



Maitland Parishes of the Chisholm Pastoral Region

Communities Gathering
in Prayer and Worship

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We are in the country of the Worimi, Gamilleroi, Wonnarua, 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

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Asst Priests: Fr John Lovell,

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 28th June, 2020



Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Gloria

Gloria to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

*That is the holy man of God, let him
remain there.*

**A reading from the second book of
the Kings**

One day as Elisha was on his way to
Shunem, a woman of rank who lived
there pressed him to stay and eat
there. After this he always broke his
journey for a meal when he passed
that way. She said to her husband,
'Look, I am sure the man who is
constantly passing our way must be a
holy man of God. Let us build him a
small room on the roof, and put him a
bed in it, and a table and chair and
lamp; whenever he comes to us he
can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to
the upper room and lay down. 'What
can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi
(his servant) answered, 'Well, she has
no son and her husband is old.' Elisha
said, 'Call her.' The servant called her
and she stood at the door. 'This time
next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a
son in your arms.'

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Resp. Psalm (R.) Forever I will sing
the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O
Lord; through all ages my mouth will
proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure,
that your love lasts for ever, that your
truth is firmly established as the
heavens. (R.)

Happy the people who acclaim such a
king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of
your face, who find their joy every day
in your name, who make your justice
the source of their bliss. (R.)

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory
of their strength; it is by your favour
that our might is exalted: for our ruler
is in the keeping of the Lord; our king
in the keeping of the Holy One of
Israel. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 6:3-4. 8-11
*Having been buried with him through
baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

**A reading from the letter of St
Paul to the Romans**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus
we were baptised in his death; in
other words, when we were baptised
we went into the tomb with him and
joined him in death, so that as Christ
was raised from the dead by the
Father's glory, we too might live a new
life.

But we believe that having died with
Christ we shall return to life with him:
Christ, as we know, having been
raised from the dead will never die
again. Death has no power over him
any more. When he died, he died,
once for all, to sin, so his life now is
life with God; and in that way, you too
must consider yourselves to be dead
to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You
are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy people. Praise God who called
you out of darkness and into his
marvellous light. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42 *Anyone
who does not accept his cross is not
worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes
you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Anyone who prefers father or mother
to me is not worthy of me. Anyone
who prefers son or daughter to me is
not worthy of me. Anyone who does
not take his cross and follow in my
footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone
who finds his life will lose it; anyone
who loses his life for my sake will find
it. 'Anyone who welcomes you
welcomes me; and those who welcome
me welcome the one who sent me.
'Anyone who welcomes a prophet
because he is a prophet will have a
prophet's reward; and anyone who

welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

**The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow)
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
that the world may believe that you have sent me, says
the Lord.

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Homily - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Sunday...by Fr John

The Lord often surprises and challenges us with His teachings. And today's Gospel is one such example: "Anyone who prefers father or mother to me...son or daughter to me is not worthy of me". Popular culture would probably bristle at these words and condemn them as being harsh and unreasonable.

Yet, we know the Lord loves us more than we could *ever* love anyone. If you could find the most devoted mother or father, son or daughter who has ever lived, and multiplied their love a hundred billion times, it still wouldn't hold a candle to God's love for every single one of us, no matter who we are or what we've done. So, no-one is missing out by the Lord asking us to do this.

All Jesus is saying is that we need to keep Him and His Gospel at front and centre of our lives, so He can use us most effectively to shine His saving grace into the lives of the people around us, especially those most in need of His saving help. And in telling us to specially welcome prophets and holy people (the Saints), He is highlighting the great example such people have set for us in giving up everything, including in many cases, all personal wealth, their homes, homelands and even families, in order to devote their lives exclusively to the spreading of the Good News. I think of Abraham and Sarah, Moses, the Apostles, St Francis Xavier, St Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St Mary MacKillop to name just a few.

The Lord is certainly not expecting us to abandon our loved ones or neglect our family responsibilities. For many our family will be our primary God-given vocation. But like the prophets and saints, we always need to keep the Lord and His saving message at the forefront of our lives. For example, there will be times when the teachings of the Lord and His Church may be at odds with our secular world's stance on certain social-moral issues, and we'll have close relatives and friends who would prefer us to support the secular view rather than the Gospel view on one or more issues. We'll feel we are being torn two ways. At such times we need to turn to the Lord in fervent prayer seeking His peace, wisdom and strength in order to stay the course while respecting the alternative view.

To keep our lives and our call to discipleship in perspective, I believe it can be helpful for us to recall that wonderful quote of St Mary MacKillop, "Remember we are but travellers here". It reminds us we are *in* the world but not *of* the world. We are like the Hebrews in the wilderness: in baptism we crossed the Red Sea and put the land of 'Egypt' (the way of the world) behind us, and embarked as a pilgrim people along a spiritual path toward the Promised Land, our eternal home. We will encounter many hardships along the way and none of us can make it on our own. Which is why the Lord gave us His Divine Son, His Blessed Mother, the prophets and the saints to inspire and guide us along the way, to help us to remain faithful in His service and never lose sight of our one final and glorious goal: life with God forever.



A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN.*



All Recently Deceased

Bessie Blackett, Barry Callaghan, Sr M Jadwiga, Sr Kathleen Murnagh rsj,
Robert (Bob) Peters, Zofia Radosz, Roberto Travan

Anniversaries

Margaret Anlezark, Cathy Bignell, Shirley Bignell, Sr Aloysius Cahill, Sr Dorothy Casey, Sr Conleth Desmond, John Dorn,
Les & Jean Ellicott, Honora & Michael Patrick Enright, Michael John Enright, Estella Eugenio, Rev Michael Forde,
Sr John Gallagher, John Goodyer, Sr Gabriel Hawley, Frank & Francis Hinchey, Patricia (Pat) Hinchey, Shirley King,
Agnes Knipe, Robert Lucas, Sr Martina Luney, Bill & Phyllis Martin, Rev Joseph O'Carroll, Phoebe Mary Peters,
Imelda Mary Saunders (Millie), Tim Toner, Sr Marcellus Treacey, Moyra Tynan, Sr Bede Unger, Rev John Woods

Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.

the Sick

Charlotte Ayers, Jeanette Bailey, Rosario Bugna, Monique Bull, Margaret Camps, Stephen Carrall,
Sr Catherine Mary Carroll rsj, Margaret Cook, Marion & Luke Crotty, Sharon S. Cuevas, Irena Dennis,
Samuel Edmonds, Bridgid Field, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Michael Flores, Pam French, Amanda Gordon, Col Green,
Julie Gurr, Sarah Hamilton, Anne Hardy, Peter Hardy, Ken Hartup, John Hickey, Lachlan Hill, Grace Holzhauser,
Paul Hurney, Cathy Ann Hutchen, Mavis Jarrett (Parkes), Kevin Johns, Paul Johns, Ken Jones, Terry Kauter,
Krystyna Kulczynski, Brian Lang OAM, Bernard Larcombe, Richard Lee, Eileen Leonard, Michael Lockyer,
Shane McCarthy, Marie McGrath, Annette Mitchell, Cindy Mulvey, Poasa Nili, Aidan O'Neill, Dominic Punch,
Pauline Randall, Margaret Sipple, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Margaret Sullivan, Thomas Sullivan,
Jan (John) Szczudluk, Ron Taylor, Bill Temperley, Robert Threlfo, Mo Toleafoa, Jo Winkler

