

**Maitland Parishes of the
Chisholm Pastoral Region**

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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 Priests: Fr John Lovell,
Fr Velerian D'Souza
(Presbytery 4934 5783)

Weekend Supply:

Fr Maurie Cahill, Fr Lex Levey,
Deacon Gerard McCarthy

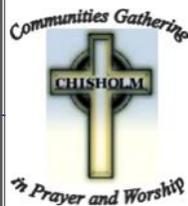
**Co-ordinator, Spiritual care of sick &
aged in care or at home:** 4933 8918

**Co-ordinator, Dying, Bereaved & Funeral
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ACTiv8 Youth Co-ordinator
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CHISHOLM CONNECTION

Our News from the Pews

Volume 9, Issue 9

September 2019

Message from Fr Paul O'Neill

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We welcomed Fr Velerian D'Souza to our region on September 6th. Having Fr Velerian with us will be a great help to Fr John and myself as we care for the six parishes and eight worshipping communities of our region. As well as Sunday Mass we celebrate Masses at each of the six primary schools and the three secondary colleges of our region. We celebrate anointing Masses in the seven aged care facilities of our region as well as being on call for the two hospitals in Maitland. We are also very grateful for the support of Fr Lex Levey and Fr Maurie Cahill who assist with Sunday Masses in our region.

I am very grateful to the parishioners that have been able to attend the five parish assemblies that have been held so far. In October we will be holding the final three assemblies. Thank you to the representatives of our Regional Pastoral Council and our Regional Finance Council who have helped conduct our Assembly gatherings. It has been good for me to hear the comments of each community about the issues that concern them.

Over the next three years there will be gatherings for our Diocesan Synod in November 2019, 2020, 2021. Synod comes from two words in Greek "sun" "hodus" which means on the road together. This is a means for us as a local church in the diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to reflect on our life and mission.

As well as our diocesan Synod, in 2020 and 2021 there is to be held a national Plenary Council convoked by the Australian Catholic Bishops representing the bishops, clergy and lay faithful of the whole country. This national Plenary Council will be reflecting on "How is God calling us to be a Christ centre Church that is :

1. Missionary and Evangelising
2. Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
3. Humble , Healing and Merciful
4. Prayerful and Eucharistic
5. A joyful, hope-filled and servant community
6. Open to conversion, renewal and reform

In the month of October some parishioners will be gathering to reflect on these themes of the national plenary Council.

We pray that the church of our parishes, our diocese and our nation will grow in following the Gospel and witnessing to the good news of Jesus Christ.

With love Fr Paul



**SEPTEMBER 2019
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Welcome Fr Velerian D'Souza

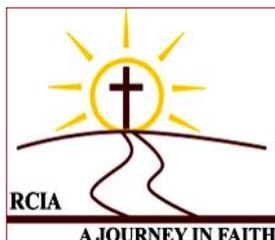


I was ordained in 1987 in the diocese of Varanasi in North India. Varanasi city is a holy city in India. It is the heart of Hinduism. There is the Ganges River which the Hindus believe that those who take a bath in the river will have their sins forgiven.

I have been a Parish Priest, and Principal for 29 years in the College. After my V.R.S. I came to Australia on the 5th October, 2017 to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. For the first three months I worked at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton. Later the Bishop transferred me to Blackbutt North parish where I was the assistant Priest; and I also worked as a Chaplain to the John Hunter, Mater and Newcastle

Private Hospitals.

And, on the 6th September I began my ministry with the Chisholm Pastoral region.



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Eight people have recently commenced their first steps on their journey to joining the Catholic Faith.

Weekly meetings are on Wednesdays at 7pm at the Therry Centre, East Maitland.

If you or anyone you know are interested about what is involved or have any other questions about joining the Catholic Faith, it isn't too late to enquire and commence the journey.

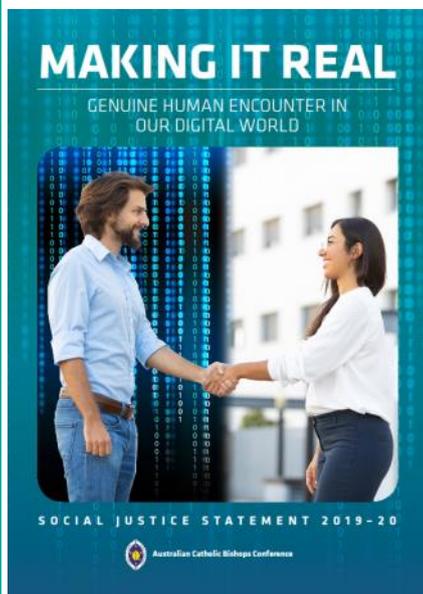
For more information please contact Margaret Smith on 0419 335 878 or Margaret.Smith@ssjl.org.au.

God Bless Fr Joyce Sebastian

This Sunday Fr Joyce celebrates 25 years since his ordination as a priest. We wish him every blessing for his ministry in Raymond Terrace parish and Myall Coast Parish. And we are grateful for his time with us in the parishes of the Maitland region.

Social Justice Statement 2019-2020

Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World



This Sunday 29th September, we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. 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

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019 – 2020, *Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world*, affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements of our digital world that may be harmful. These include information overload; social isolation; marginalisation of the vulnerable; consumerism and fake news.

The Statement reminds us that the new digital media cannot be seen as neutral or 'unaffected by any moral considerations'. While many users do not realise it, the core business of social media platforms is to sell advertising and maximise profits. People's personal lives may be reduced to data that is traded for profit or power, and it is used to target and influence us in ways

previously unthinkable. Pushing users to more extreme positions and promoting fake news and conspiracy theories sells, but this is at odds with human solidarity.

The Statement amplifies Pope Francis' call to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. We are called not only to love our neighbour, but to bring the love of God to the new global neighbourhood. The Statement points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this new digital world, but active citizens shaping it. All of us – whether we are users, communities, industrial or political leaders – have a role to play in rejecting hatred, divisions and falsehoods. We have a duty to foster a neighbourhood that promotes those human attributes and social values that lend themselves to genuine human encounter – love, understanding, beauty, goodness, truth and trustworthiness, joy and hope.

Prayer for Our Digital World

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognise the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.
 Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.
 Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practise listening;
 where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
 where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
 where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
 where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
 where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
 where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
 where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen.

