

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

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Deacon Gerard McCarthy

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

ACTiv8 Youth Co-ordinator
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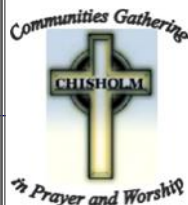
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CHISHOLM CONNECTION

Our News from the Pews

Volume 9, Issue 10

October 2019

Message from Fr Paul O'Neill

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you to all who were able to attend our parish assemblies across the region during the months of September and October. I am grateful to each community for the issues they raised and comments they made. I'll be asking the Regional Pastoral Council and our Parish Pastoral Teams to seek to respond to the various issues that surfaced at the assemblies.

Also during this month there will be a number of gatherings in different parishes about the themes for the national Plenary Council and the feedback from these gatherings will be sent to the National Planning Body and to our Diocesan Planning Body for our Synod. Any interested parishioners are invited to attend one OR more OR all six conversations about the different themes. These are listed on page 3 in this issue.

The Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Synod will be held in three sessions beginning this year on Saturday 23rd November, Session 2 will be November 2020 and Session 3 will be November 2021. On 23rd November all parishioners and clergy are invited to attend this first session of the Diocesan Synod at Hamilton. Please consider coming to that day, and if you plan to attend please register before 14th November at <https://bit.ly/2lPiSgK>. For more information call 4979 1111 or email diocesan.synod@mn.catholic.org.au.

Bishop Bill has requested that all the priests concelebrate the evening Mass that day at the Cathedral. So on that day there will be NO Saturday evening Masses at East Maitland, Beresfield and Campbell's Hill. East Maitland will have the usual Masses at 8.30am and the Regional Youth Mass at 6pm; Beresfield will have a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm and Campbell's Hill will have a Sunday evening Mass at 6.30pm.

And we will be beginning our preparation for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Parents are invited to attend one of the parent information evenings being held on 19th, 20th or 21st November. Details are in this issue.

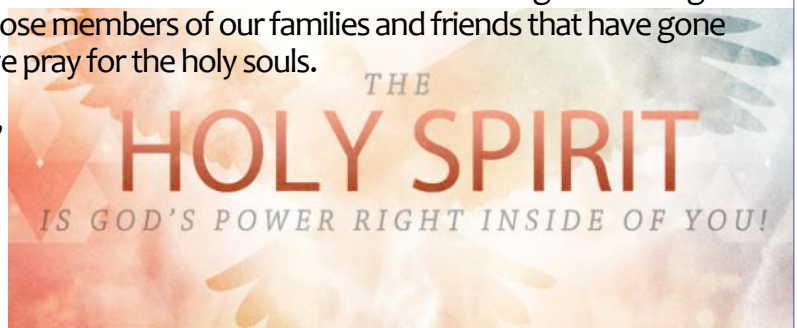
Also, there will be a Rite of welcome at some of our parish Masses for those adults that are involved in the Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults. We pray for the eleven people on their journey in joining us in our Catholic parish communities.

During the month of November we will be remembering in our liturgies and prayers those members of our families and friends that have gone before us as we pray for the holy souls.

Every blessing,

With love,

Fr Paul



**OCTOBER 2019
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Sacraments of Initiation 2020

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Our parish communities wish to support families who would like their children to be Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion in 2020.

If your child has been baptised a Catholic and in Year 3 or above in 2020, and they would like to receive the other sacraments of Initiation next year, then you must attend two mandatory Parent Information sessions : one in **November this year and one in February next year.**

SESSION 1 will present an overview of the process. Our preparation is parish based, family centered and school supported. After parents have heard what is involved at Session 1, and if they feel their child is ready and they are ready as a family, then parents are asked to attend Session 2 where resources for preparation will be given.

Tuesday – 7pm on 19th November 2019 at St Paul's Church Rutherford OR
Wednesday – 7pm on 20th November 2019 at St Joseph's Church East Maitland, OR
Thursday – 7pm on 21st November 2019 at Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield

SESSION 2 parents will be required to produce **a copy** of their child's Catholic baptism certificate for the child to be registered in the preparation process.

Tuesday- 7pm on 4th February 2020 at St Paul's Church Rutherford OR
Wednesday – 7pm on 5th February 2020 at St Joseph's Church East Maitland OR
Thursday – 7pm on 6th February 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield.

It will be necessary for parents to attend both Parent information sessions for their child to receive the sacraments next year

PLEASE NOTE: If your child is not baptised please contact the Regional office ASAP before the 1st Information Session on 49338918 or SOlchisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

These meetings are for any parents from the eight churches of our region:

Our Lady of Lourdes, Cnr Delprat Avenue & Anderson Drive, Beresfield
St Joseph's, Cnr King Street & Newcastle Road, East Maitland
Immaculate Conception, Cnr George & James Streets, Morpeth
Holy Family, 11 John Street, Largs
St Columba's, Cnr Church & Prince Streets, Paterson
Sacred Heart, New England Highway, Campbell's Hill
St Paul's, 10 Young Street, Rutherford
St Patrick's, 55 New England Highway, Lochinvar

On behalf of Fr Paul and the Sacramental team.

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Plenary Council & Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Synod

PREPARATION FOR THE NATIONAL PLENARY COUNCIL & MAITLAND – NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN SYNOD

Any interested Parishioners are invited to attend one OR more OR all six conversations about the different themes in preparation for the Plenary Council and Diocesan Synod.

So, have a look at the topics and if one or more of those appeal to you just turn up at the time and place that is advertised. Over the weeks of October and November the Themes and meeting times will be as follows:

A joyful, hope-filled & servant Community	Thurs 24th Oct @ 10.30am	St Joseph's Convent Lochinvar
Prayerful & Eucharistic	Thurs 31 Oct @ 7pm	Sacred Heart Church Campbell's Hill
Missionary & evangelising	Sun 3 Nov @ 9.30am	St Paul's Church Rutherford
Inclusive, participatory & synodal	Sun 3 Nov @ 2pm	St Joseph's Church East Maitland
Humble, healing & merciful	Mon 11 Nov @ 7pm	Largs Church Hall
Open to conversation, renewal reform	Mon 12 Nov @ 7pm	Beresfield Meeting Room
A joyful, hope-filled & servant Community	Mon 13 Nov @ 7pm	Morpeth Corcoran Centre

These gatherings will be led by a trained parishioner. It will be a different process to most meetings people are used to attending, so just trust in the leadership of the leader.

Each meeting will take about 2 hours.