Rite of Christian Initiation Adults (RCIA) Catechumens & Candidates

Brooke Boughton, Christine Brown, Katrina Easton, Tomara Brown, Richelle Lloyd, Meg Martin, Troy McWha,
Nicole Murphy, Belinda Pearson, Ron Perkins, Elliott Plank, Drew Reid, Nigel Richardson

Universal Prayers - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Sunday

Celebrant: God's love for all people is everlasting, let's put our trust in that love as we place our prayers before Him, and know that He will hear us.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops and Priests, may they know that they are loved by God and by our Communities as they continue the role of the Shepherd and spread the word of Jesus to the those they meet. We pray. **Lord hear us in your Love**

We pray for Father Michael Kelly that the Holy Spirit will give him the strength and courage to feel the real presence of Jesus, to face the future and continue in the work that God has planned for him. We pray. **Lord hear us in your Love**

We pray for all God's people that through the Holy Spirit, they come to learn of the true love that God has for each of us and learn that we are brothers and sisters in Christ, caring for each other, sharing that love and compassion with their neighbours, especially those who are feeling lost and isolated. We pray. **Lord hear us in your Love**

We pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. That all will recognize the Creator Spirit in their culture and the cultures of all newcomers which will allow all Australians to live fully, grow strong and be proud of their heritage. We pray. **Lord hear us in your Love**

We pray for the RCIA group. May the Holy Spirit guide them with faith and love in this preparation time. We pray. **Lord hear us in your Love**

We pray that people will obey the laws of the land while the Covid-19 virus is still active in our society keeping safe distance from others to reduce its spread among people. We pray. **Lord hear us in your Love**

We ask the Spirit of Wisdom to touch the hearts of all those who are researching a vaccine for Covid-19, and help them to find a solution to this disease. We pray. **Lord hear us in your Love**

For those who are sick, may they feel the love of God in their lives, and gain strength in the prayers that we offer to our Loving Lord for them. We pray. **Lord hear us in your Love**

We pray for our deceased family members, friends and parishioners, who died recently: Bessie Blackett, Barry Callaghan, Sr M Jadwiga, Sr Kathleen Murnagh rsj, Robert (Bob) Peters, Zofia Radosz, Roberto Travan and those whose anniversaries occur. May they share the fullness of divine love which is our Christian hope in sharing the life of the Trinity. We pray. **Lord hear us in your Love**

Celebrant: Holy God, we thank you for the great gift of sharing the Eucharist with you, and we place these prayers through our Loving Lord - who lives for ever and ever.

Message from Fr Paul

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As many of you would know we were saddened to hear of Fr Michael Kelly's health issues last week. Fr Michael first arrived in Maitland on the 6th March. After two weeks in the parish he went to hospital suffering severe pain behind his left knee. He was diagnosed with an aneurysm and needed surgery. After surgery and some time of rest he returned to the parish at the beginning of April. Although we haven't had public Masses until two weeks ago, Fr Mick has been involved in the life of our parish communities over this time. On Wednesday evening 17th June Fr Mick returned to hospital suffering severe pain in his left leg once again. On Friday 19th June he was informed that he would need a below-knee amputation. He was taken to surgery on Friday afternoon. Then on Monday 22nd June the doctors informed him that he would need further surgery on that same leg, and on Tuesday afternoon the 23rd June he went to surgery for an above knee amputation. This is shocking news for Fr Mick and all of us. In the brief time that he has been with us our communities have warmed to his style of ministry. He is a very gifted and talented priest who was bringing a great richness to the life and ministry of our parishes. We will continue to keep him in our prayers for healing and recovery as he enters into this new stage of his life.

As parish communities we have been delighted that we can once again resume our public Masses, though with limited numbers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parish staff, our regional Pastoral council, our regional Finance council and our parish Pastoral teams for the wonderful work they have done during the three months that we have not been able to gather for Mass. In that time many efforts were made by many people to keep our parishioners connected to each other. Thank you one and all.

Though we have returned to public Masses we have yet to return to normal. The risk of the spread of the Corona Virus is still with us and this risk will not pass until a vaccine is found. In the mean time we as parish communities will seek to do everything we can to protect the health and wellbeing of our parishioners. At present the limit for public worship is 50 persons. Each church building has been measured according to the 4sq metre rule for social distancing so some of our smaller churches are not able to take 50 people, but we know what each church capacity is. When we resumed our public Masses we knew that each weekend we normally have over 1,000 attend the 10 weekend Masses in the eight churches of our region. In order to give everybody who wanted to come to Mass an opportunity to attend Mass we have offered each parish community the number of Masses they require to cater for those wishing to attend Mass. Some of these Masses are on week days but we have been holding the Sunday Liturgy on these days.

We thank you for your understanding and patience as we enter this period of "new normal" and we will seek to adjust our parish regulations as we receive updates from the Governments.

So let us continue to remember in prayer our world which is suffering the effects of this pandemic.

With love
Fr Paul

CHISHOLM REGIONAL OFFICE OPEN As restrictions abated, our regional office has re-opened, BUT, with some restrictions. We ask that these restrictions continue to be respected and adhered to, so we can all be kept safe and protected from the virus:

- **ONE person in the reception area at a time**
 - **to protect our office volunteers, we are still asking that they stay at home**
 - **IF you require a meeting with anyone in the office, please phone ahead to book an appointment**
- Even though we have cut costs i.e. contract cleaners, please be assured that office staff are maintaining cleaning protocols to a high standard.

WEEKLY BULLETIN/CHISHOLM CONNECTION: If you wish an anniversary/notice/article to be placed, OR you wish to be added to our distribution list, please advise before 10am WEDNESDAY.

May God bless and protect you.

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Chisholm Region Masses

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Beginning 5th July, 2020	
DAY	TIME/MASS CENTRE
Saturday	8am St Joseph's, East Maitland + Reconciliation 9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield 4.30pm Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill 5.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland 6.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield 6.30pm Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill
Sunday	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 9.30am St Patrick's, Lochinvar 6.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland
Tuesday	9.30am St Joseph's, East Maitland 6.00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland
Wednesday	9.00am Immaculate Conception, Morpeth 6.00pm Holy Family, Largs
<p>Currently, there will be TWO WEEKDAY Masses celebrated at 7am Thursday and 7am Friday at St Joseph's East Maitland</p>	

REGISTRATION: Parishioners from each community need to REGISTER their attendance EACH WEEK. Registration will be the responsibility of your church team leader at each Mass:

St Joseph's East Maitland has a link for parishioners to register - www.trybooking.com/BJWZV. When 50 have registered it will automatically offer the next available Mass time. If you don't have access to the internet please phone Judy Healey 0412 689 517 / 4934 8232.

All other Mass Centres please contact:

Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield - Irena Dickson
4966 2902 / 0407 662 901

Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill - Judy Crittenden
0412 821 505 / Carole Wickham 0429 328 127

Immaculate Conception Morpeth - John Saunders
4934 8520 / 0414 254 230

St Paul's Rutherford - Gabby Fishlock
0422 086 992

Holy Family Largs - Sunday 8.20am - Terry O'Brien,
0429 727 704 or email terryob1956@gmail.com
Wednesday 6pm - Yvonne Rohr 0432 550 986
yrohr@bigpond.com

St Columba's Paterson - Maryanne & Bill O'Connor,
0409 336 993

St Patrick's Lochinvar - Tony Towers
0437 280 147 / 4932 0208

IMPLICATIONS OF THE 4 SQUARE METER RULE FOR THOSE WHO ARE ATTENDING MASS

Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed gathering together to celebrate Mass. Even though we may struggle with remembering the words to the Creed and our Peace be With You is now a wave and a smile, it is still a lovely feeling.