- A Prayer from Pope Francis, 2018
 Message for the 52nd World Communications Day

The History of the Catholic Church in the Maitland Area Part 5

THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE MAITLAND AREA

Part 5

Fr Mahony was going out to the people and setting a standard for the future priests of Australia.....

Fr Edmund Mahony was born in Cork, Ireland and undertook his religious studies at Maynooth Seminary. Fr William Bernard Ullathorne, the vicar general of the Australia Catholic Mission, visited Maynooth as part of a journey he was undertaking to encourage the Irish clergy to travel to Australia and minister to the Catholic population of whom mostly were Irish. The President of the Maynooth College invited Dr Ullathorne to give a retreat to the students in preparation for their ordination. Deacon Edmund Mahony was among the attendees of the retreat and volunteered to accompany Dr Ullathorne on his return to the Australian. He was in fact ordained in Sydney by Bishop Polding.

Fr Mahony arrived in East Maitland in September 1838 and together with Fr Lynch immediately began to comb the area for the practising and non-practising Catholics. Fr Mahony concentrated on and about East Maitland and the lower Hunter, while Fr Lynch ministered to the west and the interior.

"The glory of Father Mahony's ministry in East Maitland is one of devotion to duty, of self-sacrifice, and of utter disregard of self in the discharge of the onerous duties which slowly undermined his health. There are records of sick calls through the trackless bush to places on the Paterson and the Williams Rivers, and to the out-stations of the A.A. Company in the Gloucester district, of long rides to farmhouses, day after day, for the celebration of Mass for his scattered flock, of his ministrations to the wretched convicts on assignment or in the stockades, and generally of a wonderfully edifying and exemplary life." Dan J. Ryan. Op.cit. "Sentinel" 1932

The place names recorded in the Baptismal Registers read like a geography of the lower Hunter: East Maitland, Maitland, Hunter River, Farley Place, Liverpool Plains, Williams River, Grahamstown, Paterson, Patrick's Plains, Harpers Hill, Swan Reach, Green Hills, Wollombi, Pheonix Park, Allen River, Cockfighter Creek, Berry Park, Upper Paterson, Morpeth, Clarencetown, Black Creek, Butterwick, Narrowgut, Hinton, Brisbane Water, Four Mile Creek, Cassilis, Bolwarra, Melville, Cooly Camp, Rathluba, Fonthill, Gammon Plains, Rose Bank, Sugarloaf, Belview, Raymond Terrace, Dungog, Woodville, Sydney Park, Ellalong, Rat's Castle, Hexham, Dunmore, Buchanan, Irish Town, Millers Forest, Bowthorne, Buchanan Swamps, Dagworth, Nelsons Plains, Greenways, Wallarobba, Gosford.

Between 5th September 1838 and 14th January 1844, a period of 64 months, Fr Mahony recorded 453 baptisms and 120 marriages.

In his first year at East Maitland he *"was attending six stations, each once in six weeks – at Richmond Vale, 10 miles, 30 attend; at Sparke's, 8 miles, 40 attend; at William's River, 15 miles, 50 attend; at Dungog, 40 miles, 80 attend; at Hinton, 5 miles, 40 attend; at Cooley Camp, 9 miles, 60 attend; travels 60 miles per week, above 3,000 per annum. Communions per month, 30."* Dom Birt –*Benedictine Pioneers in Australia.*

By 1840, Fr Mahony had set about erecting chapels at three of these Mass stations, Hexham, Raymond Terrace and Dungog.

In the Dublin Catholic directory of 1842, the following entry appears: *"East Maitland, in charge of Rev Edmund Mahony, included William's River, 50 miles distant, Cooly Camp, 60 miles and Dungog, 80 miles. There was a Gothic Church at Maitland, where the total number of Catholics was 600. About 450 assisted at Mass, and there were 30 monthly communicants."*

In January, 1844 Fr Mahony was sent to Adelaide to help with the establishment of the new Diocese of Adelaide. He came home to Maitland in early 1845, suffering with tuberculosis. His last Baptism in the East Maitland register is recorded on April 13, 1845. He took to his bed on April 19 and died on April 24, aged 33 years.

From the Morning Chronicle (Sydney, NSW: 1843 - 1846), Saturday 10 May 1845, page 2

THE LATE REV. EDMUND MAHONY. The premature and almost unexpected death of this truly beloved and lamented gentleman and exemplary pastor, which occurred on the 24th ultimo, has been already noticed by us; but we feel it to be a duty which we owe to departed worth to offer our readers the few following observations relative to this most excellent man. Fr. Mahony was a native of the county of Cork, and was educated at Maynooth. He arrived in this Colony on the 15th July, 1838, in company with the Rev. Fr. Murphy, now Bishop of Adelaide, and several other clergymen, having embarked in London on the previous St. Patrick's Day. Soon after