General invitation to the first session of the Diocesan Synod at Hamilton on Saturday on 23rd November, 2019

All lay-faithful, religious and clergy are invited to participate in the first session of the Diocesan Synod at the Sacred Heart Cathedral campus. It begins at 9.30am and concludes at 5pm followed by Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The Bishop has asked that this Mass be the only Vigil Mass in the Diocese that day so that the whole Diocesan community laity and clergy can pray together (like the Chrism Mass each Holy Week).

The Bishop has asked that Saturday Vigil Masses in our parishes be cancelled that day to enable Priests and people to join in the Synod Mass at the Cathedral.

SO THE MASSES FOR OUR REGION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 23RD AND 24TH NOVEMBER 2019 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

23rd November	5pm	Sacred Heart Cathedral HAMILTON
24th November Feast of Christ the King	7.15am	Immaculate Conception MORPETH
	8.00am	St Paul's RUTHERFORD
	8.20am	Holy Family LARGS
	8.30am	St Joseph's EAST MAITLAND
	9.30am	St Columba's PATERSON & St Patricks LOCHINVAR
	6.00pm	St Joseph's EAST MAITLAND and Our Lady of Lourdes BERESFIELD
	6.30pm	Sacred Heart CAMPBELLS HILL

On Saturday 23rd November 2019 there will be NO Vigil Masses at Beresfield, East Maitland and Campbell's Hill.

Register to attend the Diocesan Synod: diocesansynodcelebration.eventbrite.com

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

THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE MAITLAND AREA

Part 6



Rev John Thomas Lynch was born in Dublin, educated at Maynooth Seminary and followed Dr Ullathorne to Australia in 1838. He was appointed to the Hunter River in company with Fr Mahony. The first baptism recorded by Fr Lynch in East Maitland is dated 30th August, 1838.

In early 1839 Fr Lynch had set up a centre in West Maitland in Plaistowe St, Horseshoe Bend but continued to reside in East Maitland until 1841 when he acquired living quarters in Maitland.

'John O'Brien' writes of Fr Lynch:

"John T. Lynch was the type that works best by himself, and throughout his career he was a ruler who suffered no rival near the throne, be it bishop or curate. He was an organizer with a head full of schemes and a determination to carry them out in his own way, and he was a tireless worker throughout a remarkable pastorate of over thirty years....He thoroughly searched the upper reaches of the Hunter and Paterson valley, and there was not a settler, Catholic or non-Catholic, whom he did not call upon. He was a first class horseman and as hard as the horse that bore him. He pioneered the

Liverpool Plains, went further north than Armidale and combed the whole of the intervening country. His rounds from Maitland and back to Maitland often meant a journey of a thousand miles, and there were times when on his return a sick-call was waiting which brought him half-way round the map again. The registers which he left behind show that during his twenty-four years at Maitland he baptized 4,100 persons and the domiciliums of parents entered there represent places scattered as widely as the Manning River, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, the Upper Hunter and Armidale." John O'Brien. *Op.Cit. A.C.R., April, 1944*

The first work undertaken by Fr Lynch was to provide a Mass centre in Maitland. This he did in Plaistowe Street. When opened it was only a slab hut, with a bark roof and an earthen floor. Over the next few years improvements were made to the building by the work of volunteer labourers. The Plaistowe Street Church served the Maitland community as a place of worship on Sundays but it was not long before Fr Lynch had it used as a school during the week.

Fr Lynch made constant visits to the North and during these absences the work at Maitland was carried on by his brother priest at East Maitland.

An excellent depiction of the work undertaken by Fr Lynch can be found in the first directory of the Australian Church, published in 1841 by W. A. Duncan, foundation editor of the first Catholic newspaper, "The Australasian Chronicle":

West Maitland: Rev. John Lynch.

There is a temporary chapel at West Maitland containing nearly 300 persons. The foundation stone of St John Baptist was laid by the Bishop. It is expected to cost £5,000 when completed.

At Black Creek there is a wooden chapel, roofed, and will soon be completed; to cost about £120. Site given by Mr Bowen, a Protestant, will contain more than 200 persons.

At Paterson there is also a wooden chapel, roofed, and a very excellent building, cost £150. Mr Keily and Mr Clarke gave three acres of land to this church, which contains nearly 300 persons.

At Patrick's Plains the collection is progressing and the site promised by Mr John Brown. It is expected to be a respectable church and to cost about £1,000.

A Wollombi the foundation stone of St Michael's Church is laid; to be of stone, and will cost say £600; to contain at least 300 persons.

Mr Haydon has offered a site at Murrurundi, nearly 100 miles from Maitland.

The number of Catholics at West Maitland is at least 500, of communicants average per month 40; at Black Creek, Catholics 120, communicants 10; Paterson, Catholics 120, communicants 10; Patrick's Plains, Catholics 300; Jerry's Plains, Catholics 40; Merton, Catholics 30; Muswellbrook, Catholics 120, Wollombi, Catholics 80, communicants 10; Luskintyre, Catholics 30, communicants 6.

Fr Lynch also visits the stockades.

And all the time there was the constant work of ministry, baptisms, marriages, burials and instruction.

As mentioned above the foundation stone of St John's Church was laid by Bishop Polding at Campbell's Hill (on the site of the present Maitland Hospital) on Thursday, 8th October 1840.

It was an eventful day for the Catholics of Maitland who had gathered at the little church in Plaistowe Street and proceeded via Plaistowe, Hunter and High Streets to the site at Campbell's Hill. There were over 1,000 people present of all religious denominations.

A tent had been erected on the high ground and Mass was celebrated before the Bishop conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 70 candidates, both children and adults.

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

Under the stone, which the Bishop blessed was placed a brass plate which bore the following inscription:

Ecclesiae sub patrocinio
SANCTI JOANNIS BAPTISTAE
Erigendae,
Ad Majorem Dei gloriam promovendam
Hunc primarium lapidem
Posuit
REVERENDISSIMUS D.D. JOANNIS BE-
DA, Episcopus
Hierocaesarensis
Et, in Nova Hollandia et Insula Van Diemen,
Vicarius Apostolicus
Die Octavia Octobris anno salutis
MDCCCXL
Vigebat, Successor Sancti Petri in Roma,
Summus Pontifex Gregorius XVI,
Et in Britannia Victoria Prima Sceptrum tenens
Benevolentiam omnium sub una ditione
Conciliabat.
Sacerdos, Rev. J. Lynch

Church sponsored
St John the Baptist
To erect
To promote greater glory of God
This fundamental milestone
He
REVEREND D.D. JOHN Bede Bishop
Hierocaesarensis
And, on the island of New Holland and Van Diemen,
Apostolic Vicar
Day eight October year health
1840
Vogue, the successor of St. Peter in Rome,
The Supreme Pontiff St. Gregory 16,
And in Britain Scepter first holding Victory
One under the dominion of the good will of all the
Win.
The priest, Rev. J. Lynch

The church was never built on the original site, but four years later the foundation stone was carried to the present site in Cathedral Street and the building proceeded. The brass plate was also brought down and was inserted between the stones under the tower of the church.