Each community have worked well to conform with the government Health Orders and our clergy have been very happy with the way all our volunteers have stepped up and taken on some of the very important tasks of cleaning, greeting and ensuring correct seating is managed and registering the number of attendees.

We all know that changes to the Health Order is ongoing and changes are expected on the 1st July. The media is predicting there may be an increase to the number of attendees at a religious service from 50 to 100. But this number increase will be hand-in-hand with the 4 square meter ruling. Fr Paul wanted everyone to be aware of your church capacity as per the 4 square meter rule. You will see from the table below that not all of our churches will be able to hold their average number of parishioners.

We will still be required to monitor numbers and maybe continue to celebrate more Masses than pre-Covid. In next week's bulletin Fr Paul will provide everyone with a further update after the government update.

One other thing which needs to be clarified is that in the past the maximum allowed number of attendees did not include essential workers but this part of the Order has been changed. Now ALL people are required to be included in the number of attendees. **So the priest celebrating the Mass is to be included on the list of the number of people attending.**

	Internal church size	No of persons allowed with 4 sq meter ruling	Average number of attendees
<i>East Maitland</i>	412.0 sq m	103	Vigil - 110 8.30am - 160 6pm - 200
<i>Largs</i>	154.0 sq m	38	73
<i>Paterson</i>	105.2 sq m	26	37
<i>Beresfield</i>	333.9 sq m	83	80
<i>Campbells Hill</i>	372.0 sq m	93	86
<i>Morpeth</i>	278.6 sq m	70	115
<i>Rutherford</i>	233.0 sq m	58	109
<i>Lochinvar</i>	280.0 sq m	70	65

Number of attendees has been source by our statistics supplied by each community.



Social and Affordable Housing Program



St Vincent de Paul Housing are building over 500 low cost Rental Housing homes across Sydney and regional NSW. 17 units in Maitland are nearing completion are due for occupancy in mid-July.



Dwellings are close to community services and transport. All homes are designed to 7 Star Energy level. Tenants are supported with tailored support coordination plans and are assisted to achieve their goals and aspirations. Tenants are also supported by Vinnies Conference members and volunteers.

Tenants are offered 12 months leases renewable each year. Rents for these homes are much lower than private market rent.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Vinnies is only halfway towards its Winter Appeal fundraising goal.

The charity is urgently calling for donations to support its work with people experiencing poverty, homelessness and disadvantage.

“On behalf of the tens of thousands of people we support, we thank those generous people who have already donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal,” said Jack de Groot, Vinnies NSW CEO.

“Our aim is to raise \$1.2 million to ensure that we can continue to be here for the growing number of people needing our help. Sadly, more and more people are turning to us for help with very basic needs such as paying the bills to keep the lights on or putting food on the table.

What better time of year to make a donation than the end of the financial year where all donations to the Vinnies Winter Appeal are tax-deductible.”

You can make a donation at **13 18 12** or visit vinnies.org.au.

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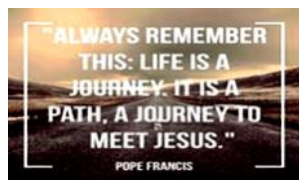
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - RCIA



Firstly, as you would be aware, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the journey to full Initiation into our Catholic faith at Easter has been postponed for our current group of Journeyers. Normally, throughout the Season of Easter to Pentecost Sunday (their final RCIA meeting) the Neophytes i.e. new Catholics would be learning more about living a Catholic life within the parish and the broader communities.

As expected it was a huge disappointment to them after months of preparation and expectation.

For this very reason they all need the vital support from the parishioners even more during this ongoing delay to their full initiation. So, please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers until we can gather again to have their Sacraments of Initiation completed.



Just a reminder, the unbaptised (Catechumen) attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on 1st of March, prior to the closure of our churches. From then they become known as "The Elect". They are:

Immaculate Conception Morpeth: Elliott Plank

St Joseph's East Maitland: Tomara Brown, Troy McWha, Ron Perkins, Meg Martin, Belinda Pearson

Also, together with these un-baptised travelling on their sacramental journey are those people who have been baptised previously in other Christian faith traditions. They are known as Candidates (for full Communion into the Catholic Church). They are:

Sacred Heart Campbell's Hill: Richelle Lloyd

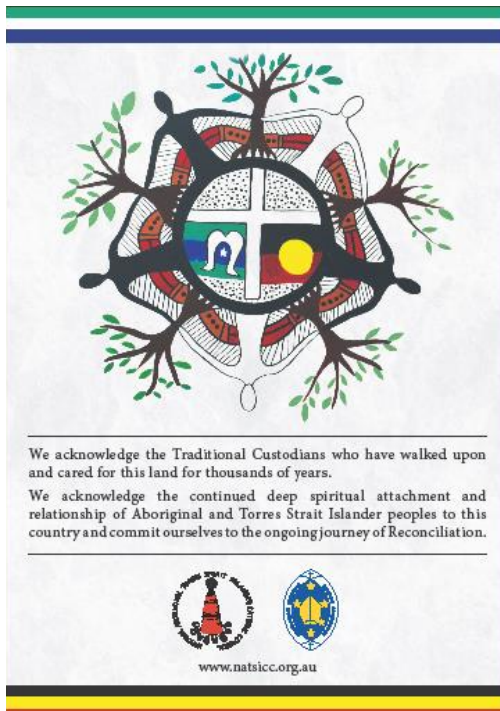
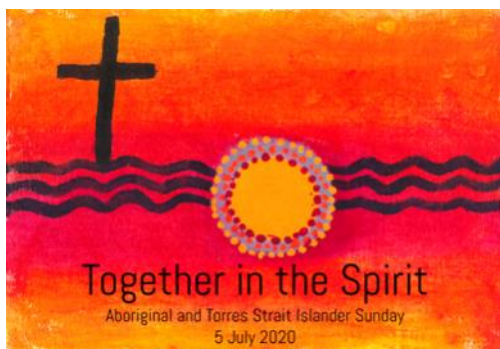
Our Lady Of Lourdes Beresfield: Nigel Richardson

St Joseph's East Maitland: Brooke Boughton, Nicole Murphy, Drew Reid, Katrina Easton, Christine Brown

In the meantime, the RCIA team are continuing to keep in contact with them and their sponsors and support people. The team are providing the various resources and opportunities available such as on line liturgies, prayers, reflections and other links as they come available.

As we have a new Paschal Candle, may we take time to reflect on the Mystery of our Faith and wait with joyful expectation with our Elect and Candidates.

May the Holy Spirit lead us during this present uncertainty in the hope that we can soon be together once again in person.



Prayer for Reconciliation

God of all creation,
as we journey together in this
Great Southern Land,
we pray for healing, forgiveness
and unity,
creating a path of good will, with
justice and compassion.
Jesus, through the power of your
love,
you have given us the courage,
wisdom and strength
to share our gifts and talents in
humility.
In peace and understanding we
reconcile with each other.
Creator Spirit, we come together
in prayer and thanksgiving for the
many blessings we have received.
Allow your Spirit to wash over
us and give us strength to walk
together as one.