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his arrival he was ordained priest in St. Mary's Cathedral, along with, we believe, the Rev. Fr. Slattery of Windsor; and immediately afterwards was stationed at Maitland, where he continued exercising the duties of his ministry and labouring with the most ardent zeal and untiring energy for the salvation of those committed to his charge, until the 10th of January, 1844, when he was temporarily called away from his beloved flock to proceed to Adelaide, South Australia. He remained at this latter place until Christmas last, and by his mild and urbane demeanour, his charitable disposition, and indefatigable exertions for the spiritual welfare of the Catholics of that Colony, he won for himself "golden opinions from all sorts of men." His departure from Adelaide was deeply regretted by all who knew him, and a large number of the principal inhabitants of that city, of every creed assembled on the day of his embarkation to bid him farewell. The Rev. gentleman arrived in Sydney from Adelaide on the 9th of February last, and three days afterwards returned to his previous charge at Maitland, where his presence was hailed by his beloved people with the most heartfelt joy and satisfaction. The district over which Fr. Mahony had charge was a most extensive one, and comprised a large though scattered population, and his duties were consequently of a very severe nature; but his piety and zeal were of that ardent nature that no obstacles or difficulties were too great to be surmounted by him in the faithful discharge of his pastoral duties. To this cause chiefly may be attributed his early and lamented death (the reverend gentleman being only in the 33rd year of his age), which has plunged in the deepest affliction the members of his own flock, and been a source of grief to all who had the pleasure of enjoying his friendship. As a preacher, Fr. Mahony was mild, persuasive, and energetic, and though by no means an eloquent man, his preaching had that simplicity, earnestness and affection about it, which always made its way to the hearts of his hearers, and which caused deep and lasting impressions on their minds. The moral and spiritual reformation which under his ministry was effected in the district over which his labours extended, are almost incalculable, and there can be no doubt that the seed which lie scattered has taken deep and permanent root. In private life Fr. Mahony was an agreeable and cheerful companion, an ardent and sincere friend, a gentleman and a scholar, and his hand and heart were ever open to assist the indigent whoever they might be. We extract the following just tribute to the memory of this lamented pastor, from the Maitland Mercury of Saturday last:— To the Editors of the Maitland Mercury. *Gentlemen, So unexpected was the summons which called away from an affectionate and improving people their beloved and zealous Pastor, that till now their only panegyric was the solemn silence of heartfelt grief. Your kind notice in last Saturday's Mercury of the Rev. Fr. Mahony's decease elicited their grateful acknowledgments, and induces them to request the insertion of the following tribute to his memory. In July, 1838, the Rev. Edmund Mahony arrived in this colony, and within a few weeks received his appointment for Maitland. The generous sacrifice which he had made, in bidding adieu to parents, country, and friends, he still continued by his unceasing cares and anxieties for the spiritual and temporal happiness of his flock. With heroic fortitude he denied himself even the moderate use of those liquors, which (although to him innoxious, nay, at all times useful and necessary) he considered the cause of misery, degradation, and ruin to his people; and many now live to bless him, as being in the hand of Providence, the instrument of their regeneration. He was not many months returned from Adelaide where his piety, virtues, and zeal endeared him to persons of every denomination. At two o'clock on Sunday morning, the 20th April, he burst a blood vessel. Spiritual and medical assistance and comfort were promptly rendered, and so favourable a change took place, that the physicians entertained hopes of his recovery, but a second rupture about half past five o'clock on the evening of the 24th terminated his earthly career, and destroyed the fond confidence of his suffering friends. He remained in the church, at East Maitland, till Sunday the 27th April, when His Grace the Archbishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. M'Encroe, Lynch and Dowling, performed his obsequies; and in a vault, erected by his people, repose his mortal remains. His people take this opportunity of expressing their full sense of the courteous and humane feelings which prompted the attendance at his interment of so many, who, whilst they did not kneel at the same altar, came to shed a tear over his estimable qualities and worth.—I remain, gentlemen, your most obedient servant, HIS FRIEND. Maitland, May 1, 1845.*

Three priests were there at the Requiem Mass for Fr Mahony: Fr Lynch, his shipmate and companion in the Hunter Valley, his friend Fr Dowling of Newcastle and Fr McEnroe came from Sydney. He was buried in the churchyard beside St Joseph's Church. On the following Sunday, Archbishop Polding arrived from Sydney to console the sorrowing people of East Maitland. The Archbishop preached in his homily "deplored the loss of one who had been gifted by God for great things, who had devoted himself wholeheartedly to his priestly duties, and whose memory would remain with them all as a holy benediction and an inspiration to continue the great work which he had begun."

Dean Lynch preaching in Parramatta in July, 1883, 40 years later, could still remember: "...Dean Mahony was my colleague in Maitland, and the memory of his zeal and labours is still fresh among the people who loved and revered him."

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When the old St Joseph's Church was demolished, the remains of both Fr Mahony and Fr Dowling (who was also buried in the churchyard some 28 years after Fr Mahony) were removed to a newly prepared grave under the floor of the present St Joseph's Church.

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;



Four Parish Priests were ultimately buried at St Joseph's East Maitland, Rev. Edmund Mahony, Rev. Christopher Dowling, Rev. Michael Barron and Rev. Patrick O'Leary.

CHISHOLM REGION OCTOBER
KIDS MASS
SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 6pm
St Joseph's East Maitland

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THANK YOU



A very successful **Maitland Community Sleepout** was held on August 29 to both raise awareness of the plight of the homeless and vulnerable in our local community, and to raise funds to support them.

Jodi Hinshelwood, a member of the East Maitland Conference, joined more than 30 other participants to brave the elements on a cold winter evening and was successful in raising more than \$1000. She wishes to thank her sponsors, which included one very generous anonymous donation from an East Maitland parishioner.

Thanks are also due to a wonderful team of teachers and students from St Joseph's College Lochinvar who participated in the Sleepout. The school community sponsored the team who raised \$3,800 – an outstanding result.

David Redgrove, a parishioner from Largs, raised the most funds – more than \$6,000 – an amazing effort.

We are also grateful to staff and members of other conferences who assisted on the evening, including members of the Rutherford Conference who provided some nourishing soup and damper prior to bedtime.

We also thank the management of Maitland Gaol for providing the venue, and for hosting a nighttime tour of the gaol, including stories of some past infamous inmates!

Jennifer Barrie, the event organizer from Vinnies, was delighted with the success of the evening, on which more than \$21,500 was raised – well in excess of expectations.

Money raised will enable the Society to better support those in the local community who are vulnerable or without stable accommodation.

In the meantime, good progress is being made on the construction of 17 new dwellings in High Street Maitland, as part of the Society's contribution to the Social and Affordable Housing Program.

Michael Healy
Regional President





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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 6th October 2019 (After Youth Mass)
 Sunday 3rd November 2019 (After Youth Mass)

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

Chisholm Connection		
Deadline & Distribution Dates 2019		
ISSUE	EDITORIAL DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION DATE
OCTOBER	25th October	2/3 November
For enquiries please contact 4933 8918/email chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au (Please be aware these dates could change)		

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Chisholm Connection this month, it was great to see and read so many articles. PLEASE KEEP THIS UP!

Faith Stories; Parish/School News; Social Events; Social Justice issues; Volunteers/students visiting nursing homes; Historical News; Photos; More fun - jokes, poetry, quizzes, competitions, recipes etc. Reviews of relevant books and movies. Even stories of loved ones recently deceased (with permission).

If anyone in your parish can contribute any of the above, and, if you want to see/read anything else in the Chisholm Connection please let the office know!

YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO US!

†**CHISHOLM CONNECTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR DIOCESAN WEBSITE:** it is linked to the "Chisholm Pastoral Region" page <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/pastoral-regions/chisholm>. If you wish to be placed on an EMAIL distribution list please contact the office.

†**DONATIONS/PAYMENTS ONLINE!** To make donations/payments to your parish electronically follow this link <http://mn.catholic.org.au/places/parish-payments>

†**PLANNED GIVING!** Parishes can't survive without the generous support of parishioners either through donating to the parish electronically or the traditional second collection plate by planned giving envelope or loose collections or by giving of their time and talents. Fr Paul greatly appreciates everyone who supports their parish in any way. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Louise Gilchrist at the regional office.