The question could be asked; why did Dean Lynch move from the Campbell's Hill site and come down on to the flood plain to eventually build St John the Baptist Church? The most that can be said is that he built where he did for the same reason that so many others did and are still doing. He came to where the people were. In the 1840's the building area of Maitland was between Elgin Street and what was known as "The Old Store".

When St John's was built it is said that it stood 300 yards (274 meters) from the river bank, but over time, with the incursion of the river, the distance would now be scarcely more than 100 yards (91 meters).

One of the best known facts about Dean Lynch is that he promoted the Temperance Movement. He set about to do what he could to alleviate one of the greatest social diseases and social problems of his time.

The "Rum Rebellion" is a well-known term in Australia's history and indicates the major role that rum played in the formation of our nation. Dr Ullathorne, in his pamphlet, "The Catholic Mission in Australia", published in England in the 1830's, gives some indication of the influence rum and spirits had over the whole population: *'An always sober servant in a town would be a phenomenon. I have known 14 public houses in full employ in a small township of 1800 inhabitants. In Sydney there are 224 licensed taverns in addition to sly-grog shops; and they line every roadside at short intervals.....'* Rum was even given as payment for labour or goods.

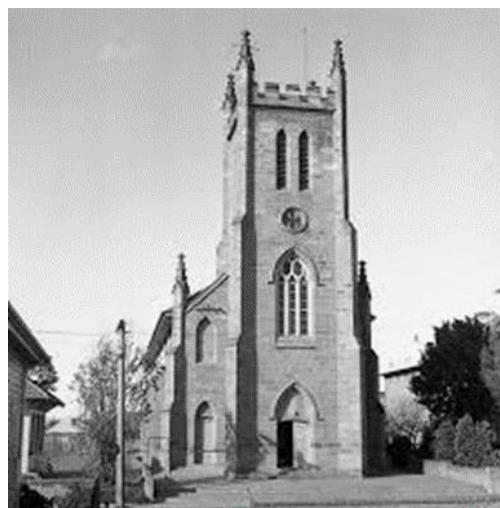
Maitland was no exception to this national degradation: "A formidable array of 'grog houses' graced both sides of High Street from Campbell's Hill right through to its eastern extremity."

Many of Dean Lynch's parishioners were involved in the selling part of the drink trade and many more were on the drinking side. This encouraged the Dean to do what he knew was his duty. He started his own Temperance movement, no doubt encouraged by the success of his fellow Irishman Fr Matthew who had begun a similar venture in Cork in 1838.

The Temple of Concord was opened in Maitland on 15th August 1841, the movement later extending to Singleton, Muswellbrook and Wollombi. Fr Lynch lectured his disciples and converts to sobriety and to total abstinence. There were no half measures with the great "Temperance advocate". It was total abstinence that he was promoting.

Dean Lynch was resident priest in Maitland for 24 years, leaving in November 1862 for Armidale where he remained for eight years. He then returned to Sydney where he was first stationed at Pyrmont, later becoming the parish priest of Campbelltown. In 1874 he was made a Domestic Prelate by Pope Pius IX with the title of Monsignor, the first in Australia. He died at Campbelltown on 7th February 1884.

to be continued.....





St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW/ACT
good works



At the recent **Damascus Day**, a day for Vincentians to gather, share, reflect and socialise, the guest speaker was Greg Sheridan, well known author and journalist with 40 years experience.

Greg is the author of a recently published book, **God is Good for You**, in which he examines the history of Christian belief in Australia and beyond. He acknowledges that Christianity is losing adherents in the West. In Australia a small majority 52% claim to be Christian but Greg points out that Christianity is flourishing in places such as Africa, China and South Korea.

He made a strong case that without belief in God, life would seem to be devoid of meaning, have no strong basis for morality, and have little real purpose. At the same time, he argued that belief in God is as reasonable, if not more reasonable, than those who propose that there is no explanation for creation, our universe with all its

wonders. He noted that some of the greatest minds throughout history, including many of today's most eminent scientists, have been among believers in God as author of creation.

Greg acknowledges the significance of belief systems other than Christianity, as windows through which the one God is experienced.

In a later session, Greg related how he interviewed a number of leading politicians regarding the significance of religious belief in their lives, and was somewhat surprised at the importance faith played in their everyday lives. He made mention of John Anderson, former leader of the National Party, whose faith helped him deal with the tragic accidental death of his sister, and the later death of his own son.

Greg regretted that he did not interview Tim Fischer, but had met with him on a number of occasions. Tim's Christian values, his integrity and respect for others were clear to all he associated with, both within and outside politics.

The 70 Vincentians who gathered for Damascus Day found the day to be both enlightening and uplifting, and we express our sincere thanks to Greg.

Michael Healy
Regional President



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Since the previous Chisholm Connection, another three people have joined the eight that commenced their RCIA journey's in September.

Some of these people have already been baptised in other Christian denominations, but now for various reasons, feel the call to the Catholic Faith.

The others are not yet baptised and likewise have now decided to be initiated into the Catholic way of life.

They have chosen East Maitland, Morpeth, Campbell's Hill, Beresfield and Rutherford as the Parish Communities they wish to be more fully part of. In the coming weeks you will have the opportunity to meet these Candidates (already baptised) and Catechumens (not baptised), at the **Rites of Welcome and Acceptance**.

If you don't know them already, that will be an ideal time to introduce yourself and show your support to these people for making the decision to join your parish community. Remember the name and purpose of this Rite (stage of their initiation journey) is to make them feel Welcome and Accepted!

It is not only these eleven people on the journey. Their Sponsors and the RCIA "team" are on it as well (our own journey continues our whole life). However, please note that the whole parish community should be involved in the initiation process. Parishioners can contribute by being open, engaging and talkative about their own experiences of faith.

Should you or anyone you know have any enquiries about RCIA, please contact Margaret Smith on 0419 335 878, the Chisholm Office 4933 8918 or myself on 0448 924 771.

Wayne Smith
on behalf of the Chisholm RCIA Team.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AUSTRALIA – NEW SOUTH WALES Inc.

DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Contact: cwlamn214@gmail.com or 0409 300 192



WHO ARE WE?