Reconciliation Church prayer was
written by a small group of Aboriginal
Elders and Reconciliation Church staff
members in 2014.

What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

BAPTISM IN OUR REGION

AS YOU KNOW BAPTISMS HAD BEEN SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

As restrictions ease, we will return to celebrate Regional Baptisms (not throughout Mass as yet) from **SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2020**.

THERE ARE OVER 50 BAPTISMS that had been booked BEFORE restrictions, and these will be our first priority. So, from the 19th July 2020 there will be available:

3 Baptisms with a limit of 15 people inclusive for each family, at:

11.30am St Joseph's East Maitland, AND

11.30am Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

A letter/email will be sent to "ALREADY REGISTERED" families in the next week to re-book their baptisms.

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.

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Chisholm Connection

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YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO US

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!

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/about/parish-payments>

† **OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING THE CHILD PROTECTION, HEALING AND SUPPORT** agency of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland–Newcastle can be contacted 4979 1383.

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."

LITURGICAL RESOURCES - LIVE-STREAM

Live-stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

Mass for you at home on Channel 10 each Sunday at 6am

For all liturgical resources: www.liturgyhelp.com

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SEA SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2020



Catholic Church's National Appeal for SEA SUNDAY 12th July 2020

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously. Go to:

bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

What's Happening in the Chisholm Region/Diocese

LIFE AT HOME IN ISOLATION!

Send us your photos: If you are happy to share some photos of your life at home in isolation, maybe doing some of those things that help us keep going: praying, knitting, playing cards, cooking, prayer space etc. please send them through to our office email Chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au. You can also send in your tips for getting through. Have you got a favourite recipe you could share? A book you've read that you might review for others? A poem? A short story? All elements for keeping together and staying afloat as a Parish family.

MAKING IT REAL ART COMPETITION

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement *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. The Statement points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this new digital world, but active citizens shaping it.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes in the Social Justice Statement. Works must be on A3 paper, with a 150-word artist statement accompanying the work. Entries close Friday 14 August. Exhibition date is Saturday 29 August at San Clemente High School, Mayfield. \$150 prize for each category (Stage 3,4,5,6 and adult). Contact rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au for more information.

A Prayer when one's Baptism must be delayed in this year of the Corona Virus

I know it's not a race or a test of will, Lord.
Yet I feel a bit lost now that the Triduum has ended
and the baptismal waters remain just out of reach.

In this time of waiting, may I receive your grace -
in patience that hopes with all who long to gather at
your table,
in compassion that abides with all aching to embrace
again,
and in mercy that anoints the sorrowing with the
promise of joy's return.

Let me be alert to the opportunities each day
to fall more deeply in love with your Word
and with your people who live that Word by their faith
and courage.

Teach me to trust that the new life promised to me
is already mine, for Christ is living and ever at my side.
And help me wait in joyful hope for the day I know is
coming
when all our longings will soon be filled
with your love that knows no bounds. Amen.

-Diana Macalintal, Copyright © 2020. All rights reserved.

MASS and PRAYER

MIDDAY Mass at St John's Chapel - Wednesdays. This will coincide with current COVID-19 regulations re social distancing etc. **ALL WELCOME.**

St Joseph's Church East Maitland, will be open for private prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am. There are a number of government regulations that will have to be adhered to such as social distancing, etc. Name and contact details will need to be provided. **ALL WELCOME.**

Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill News Campbell's Hill Pastoral Team will host an hour of private prayer in the Church. This commenced Thursday 11th June and runs for four weeks. At the end of this time of a decision will be made as to whether it will continue.

When: 2-3pm Thursday

Who: All are invited, and all are welcome - no matter where you are from or who you are.

Entrance for private prayer is governed by Public Order Restrictions. These include social distancing and number guidelines. You will also need to provide name and contact details as per the directives which will be kept by the Parish Office for a month. The Team looks forward to seeing you.

OLOL BERESFIELD - 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. **Everyone welcome. The church will be open from 9.00am to 10.30am each Friday morning.**

Holy Family, Largs will be offering the following prayer opportunities in Holy Family church starting this weekend: Scripture reflection will be held each Saturday at 2pm. **You do need to register for this activity. Please contact Yvonne Rohr 0432 550 986;** Rosary will be held each Monday at 1pm. **You do need to register for this activity. Please contact Lynette Huckstadt 0408 329 495.**

SUSPENDED - 2020 SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PROGRAM

We have been advised by our Bishop that for the safety of all our people the Sacramental program for this year is to be suspended. This means that we will not be continuing any part of the program until 2021. All resources will be the same so please keep these in a safe place. We will communicate with families in Term 4, 2020 with information regarding the 2021 program.

Please know that Fr Paul, Fr John, Fr Mick, the Sacraments of Initiation Team and all our parishioners have you and your children in our prayers. If you have any concerns or questions please call 49338918 or email

SOIChisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

Saints and Feasts in July 2020



3RD JULY ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE was one of the twelve disciples commissioned by Jesus. In John's Gospel when upon hearing that Jesus had risen from the dead, Thomas replied, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe". But when Jesus appeared Thomas then professed his faith - this story giving rise to the name "doubting Thomas". After Jesus' death it is widely believed he sailed to India in 52AD where he established several churches in the southern state of Kerala. Tradition suggests he was martyred in 72AD; speared to death at a site now called St Thomas Mount, before being buried in Mylapore in modern day Chennai. St Thomas is one of the patron saints of India.



4TH JULY. ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL Elizabeth 1271-1336, St. Elizabeth of Portugal was the daughter of Peter III of Aragon and was named after her great-aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, whose virtues she also inherited. In her married life with King Denis of Portugal she had to undergo a series of heavy trials which she endured with heroism. On more than one occasion she went to considerable pains to bring about peace between her children and their father. After her husband's death she became a Franciscan Tertiary and showed unfailing charity towards the poor. She died in 1336; her body has remained incorrupt. Before the reform of the General Roman Calendar St. Elizabeth's feast was celebrated on July 8.



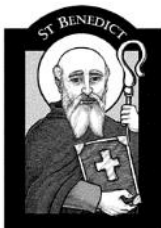
5TH JULY ST BARNABUS Born in 1502 in Cremona, Italy, Anthony became a medical doctor. In 1528 he was ordained a priest and cofounded the Barnabites, the religious congregation so called because it was headquartered in St. Barnabas Monastery in Milan. The Barnabites occupied the monastery in 1538, having been approved in 1533. Anthony popularized the forty-hour prayer ceremony, promoted the use of altar sacraments, and introduced the ringing of church bells on Friday. He is depicted in liturgical art in habit. He died in 1539.



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



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



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

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



13TH JULY ST HENRY (972-1024) As German king and Holy Roman Emperor, Henry was a practical man of affairs. He was energetic in consolidating his rule. He crushed rebellions and feuds. On all sides he had to deal with drawn-out disputes so as to protect his frontiers. This involved him in a number of battles, especially in the south in Italy; he also helped Pope Benedict VIII quell disturbances in Rome. Always his ultimate purpose was to establish a stable peace in Europe. According to eleventh-century custom, Henry took advantage of his position and appointed as bishops men loyal to him. In his case, however, he avoided the pitfalls of this practice and actually fostered the reform of ecclesiastical and monastic life. He was canonized in 1146.



