



# ST JAMES' PARISH

St James Muswellbrook  
St Thomas Aberdeen



We acknowledge the traditional owners who cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who have maintained these spiritual connections and traditions

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PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR C

5 June 2022

### First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

### Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'



After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven; for those whose  
sins you retain, they are retained.’

**REFLECTION by Fr Victor**

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. The celebration of our birthdays is always a moment of great joy and feast. We have a great reason to be happy, to celebrate, and to exchange good wishes because this Sunday is the birthday of the Holy Mother Church. Easter is the feast of the light, of the new life that begins with Christ’s resurrection. Pentecost is the celebration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It marks the beginning of the new covenant, and the birth of the public life of the church.

The Gospel of John this Sunday shows Jesus giving the Spirit to His disciples. This Spirit is to forgive sins—but also to retain sins. This is a complex gift and immediately makes us aware that the Spirit is not a gentle Spirit but a strong Spirit that draws us to God or tells us that we are not ready to move to God yet!

Each of us needs to reflect on his or her experience of the Spirit. Lots of us never think much about the Spirit in our lives. From the readings today, however, we can see clearly that the Spirit is not something just for ourselves. No, the Spirit is meant to draw me to serve others, to help others, to pray for others, to forgive others. There are so many ways to do this! That is why there are so many gifts of the Spirit.

This is the day of Pentecost and each of us should ask the Holy Spirit to come into us, into our hearts and minds, to transform us more completely into the image of Jesus Christ. The role of the Spirit is always about Jesus. The Spirit gives us the same message as Jesus. The Spirit deepens our knowledge of Jesus. Whenever we feel any impulse to know Jesus more or to spend time with Jesus, we can recognize that the Spirit is active in us. When we are drawn to love for the sake of the Gospel, then the Spirit is active in us. When we want to do the right thing in whatever we are doing, that also is the Spirit in us.


So let us every moment pray to the Holy Spirit, “Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love.”

**Alleluia! Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and Stay Blessed!**

**Prayer for the Appointment of our new Bishop**

Shepherding God you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost, shows compassion, knows and is known by the sheep and lays down his life for them. We your people of Maitland-Newcastle are without a bishop to shepherd us. We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through this great south land, inspire the choice of our new Bishop, empower his ‘yes’ and open our hearts in hospitality and love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us.  
Mary MacKillop of the Cross pray for us.



**Have you thought?**  
**The Spirit**

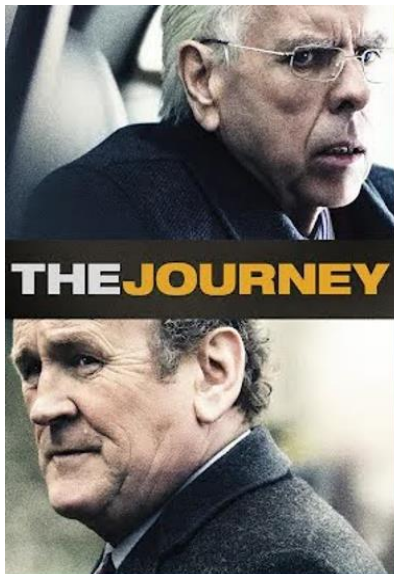
We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which ‘The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power’ and the Spirit was evident at Jesus’ baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being ‘filled with the Spirit’. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energize it today.

Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.

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⤵ = D	∩ = I	≡ = S
▷ = E	∪ = L	⊖ = T
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**Friday Night @ the Movies**  
24<sup>th</sup> June 88 Ironbark Road 7pm

The Journey is a more-relevant-than ever reminder of how simple humanity can overcome political division. The acting is authentic and the peace process, believable. This is a film about what war costs, but not a war film.

**Funny, inspiring, engaging and deeply moving – all in one film!**

If you have recently watched Belfast about the start of the Troubles in Northern Ireland then come and watch The Journey – a fascinating insight into the background of the Good Friday agreement that ended most of the violence of The Troubles.