Catholic Women's League Australia (CWLA) is a community of women called together by faith with a wide variety of interests, backgrounds and ideas and aspirations. We provide a voice for Catholic women in the Catholic Church and society by:

- ✦ Addressing social and moral issues effecting family life, particularly of women and children.
- ✦ Promoting family values and equality for all— in areas of health, education, economic and social welfare.
- ✦ Working collaboratively with Church leaders to fulfil the mission of Church—particularly in areas of social Justice and bio-ethics.

Catholic Women's League has been active in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle for more than 60 years.
Through the National body, CWLA is a member of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) which has over 5 million members from 60 countries.

WHAT DO WE DO?

In Parishes

- ✦ Gather for prayer and fellowship
- ✦ Discuss issues relating to faith, community and social justice.
- ✦ Join with women of other faiths.
- ✦ Assist in parish events and celebrations
- ✦ Education.
- ✦ Liaise with other lay organisations to be a voice for women.

Nationally

- ✦ Social Justice and Bio-ethics issues—prayer, information, education and lobbying of government through submissions.

Internationally

- ✦ Lobbying through the United Nations on issues pertaining to Catholics, women and families.

WAYS TO BELONG

Branch: A branch member is part of a Parish CWLA group which meets once a month. Members have access to all the important information from National, State and Diocesan bodies. Each Branch provides Delegates who attend Diocesan meetings and represent the interests of their Branch.

Diocesan: A Diocesan member enjoys all the advantages of a full Branch member but is not required to attend meetings. A Liaison Officer attends Diocesan meetings.

Prayer: A Prayer member supports the work of CWLA through prayer.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AUSTRALIA – NEW SOUTH WALES Inc.
 DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE



warmly invites you to their

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving

Presider, Bishop William Wright

at 11.00am on Friday 22nd November 2019

at St Joseph's Church, Newcastle Rd, East Maitland

followed by Lunch at

The Endeavour Restaurant, 233 Newcastle Rd, East Maitland

RSVP 25th October 2019 \$35.00 pp

Names and Money to: Sheila Hickey, 4 Marty Ave, Salamander Bay 2317

ALL WELCOME!

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 3rd November 2019 (After Youth Mass)
 Sunday 1st December 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
NOVEMBER	22nd November	30th Nov/1st Dec
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.

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† **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.

† **Office of Safeguarding** 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 ALL Masses, 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.

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What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

† **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 December 2019. All welcome.

CHISHOLM REGION NOVEMBER KIDS MASS
SUNDAY 3RD NOV 6pm
St Joseph's East Maitland



Bring the kids
 Bring the family
ALL WELCOME TO JOIN IN

Want to help out?
 Call or text Sue - 0414890813

† **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.wme.org.au. Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com.



Let us pray for our young people as they sit for their HSC exams. God we ask that they especially feel your closeness during this period. Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.

† **Rosary at East Maitland Cemetery** will be held on **Sunday 10th November at 10.30am.**

† **25th year Celebration Mass for the Holy Souls** will be held in **Morpeth Cemetery** on **Monday 11th November at 6.00pm.** **BYO chair** (if wet, it will be held in the church). Celebrated by **Bishop Brian Mascord.**

† **Liturgy at Paterson Cemetery** will be held on **Wednesday 13th November at 6.30pm,** **BYO chair** (if wet, it will be held in the church).

MASS FOR STATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

The annual Chisholm Region **Mass for State School Students** will be held at St Joseph's East Maitland on **Tuesday 12th November at 7pm**

Come early and enjoy *games* in the Therry Centre and don't forget to stay after Mass for a *celebration party*. This is a great opportunity for children to learn about Mass and to participate as readers and altar servers.



For more information contact Jan Healy 49331302.

What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

† **Leading for Mission: Faith and Formation** in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle - **Launch will be held on Tuesday 12th November at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St Newcastle West.** This partnership will allow the Diocese to offer a Graduate Certificate in Mission and Culture (GCMC) which will enable our leaders to enhance their understanding of the Christian and Catholic context in which they exercise their leadership. The launch will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral and will be followed by a soiree of nibbles, drinks and conversations at Cathedral House. Contact Jenny.Harris@mn.catholic.org.au. Register at <https://bit.ly/2qKwy8c>.

20 DAYS UNTIL THE SYNOD!

Diocesan Synod – Celebration will be on **Saturday 23rd November** at the Diocesan Offices, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West, 9.30am-5pm followed by Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Lunch and free childcare will be provided. The theme is "Building the Kingdom of God together". Registration is essential for workshops and catering. Register before 14 November at <https://bit.ly/2IPiS9K>. For more information call 4979 1111 or email diocesan.synod@mn.catholic.org.au.

† Nominations for the **2020 Magdalene Award** are now open. This award recognises a woman who demonstrates commitment to her parish community, promotes leadership and/or decision-making capabilities and who ministers in the parish or diocesan community. Entries close on **29th November 2019** with the winner presented with the award at 9.30am Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral followed by morning tea on International Women's Day 8 March 2020. See mn.catholic.org.au for the nomination form.

† **Walk the Camino 2020.** Two Catholic Mission Pilgrimages: Portuguese Camino (May 2020) and Camino Francés (September-October 2020). Small

group. Places limited. Phone Sr Veronica Rosier, OP (0451 387 906). www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020

† NEWCASTLE AND HUNTER MULTICULTURAL CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

The 42nd Annual Christmas concert from around the world will be held on **Sunday 1st December at 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hunter Street Newcastle West.** Many renowned choirs and individuals take part in this annual event including communal singing. Free admission, a collection plate to go around to cover the nights expenses. All are welcome to attend. The concert finishes at around 9.45pm. To learn more, contact the PR officer Joop de Wit: multiculturalchoralsociety@gmail.com or P 4954 5227.

† A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are **FIVE places left** on Palms Australia's January 4th - 12th Orientation Course. You must apply for a **position** beginning any time in 2020. **Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au.**



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2019 BISHOP'S AWARD APPLICATION NOW OPEN!

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.



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Let him teach us what is true.
He will testify of Christ,
Light our minds with heaven's view.