18TH JULY ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS was born at Bocchianico, Italy. He fought for the Venetians against the Turks, was addicted to gambling. He became a Capuchin novice, but was unable to be professed because of a diseased leg he contracted while fighting the Turks. He devoted himself to caring for the sick, and became director of St. Giacomo Hospital in Rome. He received permission from his confessor (St. Philip Neri) to be ordained and decided, with two companions, to found his own congregation, the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians), dedicated to the care of the sick. They ministered to the sick of Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, enlarged their facilities in 1585, founded a new house in Naples in 1588, and attended the plague-stricken aboard ships in Rome's harbour and in Rome. In 1591, the Congregation was made into an order to serve the sick by Pope Gregory XIV, and in 1591 and 1605, Camillus sent members of his order to minister to wounded troops in Hungary and Croatia, the first field medical unit. Gravely ill for many years, he resigned as superior of the Order in 1607 and died in Rome on July 14. He was canonised in 1746, was declared patron of the sick, with St. John of God, by Pope Leo XIII, and patron of nurses and nursing groups by Pope Pius XI.



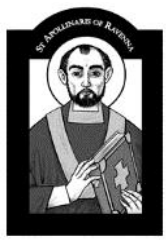
15TH JULY ST BONAVENTURE joined the order of Franciscans in 1243, and was soon recognised for his intellectual talents. He was sent to study in Paris where he taught and preached for many years. He was a contemporary of St Thomas Aquinas, with whom he defended the mendicant friars against their opponents. In 1257, Bonaventure was elected as the head of the Franciscans, and has since been considered the greatest friar minor since St Francis of Assisi himself. He wrote important works on theology, philosophy and mysticism, and was declared a doctor of the church in 1588. He was also regarded for his compassionate and gentle nature and for his accessibility to those who sought him



16TH JULY OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God. Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is worldwide, and most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the

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



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



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

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



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

Avignon. This Scandinavian mystic is famous for her Revelations concerning the sufferings of our Redeemer.



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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

Constantinople in 448, Eutyches, a false teacher, denied that Jesus was both God and man. When the bishops refused Eutyches the right to teach his false ideas, he went to Peter for help. But Peter said, "In the interest of peace and the faith we cannot judge in matters of faith without the consent of the Roman bishop [the pope]." Peter Chrysologus believed that Christians should acquire knowledge to support the Christian faith. He encouraged education as a God-given opportunity and obligation. About 450, Peter died where he had been born: Imola, Italy. Thirteen centuries later, Pope Benedict XIII declared him a Doctor of the Church because of his homilies.



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

After being seriously wounded in the Battle of Pamplona in 1521, he underwent a spiritual conversion while in recovery. After claiming to experience a vision of the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus at the shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat in March 1522, he went to Manresa, where he began praying for seven hours a day, often in a nearby cave, and formulating the fundamentals of the *Spiritual Exercises*. Ignatius and a few followers bound themselves by vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. In 1539, they formed the Society of Jesus, approved in 1540 by Pope Paul III, as well as his *Spiritual Exercises* approved in 1548. Loyola also composed the *Constitutions* of the Society. He died in July 1556, was beatified by Pope Paul V in 1609, canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622, and declared patron of all spiritual retreats by Pope Pius XI in 1922. Ignatius is a foremost patron saint of soldiers, the Society of Jesus, the Basque Country, and the provinces of Gipuzkoa and Biscay.

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

PLANNED GIVING

TAX RECEIPTS FROM PLANNED GIVING:

Normally at this time of year you would be advised on which parish in the region is able to provide tax receipts for the donations to the planned giving scheme. As the Corona Virus pandemic resulted in the suspension of Masses after the 15th March this had dramatically reduced the income from each Parish and so Fr Paul has requested all funds be kept within the Parishes.

The Catholic Church is classed as a not-for-profit organisation and not a charity so, only the funds provided by each parish to the Diocesan charitable works account is able to be used as a tax deduction. This means that this year planned giving tax receipts will not be available.

A summary of your contribution is always available at any time. To request a summary, please email louise.gilchrist@mn.catholic.org.au

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: are available from this weekend at churches that will be celebrating Mass. Please remember to collect your box, as the cost of posting is approx. \$12.00.

If you wish to become a planned giver, please call Louise on 4933 8918.

CLERGY VISIT TO THE HOUSEBOUND and opportunity for the Sacrament of RECONCILIATION

If there is any parishioner who is housebound and would appreciate a visit from one of the priests and/or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the presbytery.

Also, if a parishioner wishes to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation please ring the presbytery and make a time to come to see one of the priests at the presbytery.

Presbytery Ph: 4934 5783

Parish News - Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield



'Hello Hunter' is a new initiative of churches in the region aimed at helping people in need.

The following article by Brooke Robinson, [published on June 23, 2020 in www.mnnews.today](https://www.mnnews.today) provides us with some information about this great new initiative.

Greetings to those requiring assistance

Originally created to assist those affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the program will link people in need with volunteers from churches who can help. Hello Hunter aids people who are feeling isolated, lonely or anxious. Volunteers are available to make a friendly call, deliver essentials, assist in finding specialised help or on request pray with the person.

Hello Hunter has a call centre, which takes requests for assistance, then neighbourhood hubs mobilise their volunteers. Hubs are formed according to suburb and postcode. The goal is to have the person in need assisted by their nearest neighbour.

Launched on 5 June, Hello Hunter began due to talks between a group of church leaders within Newcastle, headed up by Rick Prosser from Kingdom Works.

Director of Pastoral Ministries, Teresa Brierley, is the representative for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Mrs Brierley said Hello Hunter allows local churches to work together, instead of trying to meet the need on their own.

"We all live in a community, so if that community can look after one another, how good would that be?" Mrs Brierley said.

Hello Hunter is looking for volunteers and hub leaders. Volunteers will have to submit a form, validated by their local parish priest or parish leader. Go to hellohunter.org.au for more information.

Once the coronavirus pandemic ends, Hello Hunter will continue to be an ongoing link for those in need.

Hello Hunter partners with churches to help people in need!

how it works for churches!

- a friendly chat** delivers referrals prayer
- community safe!** covid-19 safe vulnerable person safe volunteer safe church safe
- a regional call centre** takes the help request
- hubs** A hub is made up of multiple churches collaborating across a group of suburbs.
- church volunteers** Volunteers remain connected to their Church. A Team Leader nominated by their Church provides volunteers with support and guidance.
- people are helped**

HUB LEADER The Hub Leader role is a relational one that helps to connect churches in a hub.

