the next 40 years working for the humane treatment of slaves on plantations, and he reportedly converted some 300,000 African slaves to Christianity. Within the Spanish community living in America, St Peter organised charitable societies, similar to those organised by St Vincent de Paul across Europe. He said of the slaves, "We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips."



12TH SEPTEMBER HOLY NAME OF MARY This feast day began in Spain in 1513. In 1683 Pope Innocent XI extended the existing Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary to the universal Church to thank Our Lady for the victory of John Sobieski, king of Poland, over the forces of militant Islam. On September 11th, 1683, Muslim Turks attacked Vienna, threatening the Christian West. The next day, Sobieski, invoking the Blessed Virgin Mary and placing his forces under her protection, emerged victorious. Pope John Paul II restored the feast of the Holy Name of Mary with the publication of the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal in 2002, one year after the attacks of September 11th, 2001. In Hebrew, the name Mary is Miryam. In Our Lady's time, Aramaic was the spoken language, and the form of the name then was Mariam. Throughout the centuries, Saints and scholars have put forth different interpretations for the name "Mary" - a mixture of etymology and devotion. However Star of the Sea certainly seems most accepted. St Thomas Aquinas wrote; "Mary means star of the sea, for as mariners are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary's maternal intercession."



13TH SEPTEMBER St John Chrysostom was born in Antioch in 347 AD and was raised by his widowed mother. After receiving the best education available, he became a monk and lived an austere life in the mountains. He returned to Antioch eight years later to become a deacon and eventually was ordained a priest in 386 AD. St John became a famous preacher and commentator on the Gospels of Matthew and John and the Epistles of Paul. In 397 AD, Emperor Arcadius chose St

John to become the Archbishop of Constantinople. He was outspoken in his attempts to reform the corrupt morals of the court, clergy and people. As a result of this he made many enemies, who conspired to have him removed as Archbishop and sent into exile. In the West he is known as one of the Four Greek Doctors of the church.



14TH SEPTEMBER EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened. The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free

15TH SEPTEMBER OUR LADY OF SORROWS Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced by the Servites in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows. In 1817 Pius VII — suffering grievously in exile but finally liberated by Mary's intercession — extended the feast to the universal Church. The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ. "The Seven Dolours," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary.



16TH SEPTEMBER Sts Cornelius, Pope, martyr, and Cyprian, Bishop, martyr. St Cornelius was elected as pope in 251 AD; a time when Christians were being persecuted. He faced much opposition within the church over the issue of reconciling those who had distanced themselves from the church (apostates) during these dangerous times. St Cyprian was the bishop of Carthage. He supported the pope's view that apostates should be pardoned and welcomed back into the church. A few letters written by Cornelius to Cyprian survive today, including those which were written after he was banished from Rome in 253 AD. Cornelius died in exile most probably from poor health, although it was Cyprian who called him a martyr to the faith.

17TH SEPTEMBER St Robert Bellarmine. It is said that Robert Bellarmine was so short that he used to stand on a stool to be seen over the high pulpits of Europe. But he was a giant in many other ways. Robert, born in Italy in 1542, was the third of ten children in a family in which prayer and serving others were priorities. He entered the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, in 1560. Robert was a brilliant student at the Roman College and eventually taught at the University of Louvain in Belgium. His sermons and his defense of the faith were so powerful that people were attracted from all over, and many were converted. Robert was ordained in 1570, became rector at the Roman College in 1592, and was named superior of the Naples province in 1594. By 1598, he was named a cardinal, and in 1602, he became archbishop of Capua. He was called to Rome in 1605 to work in defense of the Church against heresies. Robert, who was advisor to five popes, was involved in many controversies. One involved the teachings of the scientist Galileo, who was also Robert's friend. In 1931, Robert was declared a Doctor of the Church. Like Saint Robert, let us use all our gifts from God. May we study hard, pray often, and serve others so that the world will see the greatness of our God.



19TH SEPTEMBER ST JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR was born in Italy and was bishop of Benevento during the Emperor Diocletian persecution. Bishop Januarius went to

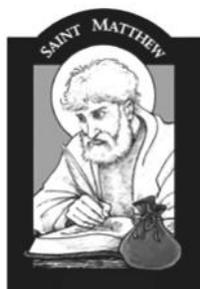
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visit two deacons and two laymen in prison. He was then also imprisoned along with his deacon and lector. They were thrown to the wild beasts, but when the animals did not attack them, they were beheaded. What is believed to be Januarius' blood is kept in Naples, as a relic. It liquifies and bubbles when exposed in the cathedral. Scientists have not been able to explain this miracle to date. St. Januarius lived and died around 305 A.D.