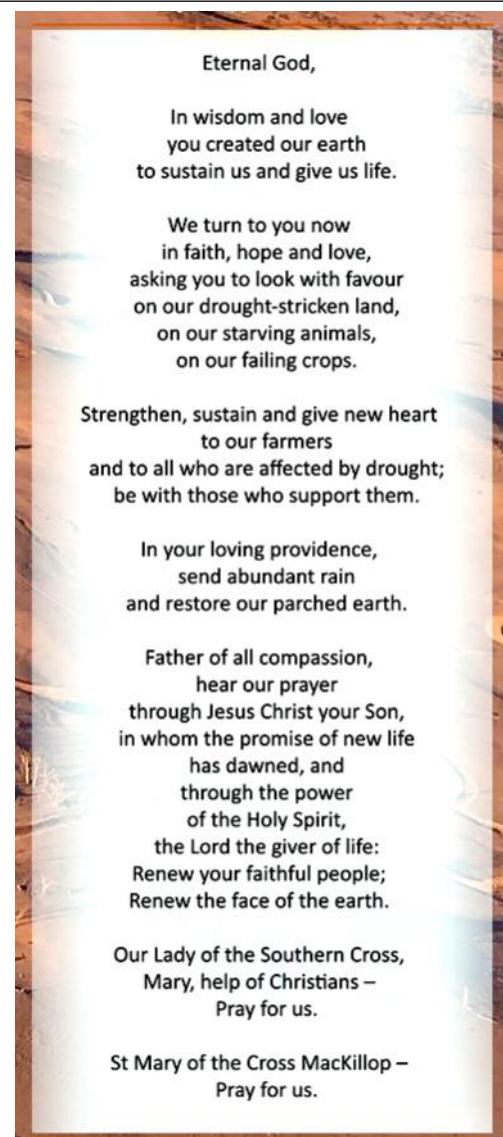
2. Let the Holy Spirit guard:
Let his whisper govern choice.
He will lead us safely home
If we listen to his voice.

3. Let the Spirit heal our hearts
Thru his quiet, gentle pow'r.
May we purify our lives
To receive him hour by hour.

What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese



The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought or you can donate online at www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw-vinnies-drought-appeal-nsw



Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass and Supper

"Service is not an end in itself, but a beginning towards finding real kinship with others."
-Father Greg Boyle

Thank you to our Volunteers for their spirit of generosity and service



Date: Thursday 5th December 2019
Time: 6.00pm
Location: St John's Chapel Maitland followed by supper in St John's Hall

It is our honour to invite you to our annual thanksgiving Mass and supper, to express our gratitude for your hard work and dedication in our communities. We hope to see you all there, so we can say a big Thank You!

For catering purposes please RSVP by 28/11/18 4933 8918
Chisholm Pastoral Region

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.

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.

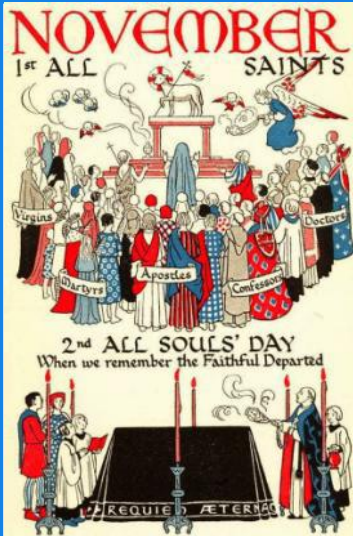
Chisholm Region Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p><i>Please note, all care and attention is taken to ensure that times, dates and places are correct at time of publication. If you have any queries please contact the parish office.</i></p>			
<p>4</p> <p>12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer & Exposition (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Rutherford)</p> <p>7:30pm LOW (Rutherford)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30am St Joseph's School Mass (East Maitland)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (EM)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Our Lady of Lourdes School Mass (Tarro)</p> <p>12:00pm Mass (St John's Chapel, Maitland)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Largs)</p> <p>6:30pm RCIA (Therry Centre)</p> <p>7:00pm November Memorial Liturgy (St Joseph's, East Maitland)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (Largs)</p> <p>7:30pm Prayer Group (see EM notice)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>10:00am St Joseph's School Mass (Lochinvar)</p> <p>6:00pm RPC meeting</p>
<p>11</p> <p>12:00pm Holy Hour of Prayer & Exposition (EM)</p> <p>6:00pm Holy Souls Mass (Morpeth Cemetery (Bishop Brian))</p> <p>6:00pm Jr. Youth Group (Rutherford)</p> <p>7:00pm Plenary Gathering - Humble.. (Largs Church Hall)</p> <p>7:30pm LOW (Rutherford)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Therry Centre)</p> <p>7:00pm Parish Team Meeting (OLOL Hall)</p> <p>7:00pm Plenary Gathering - Open to Conversation.. (Beresfield Meeting Room)</p> <p>7:00pm SRE Mass, St Joseph's (East Maitland)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am Anointing Mass, Opal Anambah Road (Rutherford)</p> <p>12:00pm Mass (St John's Mait)</p> <p>5:30pm Junior Youth Group (Largs)</p> <p>6:30pm Liturgy (Paterson Cemetery)</p> <p>6:30pm RCIA (Therry Centre)</p> <p>7:00pm Plenary Gathering - Joyful... (Corcoran Cntr, Morpeth)</p> <p>7:00pm Youth Mass (Largs)</p> <p>7:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00am Mass (EM)</p> <p>10:00am St John's School Mass (Maitland)</p> <p>6:00pm RFC meeting</p>
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November 2019

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Nov ALL SAINTS DAY 7:00am Mass (EM) 8:00am Adoration (E/M 7am-Sat 9am) 9:30am All Saint's Day Mass, St Peter's Campus (Maitland) 9:30am Prayer of the Church (Beres. Church) 10:00am St Aloysius School Mass (Chisholm) 6:00pm Rosary (Campbell's Hill Cemetery)	2 ALL SOULS DAY 9:00am Mass + First Sat Devotions (EM) 2:30pm Cenacle (see EM notice) 5:00pm Mass (EM) 6:00pm Mass (Beresfield) 6:30pm Mass (C Hill)	3 7:15am Mass (Morpeth) 8:00am Mass (Rutherford) 8:20am Mass (Largs) 8:30am Mass (EM) 9:30am Mass (Lochinvar, Paterson) 9:30am Plenary Gathering - Missionary.. (St Paul's) 11:00am Regional Baptisms (EM) 2:30pm Plenary Gathering - Inclusive.. (EM Church) 6:00pm KIDS' Mass (EM) 7:00pm Baptism Preparation (EM)
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Saints and Feasts in November 2019



1/11/19 ALL SAINTS Solemnity. This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

2/11/19 ALL SOULS DAY. The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. This day of commemoration

began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".

3/11/19 ST MARTIN DE PORRES, Religious. 1579-1639 born in Lima, Peru, to parents of mixed race. Raised primarily by his mother, a freed slave, Martin experienced the effects of racism and poverty early in his life. He became the apprentice of a barber, learning not only how to cut hair, but to perform basic medical treatments. Feeling called to give his life to God in service of the lowly, Martin entered the Dominicans, who accepted him as a lay helper and later as a brother. He spent his days caring for the those who were sick and poor, as well as performing menial tasks within the monastery. His nights were spent in prayer, penance, and adoration. Martin treated everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of their race or social status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage to care for Lima's many street children. People gave him the name: 'Martin of Charity.' "Patron saint of social justice and race relations: "Compassion, my dear Brother, is preferable to cleanliness. Reflect that with a little soap I can easily clean my bed covers, but even with a torrent of tears I would never wash from my soul the stain that my harshness toward the unfortunate would create."



