



**Maitland Parishes of the  
Chisholm Pastoral Region**

*Communities Gathering  
in Prayer and Worship*



**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A, 5th July, 2020**

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday  
"Together in the Spirit"*

ST JOSEPH'S (Est 1835)  
Cnr King St & New England Hwy  
EAST MAITLAND

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Est 1841) 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,  
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**

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

**Support Clergy**

Fr Maurie Cahill, Fr Lex Levey,  
Fr Greg Arnold, Fr John Purnell,  
Fr Graham Fullick

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Phone Parish Office 49338918

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0428 220 997

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Bec Piefke 0422 500 429

**Family Ministry Co-ordinator, Hunter  
Deanery**

Lucy Sneesby-Tooth 0417 773 444

**Regional Office**

OPENED with restrictions.

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**Hrs: Tues - Fri 9.00am-4.30pm  
(closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm)**

**CLOSED MONDAYS**

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**Entrance Antiphon**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Gloria**

Glory 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; 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 Zechariah 9:9-10 See  
how humbly your king comes to you!  
A reading from the prophet  
Zechariah**

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

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

**Resp. Psalm (R.) I will praise  
your name for ever, my king and  
my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

**Second Reading Romans 8:9. 11-13  
If by the Spirit you put an end to the  
misdeeds of the body, you will live.**

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

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia,  
alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mt 11:25-30 I am gentle and  
humble of heart.**

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and

**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.

## HOMILY

### My sisters and Brothers

When I was a boy I remember walking past my parents' bedroom before going to bed and saw my father kneeling beside his bed praying. It was very special to see my dad at prayer. In today's Gospel we witness Jesus praying to his heavenly Father and we hear what he said "I bless you Father Lord of heaven and earth for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children". In Jesus' prayer we learn that you do not have to have a degree in theology to understand God. The message is simple. Jesus has revealed that God in our loving Father and we are all God's children.



Jesus in his humanity shows to us what our unseen God is like. Jesus welcomed sinners, he healed the sick and he challenged hypocrisy and injustice. Jesus then invited his followers when they were struggling with these beautiful words "Come to me all you who labour and are over-burdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for yourselves".

A yoke connected beasts of burden with each other or with the plough of the farmer. Jesus wants to be connected with us to help us in the field of our life.

In this time of the pandemic we know that there are many who are struggling with health issues, with isolation and with anxiety. May we as a Christian community be a light of encouragement to all those we meet. We do not have to carry the burdens of life on our own but Christ carries them for us. Therein lies our confidence and our hope.

We were all saddened to hear of Fr Michael Kelly's recent health issues and surgeries. Last Tuesday he was transferred to North Shore Private Hospital for further treatment. He is deeply grateful for all the support and prayers from our parish communities. Let's continue to keep him in our prayers.

With love,  
Fr Paul

learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

**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**

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,  
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

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***We welcome Fr John Purnell from the Broome Diocese  
who will be assisting us with Masses during the month of July.***

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITHIN OUR CHURCHES:** Restrictions have eased again and the number of people who can be present in our church buildings is now solely determined on the basis that there must be 4 square metres available per person. In calculating the space available on any premises, the Order specifies the following:

- a) if the size of the premises is not more than 200 square metres of floor space, the entire premises,
- b) if the size of the premises is more than 200 square metres of floor space, only those areas that are open to the public (this measurement should not include sanctuary)

***Please find attached Letter from Fr Paul***

## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS - 14TH SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time Year A

**Presider:** Almighty God you sent your Son to give us Faith, with that true Faith, we place our prayers before you:

**Reader:**

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishops and Priests: we pray that they be given the Wisdom and Strength to proclaim the words of the Gospel of Love and Peace as they Shepherd those in the vineyard of the Lord. .... With faith, we pray. **Lord hear us**

We pray for all who have closed their hearts to God's Word, may the Spirit of Jesus who lives in us all, open their hearts to accept His Divine Love, bringing them closer to the altar of the true presence. .... With faith, we pray. **Lord hear us**

We pray for the children of the world: may the Holy Spirit watch over them and keep them safe from all harm, especially those who do not have the comfort of a loving home environment, with shelter and food to eat. .... With faith, we pray. **Lord hear us**

We pray for the Leaders of all Nations that they work together to bring Peace and Harmony to all countries and banish the threats of evil among people especially, those who are prejudice against the colour, race and creed of others. .... With faith, we pray. **Lord hear us**

We pray to the Holy Spirit to give Strength and Wisdom to those who are working to find a vaccine to cure and overcome this Coronavirus. We give thanks that our own Communities are now able to come together to celebrate Eucharist and share Your true presence. .... With faith, we pray. **Lord hear us**

Look kindly on those who are not well and give them the knowledge to stay isolated, to counteract the spread of the Virus in our country, may they feel the presence of Jesus in their homes and do not feel so detached from others in this difficult time. .... With faith, we pray. **Lord hear us**

For those who were nourished in this life by the Eucharist, and have returned to our Heavenly Father, that they be raised up to Eternal life in the glory and presence of our God. .... With faith, we pray. **Lord hear us**

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. .... With faith, we pray. **Lord hear us**

We pray for those who have died recently, and our relatives and friends whose anniversaries occur about now. May the Lord Jesus claim them as his own in the presence of the Father. .... With faith, we pray. **Lord hear us**

We Pray that the Light of the Holy Spirit shine on Father Michael and give him the strength and courage to begin a new chapter in his life with his unique Talent and Spiritual guidance for others. .... With faith, we pray. **Lord hear us**

**Presider:** Lord in your Love and mercy through Jesus your Son, we place our trust in you as we ask for your help in this world.