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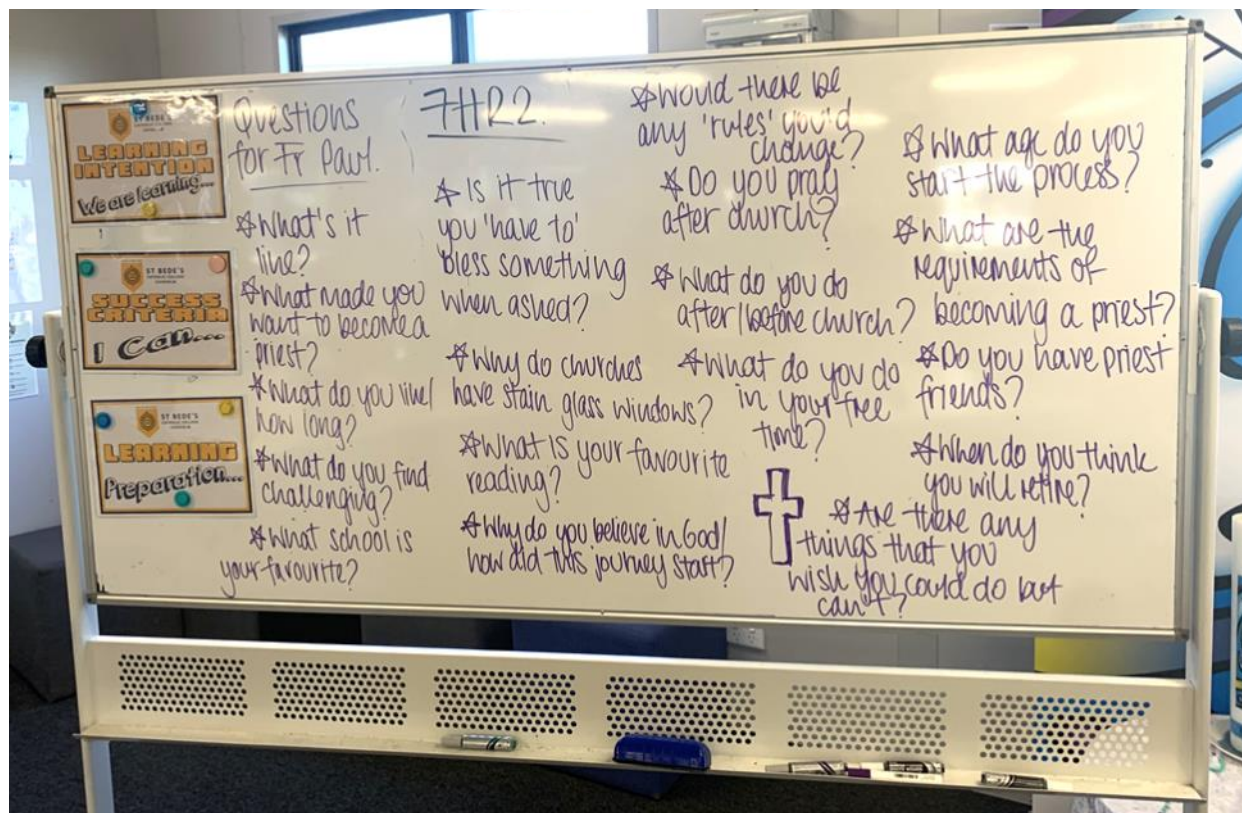
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Article by BROOKE ROBINSON, published on June 23, 2020 in [mnnews.today](https://www.mnnews.today). Brooke is Content Officer for the Communications Team in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Visit to St Bede's College Chisholm by Fr Paul on Wednesday 17th June, 2020

I visited St Bede's College this morning to speak with the Year 7 students and met them a few months ago. Fr John had celebrated the opening of the 2020 school year Mass for St Bede's, and this was my first visit to a school since lockdown. Students were very welcoming and asked me some very interesting questions about my role which I would like to share with you.



Celebrating 5 Years!

St Aloysius Catholic Primary School celebrated its 5th Anniversary on Sunday 21st June with a special Mass in the school Chapel. Parish Priest, Fr Paul O'Neill celebrated the Mass, which was live streamed from the school

Facebook page.

St Aloysius was opened on 5th February 2015. The school was named after St Aloysius, the patron saint of young students. He joined the Jesuits at 17 and died at the age of 23 caring for victims of an epidemic.

The school is an integral part of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Morpeth, and it was our vision to have a Mass on the school site as part of our 5th birthday celebrations. St Aloysius school is a prominent landmark, centrally



located in the Waterford County, Chisholm. The cross on our chapel is a focal point for the local community by day and night.

Unfortunately, with the restrictions imposed on us during the pandemic, we were unable to gather all members of the community to attend this inaugural Mass on site. However, we thought we could still invite everyone to join us via live stream on our Facebook page, 'St Aloysius Catholic Primary School, Chisholm.' 'At St Aloysius we are called to be the face of Christ through living, loving and learning together. We dare to empower all to wonder, hope, thrive and be proud witnesses of our faith.'

In Australia's early history, the Catholics who had settled in the areas north of Sydney were first served by priests based in Sydney who travelled great distances on horseback to minister to their people. When Fr Dowling was assigned to East Maitland in 1836 his district extended from Newcastle to the Queensland border. It can therefore be assumed that the early Lochinvar district settlers would have occasionally been visited by Fr Dowling, the only resident priest north of Sydney, if not Fr Therry before him.

In 1838 the arrival in New South Wales of more Irish priests enabled more priests to be assigned to the Maitland area.

At **Lochinvar** the first church was built in 1841, the location of which is not known. In 1851 Thomas Winder donated land for four churches in Lochinvar – Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and Wesleyan.

In 1858 on the land donated by Thomas Winder (the present site of St Patrick's Church) a church was built. It was a wooden structure and was used as a church and a school. It was described as being "*neat in design*"... "*in the Gothic style*". Rev Dean Lynch blessed the church on Sunday 24 October and it was formally opened on Thursday 11 November. Many improvements to the original building were made over the years. Terrible weather conditions in December 1865 proved too much for the buildings foundations and on 21 December, during a fierce wind storm, the building collapsed.

In January 1866, the Catholics of Lochinvar met "*to devise means to rebuild their chapel*". In an advertisement in the Maitland Mercury on 20 February 1866, Fr A. Phelan of West Maitland invited tenders for the construction of the new church at Lochinvar.



1866

Bishop Murray blessed and opened the new church, dedicated to **St Patrick**, on Tuesday 27 November 1866, "*the first church he had the pleasure of assisting in the opening since his arrival in Australia*". The Church was in the Gothic style with foundations of stone and a brick superstructure with a slate roof adorned with a cross on the gable. Further improvements to the Church were undertaken in 1896.

Lochinvar was formally "*raised to the dignity of a parish*" on 16 July 1905. The same day the new presbytery at Lochinvar was blessed and opened and Fr P. C.

McCormack, assistant priest at West Maitland, was named as Lochinvar's first parish priest. Unfortunately the presbytery was gutted by fire on 1 July, 1943 and the contents, including parish records, were destroyed.

In 1914 the parish embarked on a two-staged plan to build a new church that would cater for the needs of the parish into the future. The first stage of the project was the building of a new church at right angles to the existing 1866 church. A temporary structure connected the new portion and the old church so that they could be used together until the larger plan could be completed.



1914

The Lochinvar parishioners, some of whose descendants still live in the area, contributed much to the building of the new church by means of donations and the organization of numerous fundraising events.

On the first Sunday of October in 1932, parishioners and clergy gathered for the laying of the foundation of the new portion of St. Patrick's church, completing the original plan for the church drawn up in 1914. The 1866 church was demolished in keeping with the plan. This was able to be undertaken because of a generous bequest from the late Robert Burgess.