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

†**Legion of Mary "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour"** meet 10.30am Tuesdays, 79 Banks St, East Maitland. Contact 4905 2144 for more information.

†**Holy Hour of Prayer and Exposition** every Monday at 12noon, ALSO, A Spiritual Library has been set up in the prayer room at St Joseph's church, East Maitland. Any enquires: Marion Riley 4934 1949.

†**PIETY STALL:** open every weekend after Mass, at St Joseph's church, East Maitland. Marion Riley 0412 811 759.

†**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.** People seeking more information about the Society and what membership involves, are invited to contact Michael Healy on 4933 1302 or Warren Clarke on 4966 3683. The Society offers an opportunity to respond to Christ's call " to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit those who are sick or in prison.

†**PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION** If you are interested in finding out more about the Parish Cells of Evangelisation or joining a Parish Cell, please feel free to talk to Cell leaders at a parish near you. 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.

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](#)

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[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 4th October 2019. All welcome.



THE HUNTER CLIMATE SUMMIT

Including keynotes by: **Greg Mullins, Emergency Leaders for Climate Action, and Ann Porcino, RPR Consulting: Towards Our Common Humanity**

Tickets: Eventbrite—The Hunter Climate Summit or newcastleclimatechangeresponse.org.au/hunter-climate-summit.html

Contact: Facebook [bit.ly/NCCRgroup](https://www.facebook.com/NCCRgroup) newcastleclimatechangeresponse@gmail.com



WHEN?
 Friday October 11, 2019 8.15am - 4.30pm

COST: \$48.56, (27.46 Conc), including breakfast (from 7am), lunch and refreshments and childcare (opt-in ith rego). BYO keepcup ♡.

WHERE?
 The Wollotuka Institute (Birabahn) Callaghan Campus University of Newcastle

WHO?
 All who care about or advocate for the people or places most vulnerable to the climate crisis!



GLOBAL ROSARY
13TH October 2019
St Joseph's Church
East Maitland

The countries of the World Wide Global Rosary will 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 [OZRosary#53](https://www.facebook.com/OZRosary#53) facebook page.

† **On the 18th October Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign *"One Million Children Praying the Rosary"*. For more information and for prayer resources visit www.millionkidspraying.org.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - 5th October, 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 Fr Joseph Figurado. Following morning tea in the Therry Centre, Fr Joseph who has recently returned from a visit to Sri Lanka will speak on the power of Mary's Intercessions in the time of the bomb blast in Sri Lanka.	

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

† Fanning the Flame of RCIA: Let's get it Rite.

Christian Initiation is at the heart of the Church's life. With a steady number of individual enquiries and only a few pastoral regions hosting RCIA, the Church of Maitland-Newcastle is primed to ignite the flame of RCIA in parishes and schools. World leaders in catechumenate ministry, Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal offer a free, full-day workshop on **19th Saturday October, Newcastle West**. Suitable for anyone with fire in their belly for Christian Initiation and a must for RCIA team members, parishes looking to begin RCIA, sacramental teams, parish leaders and school staff. **Enquiries and bookings E sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au P 4979 1134. See notice board for details.**

† **HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS, VOCATIONS & RELIGIOUS LIFE** will be held by the Legion of Mary at St Joseph's Church East Maitland on **Sunday 21st October** commencing at 2pm with afternoon tea to follow in the Therry Centre. **ALL WELCOME!**

† **Newcastle Catholic Charismatic Renewal and Jesus Light of the World Community** are organising a Healing Mass with Fr. Joe Fallor from the Philippines, who has a strong Healing Ministry, for 7 pm **Wednesday 23rd October** at St Patrick's Catholic Church Wallsend. Praise and Worship starts at 6:30pm and all are welcome. Paul Gleeson: 0420 281285 Wayne Caruana: 0466 631394

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 REGIONAL LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

November is the month dedicated to prayer and remembrance for all who have died. A regional liturgy will be celebrated at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, East Maitland on Wednesday 6th November.

As is our tradition at this liturgy, we will have a special ritual for all those whose funeral took place in the **Chisholm Pastoral Region** in the past twelve months. There will also be an opportunity for everyone to place a memorial card in honour of their loved ones whose funerals took place in another parish, either in the past year or some time ago. The

'book of remembrance' will be available after the liturgy to record the names of deceased loved ones. The ministry team warmly encourage everyone to come to support our grieving community. In so doing those who mourn will experience the living sign of the comforting, compassionate Christ among them.

† **Marriage Enrichment Weekend:** *Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! 8th-10th November, 2019, Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW.* Book online www.wvme.org.au. Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com.

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"

† **Job Vacancies:** *Are you a confident public speaker? Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Diocese. For more details visit www.aidtochurch.org/work*

Plenary Council 2020: Listen to What the Spirit is Saying.....

In October 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Plenary Council to be held since the second Vatican Council. In 2018, the entire People of God in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God, by listening to one another's stories of faith.

More than 222,000 people participated in listening and dialogue encounters and contributed 17,457 submissions during the first stage of preparation for the Australian Plenary Council. The voices of the faithful help all of us to understand something of the historical experience and the current reality of the Catholic Church in Australia. This gathered data also reveals some deeper hopes and questions, and the diverse yearnings, that we are now challenged to consider together. The National Themes for Discernment named below are inspired by the data and call us toward the future.

Now that we are in the [Discernment](#) phase, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

We invite the groups who participated in Listening and Dialogue to now reconvene in communal Discernment on any one of the six themes. Each Discernment session is expected to result in a response that can be summarised in 1000 characters and that can be submitted through a form on the Discernment page (to be opened September 1). Our Writing and Discernment Groups will then meet and discern on these responses, with prayer and from their own theological knowledge, towards publishing thematic papers and fleshing out the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council in October 2020.

This period for Listening and Discernment will be open until the first few months of 2020.

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:

1. Missionary and Evangelising
2. Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
3. Humble, Healing and Merciful
4. Prayerful and Eucharistic
5. A joyful, hope-filled and servant community
6. Open to conversion, renewal and reform



In the month of October some parishioners will be gathering to reflect on these themes of the national plenary Council.