Bring some nibblies or perhaps a soft drink or wine?  
Tea and Coffee will be served during the half hour intermission – allowing us valuable time to chat.

RSVP to Colleen on 0402 242 273 or [kellymbrook@westnet.com.au](mailto:kellymbrook@westnet.com.au)



## **👤 CONGRATULATIONS TO ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL 🏆**

Members of the Catholic Schools Council, Catholic Schools Office and school staff filled Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday for the annual Catholic Schools Week Liturgy. Fr Greg Barker described the Liturgy as an “opportunity to celebrate the remarkable work, passion, and enthusiasm our Catholic schools exhibit on a daily basis.” This was followed by the presentation of the Emmaus Awards, which recognise and celebrate the significant contribution made by our staff in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. St James Muswellbrook took home the coveted School Community Award demonstrating excellence in community engagement, parish life, wellbeing, and involvement in the wider community.



## **DIVINE MERCY GATHERING**

Will be held on Sunday 12th June 2pm at the home of Kay and Brian Mason. 114 Graeme St, Aberdeen. Please bring a plate. All welcome.

## **PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS**

The end of the financial year is creeping up on us! Parishioners who require a tax receipt **MUST** contact the Parish Office **prior to the 30th June**. Tax receipts **will not** be issued after this date. Please note: if you request a receipt after this time, I can only print a summary of your contributions which **cannot** be used for tax purposes.

## **MYSTAGOGY MONDAY**

Mystagogical reflection invites us into a personal encounter with Christ in the gospel we have heard, the liturgy we have celebrated, or an experience of life or ministry. It invites us to pay attention to what Christ reveals to us, both in that encounter and the living tradition of our faith and to connect it to life now. It invites us to dialogue and transformation. Join us each Monday morning at 10am as we reveal the mystery of God found in the Sunday Gospel. Register: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mystagogy-mondays-tickets-304319105637](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mystagogy-mondays-tickets-304319105637)

## **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES FORMATION EVENTS OVER JUNE ONLINE 7.00PM-8.00PM**

**8 June- Educating the whole child to support learning and wellbeing-** Presented by Renee Tyczynski (Professional Officer [psychologist], Catholic Schools Office)

**15 June- Social connections and improving senior's wellbeing-** Presented by Nicola Rosenthal (Regional Manager, Catholic Healthcare)

**20 June- Relationships Matter-** Presented by Robyn Donnelly Marriage and Relationship Educator- Pastoral Ministries) To register go to