4/11/19 ST CHARLES BORROMEO was the cardinal archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584. Among the great reformers of the troubled sixteenth century, Borromeo, with St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Philip Neri, and others, led the movement to combat the inroads of the Protestant Reformation. He was a leading figure during the Counter-Reformation and was responsible for significant reforms in the Catholic Church, including the founding of

seminaries for the education of priests. He is honoured as a saint in the Catholic Church and his feast day is 4 November.

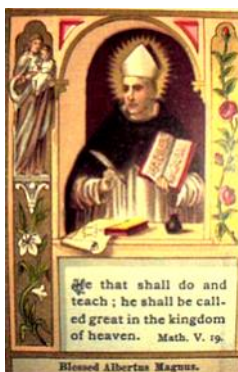
9/11/19 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA. The Basilica of Saint John Lateran (consecrated by Sylvester I in 313) is the oldest of all basilicas in Rome. It was built on a piece of land donated by Constantine the Great in 311. Originally known as the Church of the Savior, it was later dedicated to both Johns. Being the cathedral of Rome and the official residence of the Pope, the basilica carries the title "*Omnium Urbis et Orbis Ecclesiarum Mater et Caput*". This feast highlights our communion with the See of Peter. That which makes us Catholic and members of Gods Holy Church.



10/11/19 ST LEO THE GREAT, Pope, Doctor. Reigned from 29 September 440 to his death in 461. He was an Italian aristocrat, and was the first pope to have been called "the Great". He is perhaps best known for having met Attila the Hun in 452 and persuading him to turn back from his invasion of Italy. He is also a Doctor of the Church, most remembered

theologically for issuing the Tome of Leo, a document which was foundational to the debates of the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon. The Council of Chalcedon, the fourth ecumenical council, dealt primarily with Christology, and elucidated the orthodox definition of Christ's being as the hypostatic union of two natures-divine and human-united in one person, "with neither confusion nor division".

11/11/19 ST MARTIN OF TOURS. (316 – 8 November 397) was Bishop of Tours, whose shrine in France became a famous stopping-point for pilgrims on the road to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. As he was born in what is now Szombathely, Hungary, spent much of his childhood in Pavia, Italy, and lived most of his adult life in France, he is considered a spiritual bridge across Europe. Some of the accounts of his travels may have been interpolated into his *vita* to validate early sites of his cult. He is best known for the account of his using his military sword to cut his cloak in two, to give half to a beggar clad only in rags in the depth of winter. Conscripted as a soldier into the Roman army, he found the duty incompatible with the Christian faith he had adopted and became an early conscientious objector.



15/11/19 ST ALBERT THE GREAT, bishop, doctor one of the church's greatest intellectuals, taking a large role in scientific developments of the age and a passionate advocate for the peaceful coexistence between science and religion. Born in Swabia in Bavaria between 1193 and 1206, he was educated at the University of Padua. During this time he joined the Dominicans, studied and became a teacher of theology. He later travelled to Parish where he obtained a Master's degree in Sacred Theology in 1240. One of his

pupils was St Thomas Aquinas who carried on his work

Saints and Feasts in November 2019

after his death in 1280, and one of St Albert's last missions was to defend St Thomas' writings from attacks. St Albert was called "Magus" or master in recognition of his brilliant mind and work. He remains a role model for all scientists with his pursuit of the truth, eye for details and rigorous examination of facts. In 1941, Pope Pius XII declared St Albert the Great patron saint of all those who devote themselves to the natural sciences and the Church itself honours him as a Doctor of the Church, making him one of only 33 to receive such an honour.



16/11/19 ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND St Margaret of Scotland was in fact thought to be born in Hungary and was brought to England as a young girl in 1057. She fled to Scotland after the Norman conquest of England and in 1070 married King Malcolm III. Margaret was a deeply religious woman and as queen she was able to bring about necessary reforms to the Scottish church and in doing so, brought it into line with the Western church. She also used her influence to help ordinary people by

establishing schools, hospitals and orphanages.

17/11/19 ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, religious, was a princess of the Kingdom of Hungary, Landgravine of Thuringia, Germany and a greatly venerated Catholic saint. Elizabeth was married at the age of 14, and widowed at 20. After her husband's death she sent her children away and regained her dowry, using the money to build a hospital where she herself served the sick. She became a symbol of Christian charity after her death at the age of 24 and was quickly canonized.

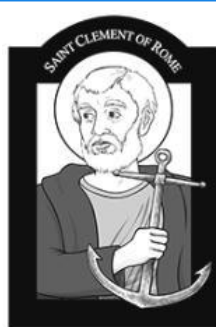


21/11/19 PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a liturgical feast celebrated on November 21 by the Roman Catholic, Eastern Catholic, and Orthodox Churches. The feast is associated with an event recounted not in the New Testament, but in the



apocryphal Infancy Narrative of James. According to that text, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, who had been childless, received a heavenly message that they would have a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they brought her, when still a child, to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God. Later versions of the story (such as the Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew and the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary) tell us that Mary was taken to the Temple at around the age of three in fulfillment of a vow. Tradition held that she was to remain there to be educated in preparation for her role as Mother of God.

22/11/19 ST CECILIA is the patroness of musicians. It is written that as the musicians played at her wedding she "sang in her heart to the Lord". She is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.



23/11/19 POPE CLEMENT I was a leading member of the church in Rome towards the end of the 1st century. He was one of the very first bishops of Rome – some lists name him as second in line to St Peter, while others claim he was third or fourth in line. Although little is known about Clement's life, the early Christian writer, Tertullian, wrote that Clement was consecrated by St Peter himself. His letter to the church at Corinth is one of the oldest Christian

documents to be written since the New Testament. Tradition suggests that Clement was imprisoned by the Roman Emperor Trajan, during which time he led ministry amongst his fellow prisoners. He was later executed by being tied to an anchor and thrown into the sea.

24/11/19 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE. Solemnity. Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism. It celebrates Christ's reign over the human race and human hearts. The feast emphasises God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's eschatological return and final sovereignty over all creation. This last theme is continued during Advent.