20TH SEPTEMBER Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and companions, martyrs. The evangelization of Korea began during the 17th century through a group of lay persons. A strong vital Christian community flourished there under lay leadership until missionaries arrived from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. During the terrible persecutions that occurred in the 19th century (in 1839, 1866, and 1867), one hundred and three members of the Christian community gave their lives as martyrs. Outstanding among these witnesses to the faith were the first Korean priest and pastor, Andrew Kim Taegon, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang. Among the other martyrs were a few bishops and priests, but for the most part lay people, men and women, married and unmarried, children, young people, and the elderly. All suffered greatly for the Faith and consecrated the rich beginnings of the Church of Korea with their blood as martyrs. Pope John Paul II, during his trip to Korea, canonized these martyrs on May 6, 1984, and inserted their feast into the Calendar of the Universal Church.

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



23RD SEPTEMBER ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST - Francesco, named in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, was born to Giuseppa and Grazio Forgione, peasant farmers, in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina on May 25, 1887. From his childhood, it was evident that he was a special child of God. He became a Capuchin novice at the age of sixteen and received the habit in 1902. Francesco was ordained to the priesthood in 1910 after seven years

of study and became known as Padre Pio. On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio was kneeling in front of a large crucifix when he received the visible marks of the crucifixion, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of Church. Padre Pio had the ability to read the hearts of the penitents who flocked to him for confession which he heard for ten or twelve hours per day. Padre Pio used the confessional to bring both sinners and devout souls closer to God; he would know just the right word of counsel or encouragement that was needed. On June 16, 2002, Pope John Paul II proclaimed Padre Pio, Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

26TH SEPTEMBER SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS were brothers, born in Arabia, who had become eminent for their skill in the science of medicine. Being

Christians, they were filled with the spirit of charity and never took money for their services. At Egaea in Cilicia, where they lived, they enjoyed the highest esteem of the people. When the persecution under Diocletian broke out, their very prominence rendered them marked objects of persecution. Being apprehended by order of Lysias, governor of Cilicia, they underwent various torments about the year 283. They are patron saints of pharmacists.



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



29TH SEPTEMBER Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael,, archangels.



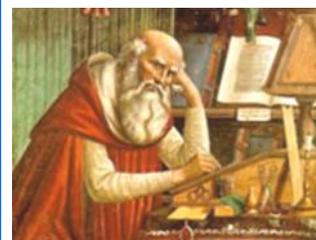
St. Michael cast Lucifer out of Heaven; Patron of police and guardian of souls.



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



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



30TH SEPTEMBER ST JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR born Eusebius Hieronymus Sophronius, was the most learned of the Fathers of the Western Church. He is one of the four great Latin Doctors of the Church and is perhaps best known for his translation of the Hebrew books of the Bible into Latin, termed as

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

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

Some others are: 28th Sep 2019: Sts Wenceslaus, Martyr; Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Parish News - St Paul's Rutherford

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



We are fast approaching the Feast Day of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, and I was asked recently who was Frederick Ozanam? Frederick was the son of Jean and Marie Ozanam, he was the fifth of fourteen children, from Jewish origin. The family were quite wealthy, and had a professional standing and literature. He was born on 23-04-1813, died on 08-09-1853. Beatified 22-08-1997. Well, Frederick Ozanam was the founder of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. I particularly marvel at this young man, who came from a very wealthy family, and studied law. He walked to the University, where he noticed the poverty, and suffering. The people were homeless and starving. He had a small gathering at his flat of fellow university students to discuss what they might be able to do to support these

suffering people. They commenced by cutting firewood and delivering it to the needy. Later supplying food and clothing. People asked what can seven young men do to alleviate the poverty in Paris. They were not daunted and continued their ongoing work.

Who was this man? He was the founder of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Husband, Father, Professor and Servant of the Poor. Today we have a very hard working Conference at Rutherford, a small Group, but very committed to the philosophy of Frederick Ozanam, also working hard to support the needy and homeless within our community.

We are very proud of our Mini Vinnie's at Saint Paul's who also follow in Fredericks desire to care for the needy.

I am proud to include in this article of one of our students at Saint Paul's Primary School who gave me a letter, stating what she felt about being a Mini Vinnie.

What a Minnie Vinnie
means to me.

When I heard of the mini vinnies, I joined up as quick as I could!

The first thing I was a part of was the nursing home visit. We went to a local age care home to do activities with the residents. We play a lot of ball games like bowling and quoits and had a nice chat with the residents. I hope they enjoyed as much as I did.

The next thing the mini vinnies did was help collect Project Compassion. The money raised goes to other disadvantaged countries. The class who received the most donations got a pizza lunch. Mini vinnies weighed the money to be able to help made me feel proud.