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.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
	1 Oct	2	3
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS To 11 Oct. →			
	7:00pm Mass (EM)	12:00pm Mass (St John's Chapel, Maitland) 6:30pm RCIA (Therry Centre) 7:00pm Mass (Largs) 7:30pm Prayer Group (see EM notice)	7:00am Mass (EM) 10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice) 6:00pm Joint RPC & RFC meeting
7	8	9	10
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS To 11 Oct. →			
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← -From 13 Oct CLERGY CONFERENCE To 18 Oct. →			
12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer & Exposition (EM) 6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Rutherford) 7:30pm LOW (Rutherford)	10:30am Anoint Mass (EM - Therry Centre) 5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre) 7:00pm Youth Mass (EM)	12:00pm Mass (St John's Chapel, Maitland) 5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Largs) 6:30pm RCIA (Therry Centre) 7:00pm Youth Mass (Largs) 7:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)	7:00am Mass (EM) 10:00am Cenacle (see EM notice) 10:10am St Peter's School Mass (Maitland)
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October 2019

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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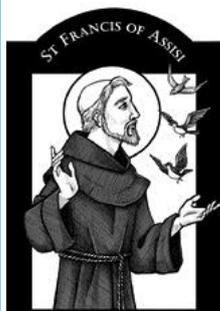
Saints and Feasts in October 2019



1/10/19 – St Thérèse of the Child Jesus. St Thérèse was born at Alençon, France in 1873. She entered the Carmelite convent of Lisieux at a young age and was recognised for her humility, simplicity and confidence in God. She died of tuberculosis in 1897, at the age of 24. Her autobiography, 'The Story of a Soul', was published after her death—she also left many letters, poems, religious plays and

prayers. St Thérèse was canonised in 1925 and in 1997, Pope John Paul II declared her the thirty-third Doctor of the Church; the youngest person and only third woman to receive this title.

2/10/19 – The Holy Guardian Angels. The Angels are pure spirits endowed with a natural intelligence, will power, and beauty far surpassing the nature, faculties, and powers of man. They offer continuous praise to God and serve Him as messengers and ministers, and as guardians of men on earth. Those blessed spirits who are appointed by God to be protectors and defenders of men are called Guardian Angels. Faith teaches us that each individual has a Guardian Angel who watches over him during the whole course of his life.



4/10/19 - St Francis of Assisi was born the son of a wealthy merchant of Assisi in 1181. After a conversion experience as a young man, St Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes, instead wearing the simple garments given to him by the bishop of Assisi. Living a life of extreme poverty, St Francis preached in the streets, begged for his sustenance, served the sick and lived in harmony with nature. After attracting followers, he founded

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

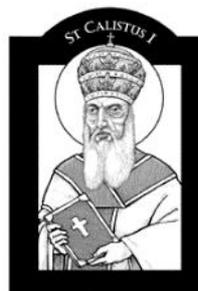
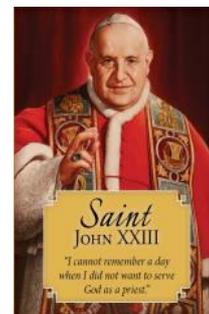
7/10/19 – Our Lady of the Rosary. On October 7, the first Sunday of October in the year 1571, Don Juan of Austria gained his famous naval victory over the Turks at Lepanto. In thanksgiving for this event, which he attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin through the recitation of the Holy Rosary, St Pius V instituted an annual feast under the title of Our Lady of Victory. His immediate successor, Gregory XIII, changed the title to that of the Rosary, and granted its Office to all churches in which there was an altar dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.



9/10/19 - St John Leonardi was born in Lucca, Tuscany, in 1541. He worked as a pharmacist, but gave up this career to study for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest in 1572 and two years later formed a group of lay people who worked to implement the teachings and reforms of the Council of Trent. He organised groups of priests to live in the community instead of monasteries, but this radical approach was met with

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

11/10/19 Pope Saint John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, in 1881; one of fourteen children born to a family of sharecroppers in the Italian region of Lombardy. He was ordained a priest in 1904 and served in many parts of the world including France, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria. In 1953 he was made a cardinal by Pope Pius XII and named the Patriarch of Venice. On October 28 1958 he was elected Pope at the age of 76 and became the first pope in more than 500 years to take the papal name of "John". Soon after his election as pope, John XXIII called for a general council of cardinals and bishops, and after two years of preparations the historic Second Vatican Council was opened on October 11 1962. John XXIII died from stomach cancer on 3 June 1963 before the conclusion of the council. Affectionately known as "Good Pope John", John XXIII was canonized by Pope Francis on 27 April 2014.



14/10/19 St Calistus I was born a slave and worked for a Christian master named Carpophorus. His master put him in charge of a bank, but Calistus lost the money to bad debts and fearing punishment he fled Rome. After his capture, Calistus worked in a treadmill and then the mines of Sardinia, before being released with a number of other Christians to become a free men. Pope Zephyrinus put

Calistus in charge of the Roman burial grounds (known today as the 'Cemetery of St Calistus') and he became a deacon. In 217 AD, he was elected pope in a brief and controversial reign, which saw the readmission to communion for repentant murderers and adulterers. He also preached that differences in economic class should not be a barrier to marriage - a teaching which put him in conflict with Roman civil law and sparked riots that led to his death.

15/10/19 – St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor. St Teresa was born on March 28, 1515, in Avila, Spain. Her mother died when she was twelve and her father placed her in a convent of Augustinian nuns. When she returned home,

Saints and Feasts in October 2019

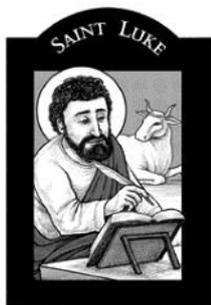
she determined to enter religion. She became a nun in the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation, near Avila, and made her profession in November, 1534. Assisted by St. John of the Cross, she succeeded in establishing the Reform of the Discalced Carmelites, for both the brethren and the sisters of her Order. Before her death in 1582, thirty-two monasteries of the Reformed Rule had been established, among which seventeen were convents of nuns. She was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV.



17/10/19 – St Ignatius of Antioch. St Ignatius was a convert to the Faith and a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. St John Chrysostom says that St Peter appointed him Bishop of Antioch, which See he governed for forty years. The Saint longed to shed his blood for Christ, but the opportunity was not granted him during the persecution under Domitian. In the year 107, St Ignatius was seized and brought before the Emperor. Having confessed Christ, he was condemned to be taken in chains to Rome, there to be exposed to the wild beasts. When he arrived in Rome he was hurried to the amphitheatre where two fierce lions immediately devoured him.