25/11/19 SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA is a canonized saint in the Catholic Church who, per Christian tradition, was martyred around 305 in Alexandria, Egypt. Of course, the Church of the first Millennium was undivided. She is also recognized as the Great Martyr and Saint by the Orthodox Church.



30/11/19 ST ANDREW came from Capernaum and was a fisherman by trade. He was a disciple of John the Baptist before he and his brother, Simon Peter, were called to be the first apostles of Christ. In the Gospels he is mentioned for his part in the feeding of the 5000, as well as John's Gospel account of the Greeks who wished to meet Jesus. There is uncertainty as to where he preached, where he died and was buried. Ancient writings

suggest he went to Greece, and was eventually crucified on a saltire (X shaped) cross, from where he preached to the people for two days before dying. A medieval legend tells of his remains being taken to the coast of Scotland to a place now named St Andrews, which eventually led to him becoming the patron saint of Scotland. Patron of Fishermen.

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

Some others are: 12/11/19 - St Josephat, bishop & martyr, 16/11/19 – St Gertrude, religious, 23/11/19 - St Columban,

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COLLEEN CANNY REPORTING OCTOBER 2019

On Sunday the 22-09-2019, St Paul's celebrated the Feast of St Vincent de Paul, a little early, but the Mini Vinnie's will be celebrating their school holidays on the Feast Day. So nice to have in attendance Principal Mr Garnett and Karli Chenery before they depart for a much needed rest, and before the last term commences. We were blessed to have Fr Cahill celebrate our Mass and he spoke about the poor and needy. The Mini Vinnie's joined Fr Cahill in the procession. The students each carrying a symbol of the ongoing work continually being done within the community. A blanket, a loaf of bread and a tin of food sadly relevant to the work being continued within the Community

Leteisha one of our year six students gave us the first reading. Campbell, Liam and Liv proudly took up the gifts and Charlotte, also a Mini Vinnie, served on the altar. It made a very special day for our parishioners, always happy to see our children from St Paul's. Gabby had prepared a special side altar to celebrate the occasion. Peter Eagleton the President of the Rutherford Conference spoke acknowledging the hard work being done by the members of the Conference and the Mini Vinnie's. He again spoke about needing more volunteers for this special work so needed in our community.

We ended Mass with our Gathering, well attended and very well catered for, all low calorie !!! of course.

Monday the 23-09-19 a visit to the school to prepare for the year ending events by the Mini Vinnie's Sharon Bradley, Sr Joseph and myself, I feel we will be deeply involved in these coming events. The Mini Vinnie's are presently preparing a prayer book including prayers for teachers, students and liturgical events, they intend to produce their own prayers and illustrations. The students wish to leave a legacy behind with their departure into high school. Each class will have a copy of the prayer book, and prayers will be used on a regular basis. I continually witness the work that these 30 Mini Vinnie's continue to produce, wonderful works **they certainly shine the light, and definitely acting as true disciples, at such a very young age, and are true leaders!**

The school had an out of uniform day on the 24-09-19, raising awareness of Mercy Works. They will wear the colour blue, the mercy colour, exciting events including the purchase of cupcakes, games and lots of fun events, continuing to support these ongoing charities.

The month of October we celebrated one of our much loved parishioners Ninety First birthday. Ellen Ross - 'Nellie' known by most people Nellie was born in Branxton on the 08-10-28. Nellie had four sons, nine grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren.



Parish News - St Paul's Rutherford

Nellie worked at the Dominican Convent at Maitland. The work included laundry duties and cooking. At times this meant peeling buckets of potatoes in preparation for the evening meal. The community comprised of eighty boarders and twenty nuns! Nellie said she loved and enjoyed the duties, however the work was hard and demanding.

Nellie is much loved by the Saint Paul's Parish, always showing her concern and kindness to her much loved parishioners.

Gabby is underway with the Spring Outreach Gathering, this time it will be held on Saturday 09-11-2019 to allow our working parishioners to attend. Plans are for it to be held at the Morpeth Common, (Ray Lawler Reserve) at 10am to enjoy a community sharing morning tea. Just bring a chair and some morning tea. All very welcome - bring some friends along - everyone welcome! As usual there will be stories and conversation, never failing to be enjoyed by all.



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

Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Holy Family, Largs

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

St Columba's, Paterson

The Paterson November Cemetery Liturgy will occur on Wednesday 15th November commencing at 6.30pm at the Paterson Catholic Cemetery. Please bring your chairs. Should the weather be inclement the Liturgy will be held at St Columba's Paterson.

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

• **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

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: Circle Dancing will be on again in 2020!! Save the dates!!

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 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020
7th	4th	2nd	6th	4th	1st	5th	3rd

SATURDAY MORNING MASS – 9.00AM ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH: The November Saturday morning Mass will be on **Saturday 16th November.**

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.

POLISH MASS: For the last 50 years Mass was celebrated in Polish at OLOL on the 4th Sunday of each month. Earlier this year we sadly learned that this wonderful tradition would be coming to an end. To thank the parishioners of Beresfield for their support over many years, the Polish community has given OLOL church a beautiful gift from their homeland. The gift box contains an embroidered corporal, 2 purifiers and a pall.



ADVENT ANOINTING MASS will be celebrated at OLOL church on Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am. This will be following with morning tea in the meeting room.



OLOL 2019 BIG QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 15th November at 6.30pm in the Parish meeting room. Donation \$5.00 per player. BYO nibbles & drinks (no alcohol please). We will be running a 100 club and the winner will be drawn on the night. Tickets in the 100 club will be on sale before & after Mass on 2nd & 9th November. Join us for lots of fun and prizes. Everyone welcome!!

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 6th November.**

LADIES SOCIAL GROUP: The ladies group meet on an informal basis on the 4th Tuesday of each month from February to November. The November meeting will be on **Tuesday 26th November** and will be the last meeting of the year. We will gather for our Christmas Lunch at the **Hexham Bowling Club, 11.30am for 12.00**. Please contact Irena by Tuesday 19th for bookings. You are warmly invited to come along.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING / 'LISTENING & DISCERNMENT' SESSION: Tuesday 12th November, in the Parish Meeting room, at 7.00pm. **In preparation for both the 2020 Plenary Council and our 23rd November 2019 Diocesan Synod, in place of our usual PPT meeting we will hold a 'Listening and Discernment' session. Our theme will be 'Open to conversion, renewal and reform'.** All parishioners welcome.

Parish News - Immaculate Conception Morpeth

On Friday night 11th October the ladies enjoyed a night at the movies and then a chat while sipping on their lattes etc. Not to be outdone, their menfolk decided to arrange their own night out "Men's Business Only" at one of the local watering holes; maybe some ears were burning at both venues!