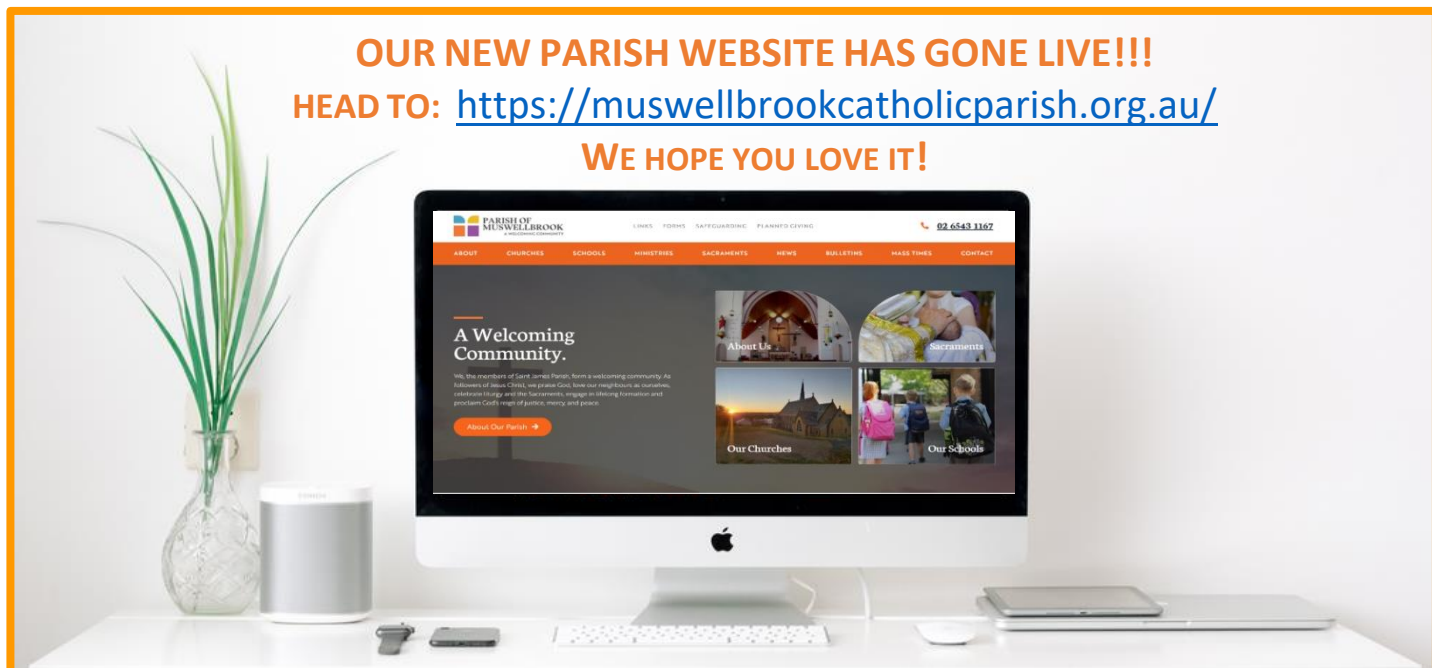
[www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/upcoming-events](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/upcoming-events)

## **PRAYING THE GOSPELS**

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm. Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>  
Password: pray

**OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE HAS GONE LIVE!!!**  
**HEAD TO: <https://muswellbrookcatholicparish.org.au/>**

**WE HOPE YOU LOVE IT!**



## Weekly Mass Diary

Monday 6 June	Tuesday 7 June	Wednesday 8 June	Thursday 9 June	Friday 10 June	Saturday 11 June	Sunday 12 June
<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>						<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>
9.00am <b>Private, Personal Prayer and Adoration</b> St James Muswellbrook		9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	11.30am <b>Adoration and Benediction</b>  12.05pm <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook  5.30pm <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	10.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook
	5.00pm <b>Mass</b> St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00am <b>Mass</b> St Thomas Aberdeen

## Ministers Roster Sunday 12th June 2022

2nd Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	J. O'Brien J. Paul	F. O'Brien	Sr. Dorothy	Can you fill this position?		R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	J. Dallah	T. Hobbs	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	G. Griffin O. Paynter	M. Kelly	C. Kelly	S. Hoole R. New			K. Goodwin
<b>Counters</b>	Jane and Stephen Thatcher						

### MASS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

**We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ:** Iris Spittles, Joan Flanagan, Marie Clifford, Pauline Coleman, David Curran, Pat Hogan, Abbie Sweeper, Norma Rowan, Kym Mason, Mollie Hofman, Melanie Hoch, Kim Goodwin, Michael Dolahenty, Paul Dolahenty, Paula Casey, Anne Hugo, John Presland, Kay Goodwin, and Helen Williams.

**Anniversary:** Bill Diffley, Victor Oakes, Dolores Bobadilla, Gordon Smith

**Recently Deceased:** Andrew Johnston

**Baptisms:**

**Privacy Laws.** All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.

*St James and St Thomas - Pray for Us*

### BULLETIN

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### SAFEGUARDING THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

For access to a range of information and Safeguarding material visit: <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>

Have a complaint or wish to provide feedback? Please visit: <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/feedback/>

If you require information or simply need direction on how to go about any of the above, please speak to Adele or Fr Victor.

**"Our mission is to spread the Kingdom by being an alive and informed Community, united as one family in care and consideration for each other in the love of God."**