18/10/19 St Luke, the Evangelist St Luke the evangelist was a Gentile Greek who practised medicine. He was the author of the Gospel which bears his name and also wrote a history of the early church; The Acts of the Apostles. He travelled with St Paul; together they evangelised Greece and Rome. He was also with St Paul during his ill-fated voyage to Italy. His Gospel is largely based on St Paul's teachings as well as his own experiences. Legend has it that St Luke was also a painter of great talent who did portraits of the Blessed Virgin, but no existing paintings have ever been correctly attributed to him. It is true, however, that his Gospel has inspired many artists, which led to his patronage of artists as well as doctors and surgeons.



19/10/19 - St Paul of the Cross was born Paolo Francesco Danei in 1694 in the Northern Italian town of Ovada. He came from a wealthy merchant family and at the age of 19 he experienced a conversion to a life of prayer. He came to the conclusion that the Passion of Christ was the greatest sign of God's love and a means by which people can come to a greater union with God. He devoted his life to spreading this message and at the age of 26 he founded the religious order "the Poor of Jesus"; later to become known as "the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ". Passionists live a life of solitude and contemplation, devoting at least three hours a day to prayer. They are easily recognised through the labelled emblem of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, surmounted by a cross, which is usually sewn into their clothing.



22/10/19 - St Pope John Paul II born Karol Józef Wojtyła, 18 May 1920 – 2 April 2005, served as Pope from 1978 to 2005. He was elected by the second Papal conclave of 1978, which was called after Pope John Paul I, who was elected in August after the death of Pope Paul VI, died after thirty-three days. Then-Cardinal Wojtyła was elected on the third day of the conclave and adopted his predecessor's name in tribute to him. In the years since his death, John Paul II has been declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. He is referred to by Roman Catholics as **Pope Saint John Paul II** or **Saint John Paul the Great**, for example as a name for institutions. John Paul II is recognised as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He upheld the Church's teachings on such matters as artificial contraception and the ordination of women, but also supported the Church's Second Vatican Council and its reforms. He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 people and canonised 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated a large number of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests. A key goal of his papacy was to transform and reposition the Catholic Church. His wish was "to place his Church at the heart of a new religious alliance that would bring together Jews, Muslims and Christians in a great religious armada".



28/10/19 – St Simon and St Jude were two of Jesus' twelve apostles. St Simon was known as 'the Caananite' or 'the Zealot' by other evangelists and St Jude was likely a blood relative of Jesus and known as one of the 'brethren of the Lord'. Little, however, is known about either of these apostles after the events at Pentecost. Western traditions suggest that St Simon preached in Egypt before joining St Jude in Persia, where they were both martyred. In recent times, St Jude has become popular as the patron of 'hopeless causes'. This probably originates from early Christians confusing St Jude with Judas, who betrayed Jesus. As a result people never prayed for his help and so devotion to St Jude became somewhat of a lost or hopeless cause.



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

Some others are: 9/10/19 - St Denis, bishop, martyr, and companions, martyrs. 16/10/19 – St Hedwig, religious. St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin. 23/10/19 – St John of Capistrano, priest. 24/10/19 – St Anthony Claret, bishop

Parish News - St Paul's Rutherford

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

I can't believe how quickly this year has flown, already we are into the month of September.

We recently had a beautiful experience at St Paul's Mass, a few Sundays ago. Sadly, Father Cahill was unwell, and we had the pleasure of the presence of having Deacon John Mahony, visiting from Ireland saying Mass. there was also a Baptism to be administered on the Sunday. The Baptism, was beautifully done, and, at the conclusion Deacon John then commenced to play his Irish flute, telling us that was an Irish tradition. I can say there was not a dry eye in the church. I believe Deacon John has recently returned to Ireland to be ordained a Priest. We very much enjoyed the visit, and the opportunity to experience his music, and personality.

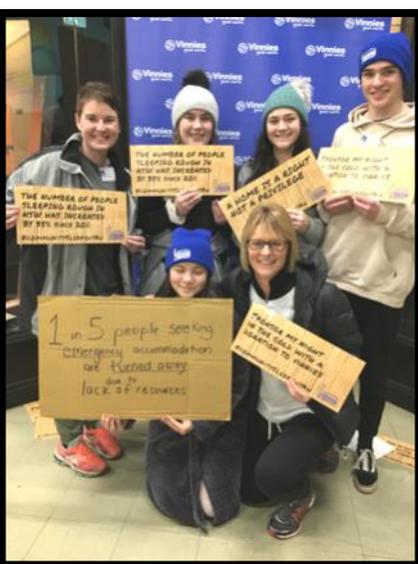


On Thursday the 29th August, 2019, I had the pleasure of attending the St Vincent de Paul Sleep Out at the Maitland Goal. I did not sleep out on this occasion but attended the evening. It was very well attended, including the Central Council President John Mc Kendry, Michael Healey Regional President of the Lower Hunter, and Sr Denise Sullivan from the Maitland Conference. Information was given on the protocol of St Vincent de Paul, and information regarding the building of affordable accommodation for the homeless. Sr Denise Sullivan from the Maitland Conference gave her presentation, informing us of the large number of people seen in

the Maitland office area, files of over 1000. So sad to acknowledge the demand for this very important work being supported in the area.

Peter Fishlock presented grace, also reaffirming his love for St Vincent de Paul, and the continuation of the work done within the community.

Our Lord Mayor Loretta Baker also present, shared with us her involvement over the years, with St Vincent de Paul. We were very pleased to have her there, as she is a very busy person.



So very nice to see the students from St Joseph's College attending with two of their teachers. Congratulations to those students and their school, as we are all very aware, of the demand on the Year 12 students at this time of the year. It really is so heartening to see the youth showing their care for the homeless and those in need. Well Done - \$3809 raised from St Joseph's at Lochinvar!

Total amount raised for the evening was \$21,233 83!!!



Parish News - St Paul's Rutherford

Michelle Kott was involved with the overheads and her two young girls in preparing the soups and bread, probably more than our homeless experience each night.

On speaking to Jenni Barry, who I must say did an amazing job arranging this event for the second year, money raised was double! We listened to Fr Paul at Mass on Sunday, encouraging our Church Community to go out in our communities acting as disciples, and I feel many of our community are certainly doing this.