The most recent was mini vinnie sleepout. Yr 5 and 6 had a sleepover at school on the 24th of May. Students had to bring toiletries for the homeless people and pack them into packs. We played plastic bottle bowling, made shelters out of boxes, talked about what we'd pack if we were about to be homeless. We enjoyed a sausage sandwich and fizzy drink.

These experiences for me ~~was~~ have meant to that I can help people less fortunate, than watch ~~the~~ father than watch them suffer without doing anything about it.

Parish News - St Paul's Rutherford



School and Parish activities continue. Grandparents' Day at Saint Paul's was really a great day. We were given a really beautiful Liturgy by the students. This followed with a class visit, and there were some very proud grandparents. The day completed with a picnic lunch. I think this was very much appreciated by all the grandparents.

A very enjoyable morning was attended by the Parish. It was the Season Outreach Gathering. We had twenty three attending at the Tourist Information Centre. We all enjoyed a very nice morning tea. As expected there was much chatter and laughs. On leaving a lady in the outer area enjoying her morning tea, said you were all very noisy, but were having lots of fun. This Outreach Gathering will be held at each season.



Morning tea was followed after Mass, and always very popular, the third Sunday of each month. This again appearing to be very popular, and enjoyed by all.



I would like to thank our Church Family at Saint Paul's Parish, for their kindness, thoughts and prayers for Wayne during his very difficult journey, after being diagnosed with Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma.



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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.**
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

SATURDAY MORNING MASS – 9.00AM ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH: The September Saturday morning Mass will be on **Saturday 21st September.**

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.

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 4th September.**

LADIES SOCIAL GROUP: The ladies group meet on an informal basis on the 4th Tuesday of each month from February to November. This month the ladies group will gather for lunch at **Beresfield Tavern, 195 Anderson Drive, Beresfield on Tuesday 24th September at 11.30am for 12.00pm start.** You are warmly invited to join us.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING: - Next meeting - **Tuesday 10th September, in the Parish Meeting room, at 7.00pm.** All parishioners welcome.

ACTiv8 youth along with the support of the Beresfield community held Adoration Friday 26th July at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. We would like to thank the staff and students from St Bede's Catholic College for taking such a dominant place in the structure of the Adoration. We were grateful to the Students that read so well. Those present were inspired by the manner of reverence, respect and value that these students demonstrated before the gift we honour of the presence of The Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. After Adoration we gathered for a delicious supper prepared by the OLOL Beresfield parishioners.



Parish News - Immaculate Conception Morpeth

Yes, it has been an effort to get out from under the doona to attend the 7.15am Mass during these winter months, evidenced by the number of spare seats in the Church. However, with the worst of winter behind us we can look forward to welcoming spring and a full month of community events in **SEPTEMBER**.

On Sunday 1st September we remember our fathers, both living and dead with a special Father's Day Mass.

On **Sunday 8th September** we get together for our **Spring Family breakfast** immediately after the 7.15am mass. All are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to spend time with those we see maybe only at Mass on Sundays but haven't had the chance to get to mix and meet socially. There will be new parishioners to welcome, especially recent arrivals at Closebourne along with the many who make up our vibrant parish community. As always, the tables will be laden with an abundance of delicious food so come along and enjoy a morning of good food and great company.

On Wednesday 18th September we have the opportunity to welcome Sr. Helen Baguley, RSM who will lead us on a Reflection Day in the Corcoran Centre. The focus of the day will be:-

"What a Wonderful World...made in the Image of God."

Sr. Helen will be inviting participants to reflect on this in light of Pope Francis' exhortation to us to: Journey into a deeper awareness of our invitation to live joyfully and authentically in harmony with God, with ourselves, with others, and with the whole of creation. The format for the day will be.

10.00-11.00am	Session 1
11.00-11.20am	Morning Tea
11.20-12.00	Session 2
12.00-1.00	Session 2 including final prayer together

We will then gather for a shared lunch together. So come and spend some time to reflect away from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, especially at this time of worldwide unrest and uncertainty. All are welcome to attend and as the topic is all inclusive, we will be extending an invitation to our fellow Christians from the Anglican and Uniting Church communities.

On **Friday 20th September** we will be holding our annual **Trivia and Games** night in the Corcoran Centre commencing at 7.00pm. Get your team together (tables of 10) or just turn up on the night and you will be allocated a spot; maybe with the brightest of the bright. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Bring along your nibbles and other refreshments to stimulate the brain along the way. Tea and coffee will be available.

Great prizes to be won so best to start brushing up on your trivia knowledge.

Parish News - St Patrick's Lochinvar

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

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

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

LARGS: The next Sacred@Seven will be held on **Wednesday 4th September** at Holy Family, Largs. You are invited to come join the parish community for **mass at 7:00pm** which will be followed by **adoration at 7:30pm**, with supper afterwards. All are welcome. For more info and how to get involved, please contact Jess: 0401 607 810.

