



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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3 July 2022

First Reading **Is 66:10-14**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem,

be glad for her, all you who love her!

Rejoice, rejoice for her,

all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,

from her consoling breast,

that you may savour with delight

her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:

Now towards her I send flowing

peace, like a river,

and like a stream in spate

the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried

and fondled in her lap.

Like a son comforted by his mother

will I comfort you.

And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,

and your bones flourish like the grass.

To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1**

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;

shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,

tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

3. He turned the sea into dry land,

they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul.

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer

nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Gal 6:14-18**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord

Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me,

and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is

circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an

altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who

follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks

on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation **Col 3:15. 16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 10:1-12. 17-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out

ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he

himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich

but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest

to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but

remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on

the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words

be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives

there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will

come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what

food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer

deserves his wages, do not move from house to house.

Whenever you go into a town where they make you

welcome, eat what is set before you.

Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

REFLECTION by Fr Victor

Get up! Stand up! Show up! This is the encouragement given to us today by our First Nations brothers and sisters. This Sunday is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. It is the response to the Gospel story (Lk 10:1-9) in which Jesus sends out seventy-two of his disciples on mission. They go out to bring a greeting of peace and the good news that the Kingdom of God is very near. But this is no walk in the park. This is not a Sunday picnic. They are sent out as lambs among wolves. They carry no purse, no haversack, or sandals.

They know only too well that our missionary journey as the Australian Church also makes demands upon us. Stirring ourselves to action, to stand with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, to show up; to show ourselves in solidarity, that is, so that together we can lead Australia, towards Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation. That's a very great challenge. As for the seventy-two so for us. Any success is God's work. But we need to accept the call to mission. The harvest is rich; it's waiting.

St. Paul (Gal 6:14) knows what it is about. "The only thing I can boast about", he says, "is the cross of Christ". He has suffered for his mission. He bears the scars. But he says (Gal 6:17), "the marks on my body are those of Jesus". Paul is convinced that in suffering with crucified Christ, he is also transformed into the Risen Lord. What matters, he affirms, is we become "an altogether new creature" (2Cor 5:17).

Today, we look to a new future of Respect and Reconciliation; we stand together with First Nations Peoples in the Church, asking the Holy Spirit of the Risen Lord to renew the face of the earth. We stand hoping to catch a clearer glimpse of God's Kingdom in our midst. The Gospel's tough message, its missionary message, it's hope-filled message is a call to all of us.

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and Stay Blessed!



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.

Feast of St Thomas the Apostle 3 July

O Glorious St. Thomas Your grief for Jesus was such that it would not let you believe He had risen unless you actually saw Him and touched His wounds. But your love for Jesus was equally great and it led you to give up your life for Him. Pray for us that we may grieve for our sins which were the cause of Christ's sufferings. Help us to give ourselves in His service and so earn the title of "blessed" which Jesus applied to those who would believe in Him without seeing Him.

CHANGE TO MASS TIME WEDNESDAY

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 6th July at 11am in St James Church for Joan Flanagan. There will be no Mass at 9am.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

The office will be open from 9am – 2pm on Tuesday 5th July and closed on Wednesday 6th July. It will reopen on Thursday 7th July as normal.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Shirley Nebauer, formally of Muswellbrook and Denman, will be held in the Anglican Church Hall, Palace Street, Denman on Saturday 9th July, at 1pm followed by afternoon tea, catered for by the Denman Catholic Ladies Auxiliary. All welcome.

APOSTOLIC LETTER FROM OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS

The Pope has written an Apostolic Letter to the people of God on the liturgy, to recall the profound meaning of Eucharistic celebrations as it emerged from the Council and to encourage liturgical formation.

To read the Pope's letter on 'The Liturgical Formation of the People of God' go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7as9tv>

SEA SUNDAY

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information about its work, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org



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ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH COUNCIL – CHURCH CRAWL

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Council would like to warmly invite you to join us for a Church Crawl, to be held on **Saturday 23 July from 9.30am to 3.45pm**.

We will visit four Newcastle Churches in the one day, Christ Church Cathedral, Sacred Heart Cathedral, the Lutheran Church, and a Russian Orthodox Church. It will be an opportunity to *unlearn, learn, and relearn* by hearing about the faith of others, asking questions and getting to know others.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/church-crawl-tickets-318631875517>

'GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!' WITH THESE 2022 NAIDOC WEEK READS.

First Nations picture books! For younger readers

[Family](#) by Aunty Fay Muir & Sue Lawson, Illustrated by Jasmine Seymour

[Finding our Heart: A Book about the Uluru statement for Young Australians](#) by Thomas Mayor

[Hello, Hello](#) by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation

[I Want to be a Superhero](#) by Breanna Humes, Illustrated by Ambelin Kwaymullina

[My Story: Shirley Purdie](#) by Shirley Purdie

[Our Home, Our Heartbeat](#) by Adam Briggs

[Took the Children Away](#) by Archie Roach

First Nations Middle Grade + Young Adult books

[Catching Teller Crow](#) by Ambelin & Ezekiel Kwaymullina

[Deadly Unna?](#) by Phillip Gwynne (non-Indigenous author)

[Growing up Aboriginal in Australia](#) Edited by Anita Heiss

[Living on Stolen Land](#) by Ambelin Kwaymullina

[Meet Me at the Intersection](#) Edited by Rebecca Lim & Ambelin Kwaymullina

[My Place for Younger Readers](#) by Sally Morgan

First Nations books for Adults you need to add to your shelves!

[Song of the Crocodile](#) by Nardi Simpson

[Songspirals: Sharing Women's Wisdom of Country through Songlines](#) by Gay'wu Group of Women

[Swallow the Air](#) by Tara June Winch

[Tell Me Why: The Story of My Life and Music](#) by Archie Roach

[The Yield](#) by Tara June Winch

Weekly Mass Diary

Monday 4 July	Tuesday 5 July	Wednesday 6 July	Thursday 7 July	Friday 8 July	Saturday 9 July	Sunday 10 July
						15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Private, Personal Prayer and Adoration St James Muswellbrook		11.00am Funeral Mass for Joan Flanagan	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 10th July 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
Counters	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, 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, Margaret Blake, Rodrigo Canete, Fay Biddle, and David Dallah.

Anniversary: Timothy Toohey and Madge Neate

Recently Deceased: Joan Flanagan, Shirley Partridge, and Helen Williams

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

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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."