I had the pleasure of a St Vincent de Paul visitation with Peter Eagleton a few weeks ago. At the conclusion of the visitation, we asked if one of the toiletries packs our Mini Vinnie at St Paul's had donated, would be of some assistance to him and his family. He is a single Dad, and after the death of his very young wife, has had the challenge of supporting three young children. The gratitude he gave us was quite overwhelming, showing his appreciation really for something quite small.



St Vincent de Paul continues to be very relevant in 2019, with our youth and so many very dedicated people still continuing the work so hard in 2019.

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

Campbell's Hill

On 15th September the ODE was read and prayers were said as we remembered all Relatives and Friends who are suffering from the abuse from some people, as we did 'Shine the Light of Christ'. Our light in the Church was left burning all night to show others that we care. Let us continue to pray for all those involved in this trying time of our Church's life. A special 'Thank you' to all those who helped with this night.

A reminder to all who attend Mass at Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill that we will be having our Assembly on **12th October, after vigil Mass**. Father Paul will be in attendance to speak to us and all those who attend Mass in our Church. We ask that everyone makes a special effort to attend this meeting and listen to what is discussed. We will have a cup of Tea/Coffee and some nibbles so the meeting can get going.

Holy Family

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

St Columba's

Masses are celebrated in the Hall until work is completed.



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: October 5th will be the last gathering of the Circle Dancing group for this year!!
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 October Saturday morning Mass will be on **Saturday 19th October.**

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. **NOTE: No mid-week Mass in October as it will be school holidays.**

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 22nd October at 10.00am in the Parish meeting room**. You are warmly invited to join us.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING: - Next meeting - **Tuesday 8th October, in the Parish Meeting room, at 7.00pm**. All parishioners welcome.

Parish News - St Patrick's Lochinvar

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

Parish News - Immaculate Conception Morpeth

After a sleepy August, September came alive with a wonderful breakfast on Sunday the 8th. The Corcoran Centre was buzzing to the chorus of attendees catching up after some winter hibernation or was it the get away quick after the 7.15am mass during winter, Once again all were treated to a delicious spread, including some Asian inspired delicacies. A special thanks to all those who contributed in any way to make this a truly community building event.

We were fortunate to have Sr. Helen Baguley RSM present for us a Day of Reflection focusing on "What a Wonderful World ...Made in the Image of God" We were asked 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. Sr. is happy to conduct a similar reflection day in 2020 which we will include in our Community calendar.

On Friday night a small group gathered to test their knowledge or lack thereof at the annual Trivia Night. Although the numbers were down those who attended were challenged to recall memories past, especially those Nursery Rhymes from early school days. Yes! many of us are getting on and the memory recall is becoming more difficult. Nevertheless, all went home happy with many taking away a prize or two. A special thanks to Vicki and David for their efforts in putting together and running the night.



On **Friday night the 11th October** there will be a **Ladies Night Out**. The format and venue for the night hasn't yet been confirmed so ladies keep your ears to the ground for confirming details. Bad luck Guys! so it looks like a night in front of the TV.

Each year in the Churches calendar, **November** is remembered as the month for the Holy Souls. In November this year the Immaculate Conception Parish of Morpeth will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Thanksgiving and Remembrance Mass in the Morpeth Cemetery.

Throughout this period we have been blessed in having four wonderful priests with strong family connections to the Parish celebrate this Mass for us. Commencing with Fr. Paddy Bowe, RIP, Fr. James Saunders, RIP Fr. Geoff Mulhearn and Fr. Brian Mascord, now the Bishop of Wollongong who will again celebrate our **Remembrance Mass on Monday evening, 4th November at 6 pm**.

Our Bereavement Team who have been the organisers of this Mass, again warmly invite everyone to join with our Parish Community as we pray and give thanks to God for the wonderful example and faith of our past priests, parishioners, family members and friends who over the past hundred plus years have passed onto us this special gift of the Catholic faith.

Parish News - St Joseph's East Maitland

The role of music in Sunday Masses

"One cannot find anything more religious and more joyful in sacred celebrations than a whole congregation expressing its faith and devotion in song." (*Musicam Sacram*. 2nd Vatican Council's Instruction on Music in the Liturgy)

While the priest, the choir and the musicians do have specific musical roles of their own, there is no place in the liturgy for performance. Rather, the primary music minister is the assembly and so its voice needs to be heard throughout. The nature and the amount of singing needs to correspond to the degree of festivity and solemnity. For example, major feasts such as Pentecost, Easter and Christmas are more festive than other Sundays, while Sundays in Lent and Advent are more subdued.

When choosing music, the first point of reference always has to be the readings of the day, especially the 1st reading and the Gospel, but underpinning this process there are three principles that should be used:

1. the music must be holy and express the Church's faith and teaching;
2. it must be musically beautiful and be fitting with its time in the liturgy;
3. it must be pastoral and invite participation and not offend anyone.

While these principles are important, other more 'mundane' issues also need to be taken into account eg copyright issues, avoiding too much repetition of hymns, choosing hymns that are not too high in pitch or difficult for the assembly to sing, maintaining and developing the assembly's repertoire, and honouring the Church's rich musical history while acknowledging recent compositions.

Following Vatican II, there has been a tendency to fall into the '4-hymn syndrome' - singing entrance, offertory, communion and recessional hymns - but the liturgy calls for a variety of musical forms to reflect the parts and the rhythms of the Mass. Church documents insist that priority should be given to acclamations and responses. The most significant ones are the Gospel Acclamation (which may be omitted if not sung!) and the 3 acclamations during the Eucharistic Prayer - the Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*), the Memorial Acclamation and the Great Amen - as these mark the special moments of the liturgy and allow for the people's active participation. The Psalm and the 'Lamb of God' similarly should be sung.

At times, music accompanies a ritual such as the opening, communion and the concluding processions and serves to express the unity of the assembly and may set the tone for a season such as Lent or Easter, or capture a particular concern of the readings of the day. The Presentation of the Gifts is a secondary rite in the Mass and, while usually a hymn is sung, the documents suggest that an instrumental or silence may be preferable at this time.

Ultimately, the voice of the assembly needs to be heard, and the ideal is that the principle of Catholic worship is that 'we sing the Mass' rather than 'sing at Mass'.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sunday morning choir which served the community for over 30 years before disbanding a few years ago and also the organists - both past and present - who have faithfully offered their time and talent to this vital ministry in our parish.