### *All Recently Deceased*

Sr M. Imelda CSFN (Ludmila Grodecka), Lillian Josephine Kearney

### *Anniversaries*

William Baker, Kevin Francis Banister, Arch Bowen, James Bowen, Maureen Bowen, Ruth Bradbery, Rev Joseph Clare, Ella Connolly, Brigid Cotter, Francis Leslie Cox, Mary Egan, Leo Ernst, Mary Ernst, Sr Winniefred Fittock, Frederick Grothen, Rev James Hughes, Sr Carmel Mary Idstein, Rev Francis Kilgallin, Bryan Jacka Lawler, Jeremiah Leehy, Jack Locke, Sr Mary Majella OSsR, Ted Meyn, Sr Liguori Moy, Sr Regis Moylan, Most Rev James Murray, Rev John Alfred Newton, Sr Madeline O'Brien, Sr Sophie O'Donnell, Rev Michael O'Dwyer, Sr Madeline Perkins, Marcial Reyes Jnr, Jim & Mollie Riordan, Rev Anthony Stace, Ernie Turner, Sr Bernard Walsh, Sr Raymond White, Sr Raphael Williams, Rev John Woods

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

### *the Sick*

Charlotte Ayers, Jeanette Bailey, Rosario Bugna, Monique Bull, Stephen Carrall, Sr Catherine Mary Carroll rsj, Margaret Cook, Marion & Luke Crotty, Sharon S. Cuevas, 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, Robert Wild, 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

Live stream Mass with Bishop Bill every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>  
Mass for You at Home on TV (Channel 10 - 6am Sunday)

Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle; <http://mnnews.today/>; [Liturgy page](#); [Spirituality & Faith page](#)  
9am Mass with Bishop Brian either on YouTube or: <https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/>

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Commencing 12/7/2020	
DAY	TIME/MASS CENTRE
Saturday VIGIL	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
Wednesday	9.00am Immaculate Conception, Morpeth
	6.00pm Holy Family, Largs <b>*(next term after school holidays Mass will return to 7pm)</b>
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES: Commencing 7/7/2020</b>	
Tues	6.30pm St Joseph's, East Maitland
Thurs	7am St Joseph's, East Maitland
Fri	7am St Joseph's, East Maitland
Sat	8am St Joseph's, East Maitland + Reconciliation

**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 Mass registration: [www.trybooking.com/BJWZV](http://www.trybooking.com/BJWZV) or phone Judy Healey 0412689517 / 49348232. Online registrations for morning Masses close the evening prior at 8pm and for the evening Masses at 3.30pm on the day of the Mass. After closure times please call Judy to be registered as registrations over the phone can be taken up to 30 minutes before Mass.

**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

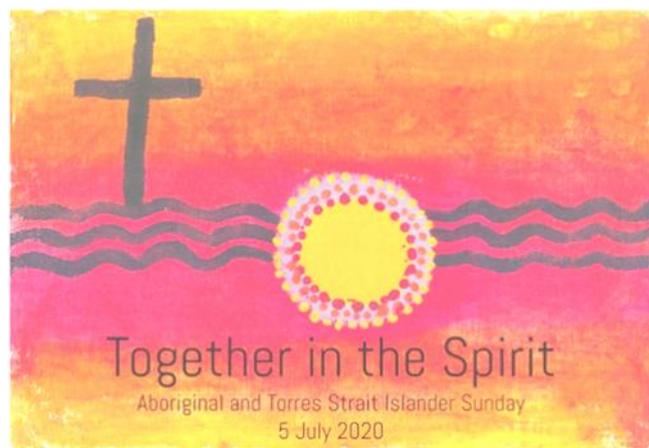
**Immaculate Conception Morpeth** - John Saunders  
4934 8520 / 0414 254 230

**St Paul's Rutherford** - Gabby Fishlock  
0422 086 911 (please note change in phone number)

**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



NATSICC wishes to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this Country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Archbishop Pat O'Regan will celebrate a nationally livestreamed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass at 11.30am EST. The link will be available at [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au)

**MIDDAY Mass at St John's Chapel - Wednesdays**  
This will coincide with current COVID-19 regulations re social distancing etc. Chapel is also open for private prayer during the day. ALL WELCOME.

**Holy Family, Largs**  
Rosary will be held each Monday at 1pm.  
*You do need to register for this activity.*  
Please contact Lynette Huckstadt 0408 329 495.

**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.

**LOL 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.**

**LOL BERESFIELD – POLISH MASS:** 9am Sundays.

**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 are 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](mailto:louise.gilchrist@mn.catholic.org.au)

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** are available 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.