



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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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST– YEAR C

19 June 2022

First Reading

Gen 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

(R.) You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master:
‘Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ **(R.)**
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **(R.)**
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every

time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.



REFLECTION by Fr Victor

This Sunday, the Holy Mother Church celebrates the wonderful gift of God to her and the entire world – the Body and Blood of his only son Jesus Christ which is “Really Present” under the form of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which means “Body of Christ.” This feast originated in France in the mid thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264.

In the gospels there are plenty of times when Jesus is with people eating and drinking and the gospel this Sunday is no exception. As always, Jesus is concerned with people and their real needs. They are hungry, so he feeds them. He is gracious in his abundant giving. But he feeds them not only with food; he also feeds them at a much deeper level. He teaches them, he welcomes them, and he heals them. He treats us the same way; when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus welcomes us, he speaks to us and through his Body and Blood, we are nourished, and we are healed.

The Eucharist is God’s greatest gift to us. But it is not our right, and we cannot demand it. Pope Francis reminds us of this when he says, ‘the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.’ That’s all of us and each of us!

This Sunday, we are not only celebrating receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, but also, we are called to remember that we are the Body of Christ, the Church. As St. Paul reminds us, ‘Now Christ’s body is yourselves, and each of you with a part to play in the whole.’ (1 Cor. 12.27). The Solemnity of Corpus Christi reminds and challenges us to realise that we are the living Church, the Body of Christ, whose head is Jesus himself. Through our communion with Jesus and each other we are called to be living stones making a spiritual house.

St. Augustine said, ‘become what you receive.’ If we celebrate the Eucharist with each other and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, then we are called to be the Body of Christ, the Church today. And we are asked to be a missionary church. At the end of every celebration of the Eucharist we are sent out with this great prayer of mission, let us go now to love and serve the Lord. If we share in the gift of Jesus’ Body and Blood, then we are also asked to share this with others when leaving church. On this wonderful feast, may each of us be fed, nourished, and healed through the Body and Blood of Christ.

Alleluia! Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and Stay Blessed!



Have you thought?

Twelve baskets?

The gospel passage tells us that after the five thousand people had eaten as much as they wanted, the remaining scraps filled twelve baskets. What is significant about twelve baskets of left-overs? Twelve was an important number – it represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Whenever the gospels mention twelve things they are symbolically talking about the nation of Israel. In this case, the message is that no matter how many people feast on the message of Jesus and accept the reign of God, there will still be enough to ‘feed’ the twelve tribes of Israel. No one need be left out!

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.

PRAYER FOR REFUGEE WEEK

Lord, make us bearers of hope,
so that where there is darkness,
your light may shine,
and where there is discouragement,
confidence in the future may be reborn.
Lord, make us instruments of your justice,
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may
flourish,
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may
grow.
Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,
together with migrants and refugees
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.
Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is
to live together as brothers and sisters.

Amen.

(Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of
Migrants and Refugees 2022.)

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/20220509-world-migrants-day-2022.html>

THANK YOU!! ✨

Michael and Paul Dolahenty would like to thank you all for your prayerful support during their recent illness.

2022/2023 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are available in the Church foyers. Some of you will notice that your giving number has changed. This will not affect your giving in any way. When the new financial year commences (Sunday 3rd July), please use your newly numbered envelopes and dispose of your old ones. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

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.

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

20 June- Relationships Matter- Presented by Robyn Donnelly Marriage and Relationship Educator- Pastoral Ministries.

The session provides participants with an understanding of patterns of behaviours that drain our emotional bank accounts and can cause the relationship to go into meltdown or disconnection of the parties. Participants can reflect on 7 areas that create strong sound relationships starting at the foundations this includes research around rituals and shared meaning, so your relationship stays connected to get through areas of disagreements or conflict. To register go to www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/upcoming-events

ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH COUNCIL – ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY DAY

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Council would like to warmly invite you to join us to experience an Aboriginal Spirituality Formation Day.

Date: Thursday 14 July 2022

Time: 9.00am to 2.30pm

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 5 Hyndes St, West Wallsend.

The day will concentrate on the core elements of Aboriginal Spirituality and will begin with Mass of the Land of the Holy Spirit, celebrated by Fr John Purnell.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aboriginal-spirituality-formation-day-tickets-322900222257>

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THE "GREAT COMMISSION" – NEW "DISCOVERY" SHORT COURSE

At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus commands ALL Christians to:

"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

How is this possible? What special training do I have that would enable me to do this?

If you are baptised, confirmed, have received Communion, this Great Commission applies to you! We have just celebrated the Feast of Pentecost.

Parishioners of St James are encouraged to attend the short course titled the "Great Commission" – new "Discovery" to learn how to respond to this command of Jesus.

The course runs for six weeks. Each session lasts for one hour. Two courses will be run. Choose either one in person, face to face or one online. The in-person course will run on a Wednesday evening from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm at Martin Shanahan's home. The online course will run on Thursday mornings from 9.30 am to 10.30 am. These are small group programs, no more than seven people at either course.

To register please complete the "I am interested in doing Discovery" form.


Completed forms can be placed on the collection plates or handed to Martin Shanahan.

ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE FOR REFUGEE WEEK

Monday 20 June 2022 at 6.00pm AEST - The World Day of Refugees

Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace are inviting you to participate in an online prayer service to pray for asylum seekers and refugees and mark Refugee Week from Sunday 19 June to Saturday 25 June 2022. The theme for the week is "healing".

Register now at: <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>



THE JOURNEY

Friday Night @ the Movies
24th 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 nibbles 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

Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 20 June	Tuesday 21 June	Wednesday 22 June	Thursday 23 June	Friday 24 June	Saturday 25 June	Sunday 26 June
				<i>The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus</i>	<i>The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
				<i>Novena to St James begins</i>	<i>Novena to St James Day 2</i>	<i>Novena to St James Day 3</i>
9.00am Private, Personal Prayer and Adoration St James Muswellbrook		9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook	11.30am Adoration and Benediction 12.05pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	9.15am Mass St James Primary School Muswellbrook	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook 5.30pm Family Mass St James Muswellbrook	10.00am Family Mass St James Muswellbrook
	5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00am Family Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Ministers Roster Sunday 26th June 2022							
4th Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	St James Primary School	St James Primary School	St James Primary School	St James Primary School		R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	S. Milton	K. Mason	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	A. Jacob A. Sharp	Can you fill this position?	Can you fill this position?	A. Sharp			K. Goodwin
Counters	Jane Thatcher		Can you fill this position?				

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, Paula Casey, Anne Hugo, John Presland, Kay Goodwin, Helen Williams, Margaret Blake, Rodrigo Canete, and Fay Biddle.

Anniversary: Fr George Nugent and John (Jack) Lonergan

Recently Deceased:

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

Please contact the Parish Office on 6543 1167 if you have any notices for the bulletin, or alternatively email:

muswellbrookparish@mn.catholic.org.au

The Parish bulletin can be accessed on our website: muswellbrookcatholicparish.org.au

or on our Facebook page: **Catholic Parish of St James Muswellbrook**

Please email muswellbrookparish@mn.catholic.org.au if you would like the bulletin emailed to you each week.

SAFEGUARDING THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Please visit our 'Safeguarding' page to access a range of safeguarding resources: muswellbrookcatholicparish.org.au

Have a complaint or wish to provide feedback? Visit: officeofsafeguarding.org.au/feedback/

"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."