Cathy White

Our Parish Assembly was held on Sunday 15th September and we thank all those who attended. The minutes taken at the assembly will be posted on the noticeboard. Because of time restraints not all community submissions could be discussed but be assured that your input is important to the Parish Team and we will endeavour to address your concerns over the coming months and provide feedback. Below are two issues of concern to our community.

Outreach to the Housebound *That those who are aged and are unable to come to community at Mass be remembered so that they do not feel isolated from the Catholic community. Just seeing people from meals on wheels may not be enough for them. We would encourage the community to notify a Team member or a St Vincent de Paul member of parishioners that are unable to attend Mass and are housebound and would benefit from a visit from someone in the parish community so that steps can be taken to arrange for regular visitations.*

Disabled Parking *There is a need for more disabled parking places. Reminder to respect the needs of the disabled drivers and/or passengers and allow sufficient space for those exiting their cars with walkers or wheel chairs. The provision of more disabled parking spaces is an issue that will need to be taken to Maitland City Council. At present we have two allocated disabled parking spaces that provide sufficient room for the needs of those allowed to park in these places. We ask that everyone is mindful of how close they park to the adjacent cars allowing sufficient room for passengers and drivers to exit their vehicles.*

As part of the very successful clean-up at the Therry Centre, the Youth Ministry have provided funds to have the carpet cleaned. Thank you for your contribution.

Therry Centre Working Bee - A very small number of parishioners helped with the working bee at the Therry Centre on Saturday 21st September. Thank you for your contribution. The Therry Centre cleanup is a work in

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

progress and a number of repairs to the building are needed, some urgently. We are very fortunate to have such a great venue in our parish and it is our responsibility to keep it maintained.

Our monthly 'cuppa' after Mass will be served the weekend of 5th/6th October. 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 4th October – following 7am Mass.

First Saturday Devotions 5th October – 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 Fr Joseph Figurado. Following morning tea in the Therry Centre Fr Joseph who has recently returned from a visit to Sri Lanka will speak on the power of Mary's Intercessions in the time of the bomb blast in Sri Lanka.

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 15th October.**

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.

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.

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 17th October, 7pm in the Therry Centre.

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Largs Youth Group

At Largs Youth Group this term, we have been encouraging the children to explore their gifts through physical challenges and creative expression. The children have been playing lots of games that require persistence, concentration and collaboration. They have enjoyed learning new games and creative activities which require them to use their gifts but also to challenge the potential to fall into a fixed mindset. We have encouraged the children to think about using phrases such as 'not yet' and 'next time I will ...'.

The children have learnt games such as UNO (working with numbers), Pictionary (creativity and communication) and Janga (strategic thinking) and have also made some creative artworks such as pavement artwork and decoupage boxes. Luke showed them how to make a gargoyle out of clay and explained how these sculptures were important fixtures on churches in the middle ages. The children also made sculptures of themselves doing activities they would like to master. This encouraged the children to visualise themselves mastering a skill or participating in an event which is a powerful strategy in working towards success.

The children also made fingerprint pictures and we talked about the uniqueness of our fingerprints. This allowed the children to explore how they are uniquely and perfectly made by God and He has gifted us with talents that are unique for us. We can use our unique gifts to be a blessing to others.

Another game which the children enjoyed was the Tower of Power! The children needed to work together to build a tower of wooden blocks using the tower machine which required team work, communication and cooperation.



The Largs burgers have become a bit of a hit with the children and they often enjoy a Holy Family Burger or a Chisholm Chicken Burger before joining in at Mass across the road.

The Largs Youth Group is a great opportunity for children to connect with other children in the area and to build a network of friends and significant adults that they can draw on for support. The youth group team who work with these children also recognise the opportunity we are presented with to minister to the children and their families to show them God's love and kindness.

Rutherford Youth Group

For the last 2 weeks of Term 3 the young people have participated in retreat evenings. The retreat was aimed at young people of the Chisholm region from ages 12- 16. Allowing the participants to have the ability to explore their own individual uniqueness and self traits through various programs and team building activities.

The program was written by Milly Sexton and with the assistance of the youth team and Sr Joseph. The evenings allowed the young people who attended to enhance their self-worth, develop a true sense of belonging within the group as well as strengthen their friendships with each other and God.'

Activities included team bonding games including paper, scissors, rock and ball games where participations were split into small groups to strengthen their friendships with each other. Both weeks participants were given the opportunity to share a meal together, which allowed all to talk about what they liked about the retreat nights as well as enjoying each other's company.

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Rutherford Youth Group cont'd

The last evening of the retreat program ended with a brown paper bag activity, where each participant wrote affirmations to every participation who attended the retreat night. This allowed every participant to further enhance their self-worth and truly understand what their peers believe are their positive traits. The retreat evenings were enjoyed by all.



We would like to wish all our youth group families a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all again in term 4.

God Bless from all the ACTiv8 Team
Bec, Sue, Margaret, Adrian, Milly, Isaac, Sr. Joseph, Courtney Amber & Luke.

East Maitland Youth Group

As we all realise, the term is closing this week, and our Faith Input with Activ8, has been an advantage for presenters and recipients alike, as we've considered the structure and elements of parts of the Liturgical Celebration of Mass.

Learning that Christ is present in the gathered community, in the Word of Scripture, in the presiding Priest and in the Sacred consecrated Species has been essential in covering the Mass, or the Lord's Supper, when as the People of God we're called together to celebrate the Memorial of the Lord.

The Young People have been made aware of the importance of posture, gestures, words and music in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist and especially of the importance of the Altar, and reverence toward it.

On hearing the text from Luke's Gospel on the Prodigal Son, last week, the young people were asked to think of their favourite part. One of the many responses was, "I liked the part when the man spent all of his money, and he spent it on junk, because when I've got money I spend it all, and I spend it on junk too." This little one is in Kindergarten.

Due to the successful group dynamics of East Maitland Activ8 members, it is a perfect joy for all who are involved with the East Maitland youth group.

We would like to thank Margaret Sheridan for the time and effort she puts into our Faith Input sessions each week to ensure the Children have a greater understanding of their faith in a fun yet respectful way.



ACTiv8 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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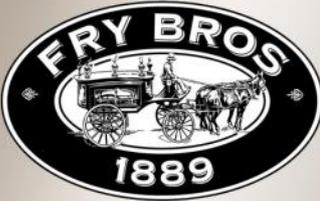
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