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

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. Everyone is welcome to attend and be part of the future planning of our Parish.

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.

After Masses on the weekend of 31st August/1st September our monthly 'cuppa' will be served. This will be a special tribute for **FATHER'S DAY**. Please join us and if anyone is able to bring a plate to share it would be greatly appreciated.

SPRING CLEAN UP for the Therry Centre Saturday 21st September following the 8.00am Mass. Anything not identified or claimed will be disposed of. If anyone could spare some time to help it would be great.

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

- ✠ **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6th September** – following 7am Mass.
- ✠ **First Saturday Devotions 7th September** – Begins at 8.30am with the Rosary and Reconciliation with Mass at 9am followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and then Benediction. The presider will be newly ordained Fr Anthony Coloma. Following morning tea in the Therry Centre Fr Coloma will give a presentation entitled "The Christian Vision of Salvation in Benedict XVI".
- ✠ **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 17th September.**
- ✠ **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.

Piety Stall opened 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).

If anyone has any ideas about starting a new community group/activity or prayer group the Parish Team may be able to help. Please let a team member know.

The next team meeting will be held on Thursday 19th September, 7pm in the Therry Centre.



Fr Paul celebrated his 43rd Anniversary of Ordination on 20th August 2019. Join us in thanking Fr Paul for being our Parish Priest. We ask God to Bless him in his ministry.

ACTIV8 YOUTH

Meet our New Volunteers



My name is Isaac Fogarty and I am the newest member of the Chisholm Parish's Activ8 Youth Team. I have been attending senior youth group for a couple years now and after recently turning 18 I decided that I wanted to be more involved with the Activ8 team. I am currently completely year 12 at St Francis Xavier's college in Hamilton. I have a interest is Music and play drums for kids Masses at East Maitland church.

Hi, my name is Milly Sexton. I am 18 years old and currently completing my Bachelor of Secondary Education at the University of Newcastle. Specialising in English and Studies of Religion. I am a Pastoral Placement Program Participant and Volunteer at Rutherford Youth Group. In June-August 2019, I spent 3 months working at a summer camp in Arapahoe, North Carolina. Working with girls between the ages of 6-16 years old to develop their character, build strong relationships, independence and confidence in which equipped me with the skills, to bring back to youth ministry in the Chisholm Region. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, swimming and going to the beach. I attended youth group at Lochinvar when I was in primary school, and I am thrilled to be back in a leadership role to share my skills and knowledge.



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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

ACTiv8 comes directly from the scripture reference Acts 1:8 where Jesus is about to ascend into heaven and promises his disciples that:

You will receive the power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

The Vision for youth ministry in the Chisholm Region is to build a community of young disciples who encounter God, receive the power of the Holy Spirit, and go to be a witness of their faith in their daily lives.

Our goals are to encounter, engage and encourage active participation.

ACTiv8 currently has youth groups each week at Rutherford, East Maitland and Largs, but there is also much more we do within the Chisholm region to encounter, engage and encourage active participation with our youth.

Each Tuesday at St Pauls Rutherford members of our Youth Ministry team are running organised games at lunch time, Thursdays during lunch we run Meditation in the Library at St Joseph's East Maitland, we are participating in sport at ALL Saints Maitland, Altar Server training and our Music Ministry is involved in assisting and running the music at some of our Chisholm Region School Masses.

Through taking part in these activities we are building relationships by actively going out to meet young people where they are at and then able to connect young people to our Youth Mass and invite them to have active participation in the life of the church.



Faith Input at East Maitland ACTiv8

Over the last term the young people in this group were engaged in learning, using sensory experiences and discussion to discover Jesus' messages contained in the following Sunday Liturgy of the Word. Along with some geography of the Holy Land, and using a time line concept, development of images we see in the Gospel and that are continued from the Old Testament, such as *the good shepherd*, and the *vine and vineyard* were examined.

This term, we planned that our youth would profit from being introduced to the elements, symbols and structure of the Mass; Baptism and Confirmation. Using some resources from our Parish Office that are proving to greatly benefit our youth is proving to assist them engage in our Catholic essential beliefs.

As well as support from their families, the young people show reverence in the sacred space that the Church occupies for gathering our Catholic community for the Sacraments and especially The Eucharist. They were delighted that Father explained the reason for the liturgical colours of the vestments and showed these to them prior to Tuesday night Mass.



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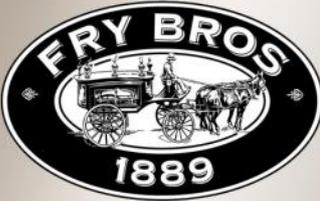
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