The new church was blessed and opened on 12 February, 1933 by Most Rev. Dr. Gleeson, Bishop of Maitland. At the opening, Monsignor Roche, V.G., "*thanked Fr. McCormack, who devised the building, the architect (Mr. T.W. Silk), who planned the beautiful structure and set it in the ground, and the people who did the most difficult part, that of paying.*"



1932



St Patrick's

Today, Lochinvar parish is a part of the Chisholm Pastoral Region with Fr Paul as shared parish priest.

to be continued.....

Parish News - St Joseph's East Maitland

I think we can all agree that it is great to be able to attend Mass again. The time of isolation has opened our hearts and minds to the importance of being able to see our extended family, friends and parish community in a physical sense rather than by phone or email. Hopefully in July, if the government eases the restrictions, we will be able to accommodate more people at our Masses. Using the 4 sq m rule, St Joseph's church can hold 103 people while still maintaining the social distancing rule. Names and contact details of attendees will still need to be recorded. Names are marked off as you enter the church and hand sanitiser is available. The first and second collection baskets are located near the door for your contribution to be placed in as you enter. Thank you to everyone for co-operating with these changes.



If you wish to attend mass at St Joseph's please use the online booking system <https://www.trybooking.com/BJWZV> or telephone Judy 49348232 or 0412689517 and a booking can be made for you. If you are feeling unwell or vulnerable you are encouraged to stay at home.

Our world is in great turmoil at the present. We all need to put our faith in God and pray for peace in our world and ask the Holy Spirit to guide our leaders to look beyond politics and power and work together to create a better world for all. Pray the Rosary, asking Our Lady to intercede for us.



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

- ✠ **St Joseph's Church East Maitland**, will be open for private prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am. There are a number of government regulations that will have to be adhered to such as social distancing, etc. Name and contact details will need to be provided. ALL WELCOME.
- ✠ **Midday Eucharistic Adoration** – Mondays 12 midday for 1 hour in the church.
- ✠ **Cenacle Rosary of the Marian Movement of Priests** to pray for priests and Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by a cup of tea – Wednesday night 7.00pm at 2 Erin Close, Ashtonfield. Phone: 0449762976.
- ✠ **Apostolate of Prayer to St Joseph of the Eternal Family** – first Wednesday of the month 7pm followed by a cup of tea. 2 Erin Close, Ashtonfield. Phone: 0449762976.
- ✠ **Legion of Mary** "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Praesidium" – Tuesday morning, 10.30am, 79 Banks St, East Maitland. Phone: 4905 2144.





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Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill: It is with grateful thanks to our Priests and Office staff that we have been informed each week during the past few weeks with Mass readings and other news.

If you haven't already given an email address to the Chisholm Office it would be to your benefit to do so, to keep in contact with the latest community news and when emergencies occur.

We give 'Thanks' to God that we as a community are now able to join with each other at Mass each week. Thank you also to those who come along and help with the tasks that have to be done to keep everyone in a safe environment. Each Thursday between 2pm-3pm the Church is open for private prayer, with an invitation to all who wish to come along and say 'Hello' to Jesus present in the Tabernacle.

It was with sadness that we had to say goodbye to some of our Community who were called home to Eternal life, over the Pandemic time and could not be present with their families .

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Holy Family, Largs will be offering the following prayer opportunities in Holy Family church starting this weekend:

- Scripture reflection will be held each Saturday at 2pm. **You do need to register for this activity. Please contact Yvonne Rohr 0432 550 986;**
- **Rosary** will be held each Monday at 1pm. **You do need to register for this activity. Please contact Lynette Huckstadt 0408 329 495.**

Parish Team meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. All welcome.
(Please note there is no Meeting in December or January)

St Columba's, Paterson: Sunday Mass 9.30am Please ring Maryanne or Bill O'Connor 0409 336 993

DUAL CHARISMS *as told by Michael Fuller in last week's College Newsletter*

All Saints' College is a dual charism school – this is seen in our Prayer this morning with the Dominican Blessing & the Sub Tuum (connection to both Marist & Dominican traditions).

Marist foundations are based at St Peter's Campus & we celebrated the Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat recently on the 6th June.

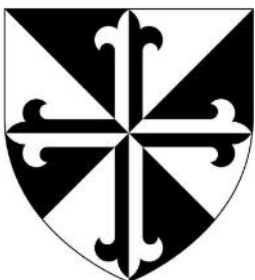
We have our Dominican Traditions here at St Mary's Campus. You may know that a small group of brave Dominican nuns arrived in Maitland from Ireland in 1867 making St Mary's Campus one of the oldest in Australia.

But what is this thing Dominican? St Dominic founded the Dominican religious order in Spain in the 12th century. As a College we will celebrate the feast of St Dominic in early August.

What is there to learn from Dominic and the Dominican Order in our daily lives today?

The Dominican motto **To Praise, To Bless, To Preach**, is a way of living life that is aware that all of creation is a gift from God, thus it is vital to give glory to God in praise.

Dominicans are **Seekers of the Truth - Veritas**. They are seekers of light, insight and an ever deepening understanding of other people, the world around them and the action of God. The Dominican torch is a frequent symbol of that light



Dominicans live a life that is **both active contemplation and contemplative action**. Like breathing in and out, Dominicans know that to be effective preachers we need both: to contemplate the Word of God and the world at the same time. Reflection on the world demands a clear and free response to need which then brings **action**.

Dominicans also describe their life in terms of four pillars: **prayer, study, community and ministry**.

Dominicans are always willing to accept new understandings and challenges, even those that challenge previous opinions. To be open to change is a key aspect of being true to the Dominican spirit. For Dominicans there is always more to know and understand. As seekers of skills and knowledge in a Catholic faith community, the Dominican way is a wonderful model for all of us at All Saints' College.

Returning to Mass!



*It was exciting to
return to Mass
after so long, at
Sacred Heart,
Campbell's Hill*

Parish News - Immaculate Conception Morpeth

PLEASE NOTE the extra Sunday Mass celebrated on Friday at 9am has now been changed to **WEDNESDAYS at 9am**. Until further notice. **SUNDAY MASSES : 7.15am Sunday / 9.00am Wednesday** : To register please ring John Saunders 4934 8520 / 0414 254 230

Parish News - St Patrick's Lochinvar

*Sunday Mass 9.30am
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Thank you for giving me a mind that can know
and a heart that can love.
Help me to keep learning every day of my life --
no matter what the subject may be.
Let me be convinced that all knowledge leads to
you and let me know how to find you and love
you in all the things you have made.
Encourage me when the studies are difficult and
when I am tempted to give up.
Enlighten me when my brain is slow and help me
to grasp the truth held out to me.
Grant me the grace to put my knowledge to use in
building the kingdom of God on earth so that I
may enter the kingdom of God in heaven.
Amen.

Parish News - St Paul's Rutherford

June 2020 - Colleen Canny Reporting

Well our isolation, continues. I am hoping you are all well and safe. The over seventies are especially, being monitored, which sadly includes me, fitting into that category. Many of us have become live stream, viewing the Mass, not quite the same as attending our church, for worship , and our social gathering

Our ongoing communication continues, the cheerio calls, or the Telephone Tree, continuing to grow, and form a strong network. We now know the value of visitation, and communication, for our Parish. Gabby has also been sending out Bulletins, to our Parishioners to keep them updated, with news. A big thanks to Gabby for developing the listing of phone numbers and email data.