On Monday 11th. November, the 25th Anniversary of our Remembrance and Thanksgiving Mass will be held in the Morpeth Cemetery commencing at 6pm. Once again Bishop Brian Mascord will be presiding Mass. Throughout this year we have grieved the loss of a number of our parishioners who now lay buried, along with past priests, parishioners family members and friends who have passed on to us this special gift of the Catholic faith. Let us remember and give thanks as we gather together in this special month in the Church's calendar, dedicated to the remembrance of the Holy Souls. A special thanks to our dedicated bereavement team, past and present who have been the organisers of this Mass.

As you would have read in the general invitation handed out at Mass on Sunday, you are invited to attend one or all of the conversations on the six themes in preparation for the Plenary Council and the Diocesan Synod.

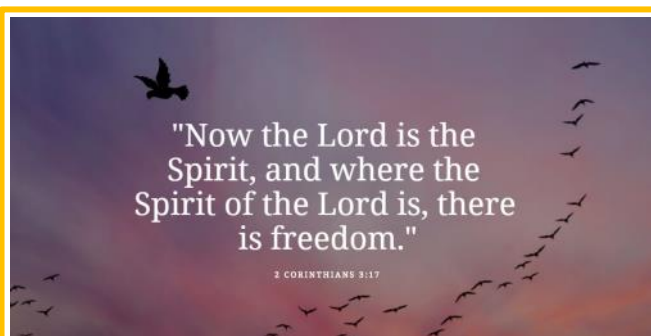
Our parish will be holding a gathering on Wednesday 13th November in the Corcoran Centre commencing at 7pm. The theme chosen for this gathering is: "A joyful, hope-filled & servant Community" All are invited to participate in the session, the outcomes/suggestions will then be presented to the Diocesan Synod and to the Plenary Council co-ordinators.

You are invited to participate in the first session of the Diocesan Synod to be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral campus on Saturday 23rd November commencing at 9.30 am



Don't forget the Combined Churches Family Christmas Carols and Sausage Sizzle in the grounds of Closebourne on Friday night 6th December.

On Sunday 8th December we will be celebrating our Christmas & Feast of the Immaculate Conception parish breakfast. This invitation is extended to all, including the parents and children of St. Aloysius and St. Bede's schools.



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Parish News - St Patrick's Lochinvar

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

Parish News - St Joseph's East Maitland

I know you have heard it many times but I must say again – “Where has the year gone?” It is November already and everyone will begin to gear up for end of year activities and no doubt many Christmas puddings are already taking up space in the refrigerator as it is only 8 weeks till Christmas. But it is not the holiday season yet and there are still lots of parish matters that need attention.

Our monthly ‘cuppa’ after Mass will be served this weekend, **2nd/3rd November**. Please take this opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Feedback on community submissions to the **Parish Assembly** held on 15th September: The need for more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and provide adequate training has been referred to the Regional Liturgy Team. The Parish Team has discussed the issue of inclusiveness and some suggestions have been put forward and will be expanded upon next year. To facilitate Building Community the Parish Team are working on a few ideas and hopefully some of these will be implemented early next year. The Team values input from the parish community and welcomes any comments or suggestions.

Therry Centre On 2nd December 1979 Bishop Leo Clarke officially blessed and opened the Therry Centre. A great deal of time, talent and treasure of both past and present parishioners went into the fulfillment of this long felt need in East Maitland Parish. Now at 40 years of age, the Therry Centre is in need of some tender loving care so that it will continue to be a valuable asset for East Maitland and for the region for many more years to come. This past month, the team has been looking at the maintenance/repair of the Therry Centre. Anyone that has tried to unlock/relock the entrance door will be pleased to learn that a new lock and handle is to be fitted. An ongoing problem of rain water entering the kitchen and side storage rooms has now resulted in the storage rooms' ceilings being in danger of collapsing. The ceiling has been temporarily propped up and cannot be permanently fixed until the cause of the water entering the room has been remedied. Therefore no access is allowed into the storage rooms. The gutters and downpipes were cleaned and cleared before the last rain that fell but the water is still getting in, so more investigation is required. Once this has been completed the ceilings and cornices will be repaired and repainted. The building also requires an engineer's inspection to ascertain the cause of some of the cracking in the brickwork. **We have been assured that the main hall and foyer of the Therry Centre is structurally sound and is available for use.**

To help with the cost of the repairs to the Therry Centre the team is hoping to hold a **CAR BOOT SALE/MARKET STALL** fundraising event before the end of the year and we are looking for expressions of interest to help organize the event and/or book a space for the sale of items. Please contact Judy 4934 8232 or speak to a team member if you can help in any way.

A simple task that can be undertaken now and will help with the appearance of the Therry Centre is a regular cleanup of the exterior, especially the driveway. **Volunteers are needed** to be on a roster so that this can be achieved. An electric 'blower vac' is available at the Therry Centre. If you can help please contact Judy 4934 8232 or speak to a team member.

ROSARY at East Maitland Cemetery will be recited on **Sunday 10th November at 10.30am**.

First Saturday Devotions 1st December – Begins at 8.30am with Rosary and Reconciliation with Mass at 9am followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and then Benediction. The presider will be Fr John Lovell. Morning tea will be served in the Therry Centre. Philip and Margaret Maloney just back from evangelizing in Ireland will give a presentation and healing ministry in the Therry Centre. Please come and experience the healing touch of Jesus who came that we may have life and have it in abundance.



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

- ✠ **Anointing Mass** – held the third Tuesday of the month, 10.30am in the Therry Centre. **NEXT DATE 19th November.**
- ✠ **Adoration** – Mondays 12 midday for 1 hour in the church.
- ✠ **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) 65 Brisbane St, East Maitland.
- ✠ **Legion of Mary** “Our Lady of Perpetual Succour” – Tuesday morning, 10.30am, 79 Banks St, East Maitland. 4905 2144
- ✠ **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6th December** – following 7am Mass.

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

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.

The next Team meeting will be held on Thursday 21st November, 7pm in the Therry Centre. Everyone welcome to attend.



October First Saturday Devotions Faith talk with Fr Joseph Figurado



Global Rosary Eucharistic Holy Hour at St Joseph's East Maitland 13th October praying for Australia, families, sanctity of marriage, protection of the unborn, vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The hour was beautiful, well attended and we thank Fr Velerian for his inspirational homily and Benediction.



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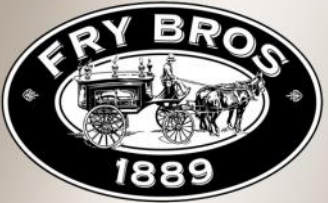
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