



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 TRINITY – YEAR C

12 June 2022

First Reading Prv 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;

before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,

when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,

when he assigned the sea its boundaries
– and the waters will not invade the shore –

when he laid down the foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master craftsman,

delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,

at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

(R.) O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? (R.)

2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. (R.)

3. All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,

birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he
has learnt;

and he will tell you of the
things to come.

He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is
mine.



Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you will be
taken from what is mine.'

REFLECTION by Fr Victor

We celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost last Sunday. The descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles brings the work of the Holy Trinity to its fullness. God the Father is the Creator. God the Son is the Saviour. God the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier and the Renewer. This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Holy Trinity. This feast is not the time to try and explain how three goes into one! The Trinity is not something that we can understand and figure out with our reasoning, intellect or with our brain. We most certainly won't find the explanation to the Trinity by 'Googling' it!

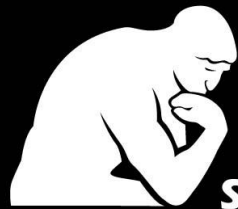
The Trinity is a mystery that we are to experience with our hearts not with our heads. It is not a puzzle or a riddle that we are expected to answer or solve. When we use the word 'mystery' to talk about and describe the Trinity, we are talking about a reality that is so endlessly rich and profound that it will never be exhausted. The more we contemplate and pray about the reality and presence of the Trinity in our lives, the more of itself will be revealed to us. Through the Trinity, God creates and loves us, Jesus liberates and saves us, and the Spirit encourages and strengthens us. The Trinity is a community of love and life that we are invited to be part of and share in. When we look at the news on our television or read the newspaper any day, we are often presented with news of violence, segregation and building walls. For example, the recent killings of 19 innocent children and two adults and the attack at the Church on Pentecost Sunday during the Mass, taking away 50 lives and injuring many others. People of different religions in the same country are often not only disagreeing with each other; they are actively fighting each other. Sadly, there is division where they could be unity, there is aggression where there could be understanding, and there is suspicion where there could be trust and mutual respect.

The Trinity offers us a model of sharing, belonging and community. It also challenges our individualism and our demand that our rights be met all the time. The Trinity asks to be mindful of our responsibilities to those around us in our families, our neighbourhood, and our parish community.

In the Christian tradition, when we begin our prayers, whether as individuals or a community, we do so by making the sign of the cross and calling on the power and presence of the Trinity. When we pray glory be..., we do the same. We deliberately and consciously ask the Trinity to be part of prayer and our daily life. Perhaps on the Feast of the Trinity we could say these prayers slower and let their meaning become part of us in a more intimate and personal way.

Praise and everlasting glory to God the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit through all ages.

Alleluia! Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and Stay Blessed!



HAVE YOU thought? Spoken through the prophets

One Creedal statement about the Holy Spirit is that 'He has spoken through the prophets'. This statement of Christian belief is to reaffirm that the Spirit has played a role throughout human history and did not 'come into being' at Pentecost. In fact, a translation of the opening lines of Genesis reads, 'and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters'. Although the Old Testament emphasises God the Creator, or the Father, the gospels emphasise the role of Jesus, the Son and the New Testament writings emphasise the work of the Spirit, all three expressions of God's loving presence are beyond the limits of time and place.

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.



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 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

DIVINE MERCY GATHERING

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

2022/2023 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year will be available in the Church foyers this weekend. 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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on Friday 17th June and will reopen on Tuesday 21st June. Please ensure that any notices for the bulletin are communicated to me by close of office on Wednesday. Thank you.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES FORMATION EVENTS

OVER JUNE ONLINE 7.00PM-8.00PM

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

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>

2022 ACU PRIZE FOR POETRY

The 2022 ACU Prize for Poetry is open for all Australian residents to craft their finest poems on the theme of 'Hope', inspired by a line from Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous play Robin Hood play: "Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'..."

Entries for the prize, which has a coveted \$20,000 prize pool will close on July 4, 2022.

More information about the ACU Prize for Poetry including how to enter can be found at the ACU Prize for Poetry website. www.acu.edu.au/prizeforpoetry

1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374)

I am **treated with respect** by family and friends

I **know** how my **money** is being spent

I **choose** what happens in my **home**

Decisions about my life are in my **best interest**

My will reflects **my own wishes**

I **know** where my **medication** is

If you answered **'no'** to any of these statements, you may wish to **talk to someone you can trust.**

If you experience, witness, or suspect elder abuse, call the **free and confidential** National Elder Abuse phone line for information, support and referrals.

In an emergency, contact **000**.



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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.

Weekly Mass Diary

Monday 13 June	Tuesday 14 June	Wednesday 15 June	Thursday 16 June	Friday 17 June	Saturday 18 June	Sunday 19 June
						THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
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	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook 5.30pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	10.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook
	5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Ministers Roster Sunday 19th June 2022

3rd Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	S. Bernard Can you fill this position?	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy	Can you fill this position?		R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	K. Mason	M. Edwards	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	A. Sharp C. O'Brien	P. Griffin	Can you fill this position?	Can you fill this position?			K. Goodwin
Counters	Therese Bristow and Esther Molloy						

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, Helen Williams, and Margaret Blake.

Anniversary:

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/

For further information or to raise a concern 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."