Some weeks ago, I had a phone call from Gai Neems, requesting prayers and a lighting of the candle, for Baby Imogen. Sadly this little Angel, has a brain tumour, and was not responding to chemotherapy. On Tuesday 09-06-20 , she faced surgery, very serious, and dangerous. Gabby sent out a message to our Parishioners for prayers and to light a candle.

I received a call to say she has survived the surgery , and appears to be responding. The Family of Imogen , are very grateful and thank everyone for their prayers.

Congratulations to Stacey Mullin, (Assistant Principal) of Saint Paul's Primary School, for her acknowledgment in the Aurora, for the establishment of the Numeracy and literacy Action Plan. Susan Campbell has been appointed to the position of a Leading Teacher. She works closely, with the teachers and the students .She activates, what the student needs, not necessarily , what people think might be needed . The keys are Intervention and Support. The Saint Paul's Primary School breeds success. WELL DONE SAINT PAUL'S FOR GOOD LEADERSHIP.

The school has a new Spiritual Leader Robert Temesvary RE, I am sure he will be an amazing asset, to the school Mrs Wilson continues her great work, at the school introducing Aboriginal Culture.

The Vinnie's Shop remains closed until early July, again due to the Virus. I had eight bags of blankets and doonas, which I was able to deposit at the shop, outside, for the ladies to receive the collection Please keep the Homeless in your thoughts.

God Bless



Mindfulness is a proven technique used to reduce stress and help people cope with tough times. Here is an article that explains it further and outlines the benefits.

<https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets/wellbeing/mindfulness>



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Resuming ACTiv8 Youth Groups

We have had a long break from youth groups due to the current COVID pandemic and I know many of the children have missed our weekly gatherings as have I.

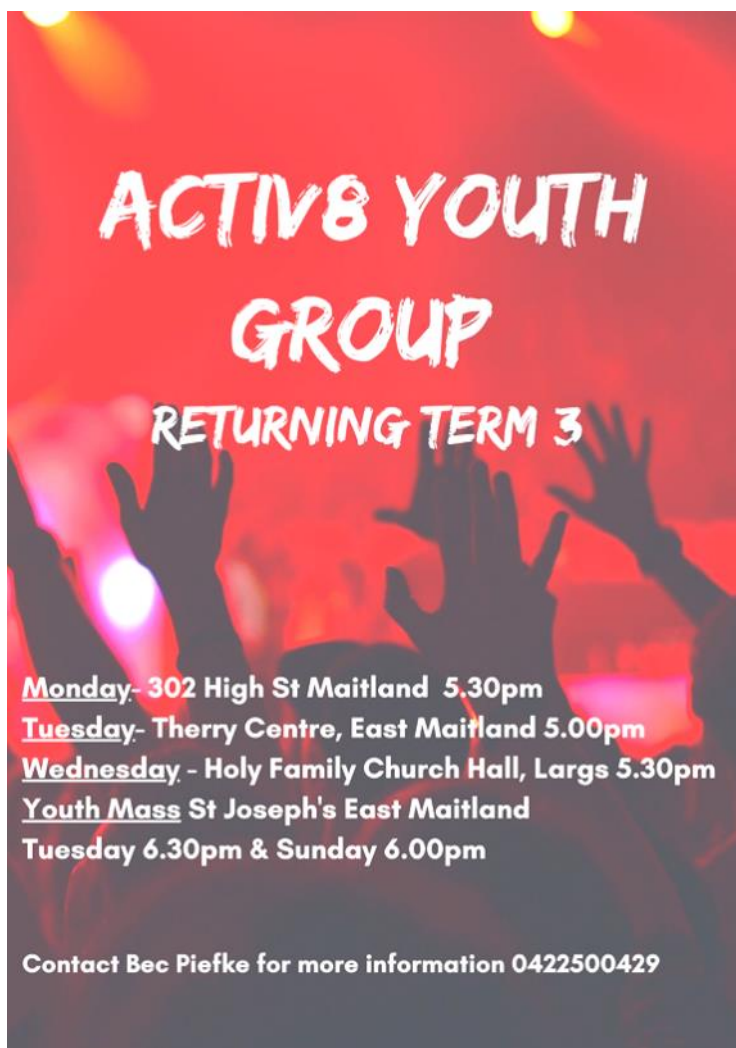
In term 2 we will resume all of our youth groups under the strict government guidelines. These guidelines include maximum numbers, physical distancing, required space, record keeping and hand sanitation, all of which have become our new normal.

Whilst we have been in this period of isolation it has given us time to review youth groups and there will be some changes. Currently our East Maitland youth group meets at 5.30pm on a Tuesday evening followed by Mass at 7pm. After some discussions we feel that with the current age demographic of the East Maitland youth group it would be beneficial to the young children and parents to begin youth group at 5.00pm and our youth Mass will be moved to the new time slot of 6.30pm.

In the past we have held our Monday evening youth group at St Pauls Rutherford, Primary School and we are very grateful for the support the School has given us in allowing us to use those facilities for our gatherings. But we feel it is now time to move into a new dedicated space for young people which has become available at 302 High St Maitland in the upper level of our parish office . Our Monday night youth group is predominantly teenagers and I am sure they will find this space very inviting to come and share a laugh, chat and hang out away from the stress of school.

We look forward to welcoming all our young people back to youth groups in term 3. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make contact. rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.edu.au

Don't forget to like our Facebook page for weekly youth group updates **ACTiv8 Chisholm Youth Ministry**.

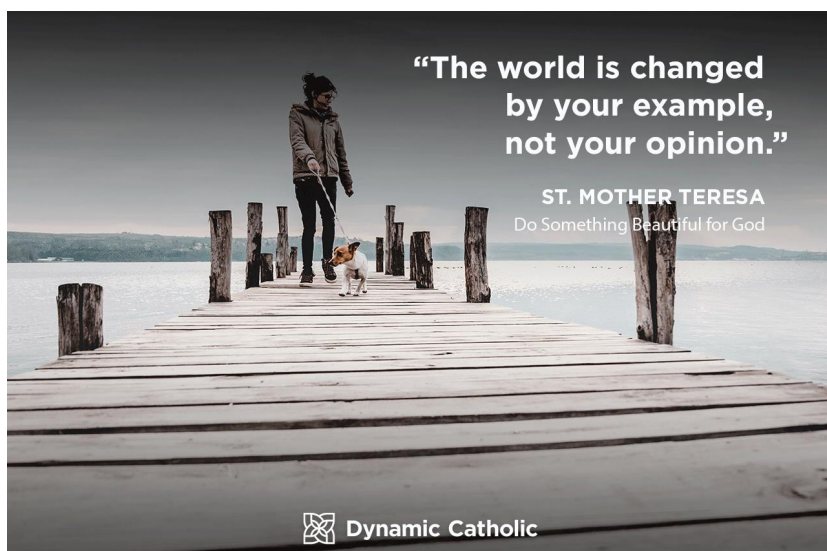


ACTIV8 YOUTH GROUP
RETURNING TERM 3

Monday- 302 High St Maitland 5.30pm
Tuesday- Therry Centre, East Maitland 5.00pm
Wednesday - Holy Family Church Hall, Largs 5.30pm
Youth Mass St Joseph's East Maitland
Tuesday 6.30pm & Sunday 6.00pm

Contact Bec Piefke for more information 0422500429

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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