



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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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time— YEAR C

17 July 2022

First Reading **Gen 18:1-10**

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1**

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Col 1:24-28**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation **See Lk 8:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 10:38-42**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret



CURSILLO WEEKEND

Come journey with us as we share our faith stories – a weekend of meditations, prayers, songs and talks by laypeople, religious and priests – at the Catalina Conference Centre, 171 Dorrington Road, Rathmines, from Thursday 25th August to Sunday 28th August inclusive. For details, please ring Greg Byrne (0427918568) or Meryl McCosker (0498250000)
See Stephen Thatcher for enquires and invitation forms.

KEEGAN/WOOD FAMILY GROUP – ACTIVE AT LAST!!



Our group will meet at **12 noon on Monday, 18 July 2022**, at the “**Everest Restaurant**” (new) Muswellbrook RSL – an opportunity to socialise and plan outings for the next 6 months. (NB: Membership required by RSL)

Please contact **Shirley 6543 1485, Robyn 6542 5426, Margaret 6543 1238** to confirm attendance by **Friday 16 July**. Does anyone need transport? New members and guests are welcome.

ST JAMES FEAST DAY 24TH JULY

In preparation for St James’ Feast Day to celebrate meaningfully, we will begin the Novena to St James this Saturday 16th July.

We will be celebrating with a morning tea after Mass on the Feast of St James and ask that you **please bring along a plate to share**. If you can help to set-up cuppa in the Convent after 10am Mass, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call or speak to Colleen Kelly if you can help in any way. 0402 242 273. Thank you.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA CALLS FOR DONATIONS

After three years of poor rainfall, some of the worst locust plagues in decades, ongoing conflict and now the impacts of the war in Ukraine, the Horn of Africa is currently facing what is potentially the worst food crisis we have seen in our lifetime. Over 14 million people across Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia are on the verge of starvation and this number is rising rapidly. To help Caritas Australia’s response donations can be made at:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/africa-food-crisis/>

REDISCOVERING JOY- FINDING WONDER AND JOY IN THE WORD OF GOD.

Join us for a Day with Sr Mary Coloe, current Associate Professor of New Testament studies within the University of Divinity Melbourne.

In a retreat style and setting, Sr Mary will help us examine how rich and life-giving Scripture can be, revealing a God whose story intends to renew our lives and calls us to actively engage with the world.

Date: 15 August 2022

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm (arrive from 8.30am)

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley

Cost: \$30

To register go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rediscovering-joy-tickets-339651395467>

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Online unit via Zoom

Ageing Persons and Pastoral Care

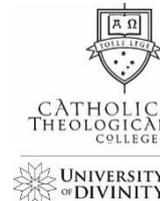
6 Saturdays: 30 July; 31, 27 August;

17 September; 8, 22 October:

10am – 12pm plus 2pm – 4pm

To enrol or for further information:

Email: registrar@ctc.edu.au Phone: 03 9412 3309



HUNTER CENTRE FOR CLINICAL PASTORAL

EDUCATION INTRODUCTORY UNIT

The Hunter Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education is running an Introductory Course in Clinical Pastoral Education commencing Monday 18 July. Topics covered will include: Pastoral Care, Listening, Self-Awareness, Grief, Healing and Illness, Community.

Dates: Six weeks commencing Monday 18 July, 25 July, 1, 8, 15, 29 August

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Location: Mackillop Parish Hall, Milson Street Charlestown

Enrolment: 1 July 2022

Enquiries: Fr. Roger Zohrab 0408 151 481

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PASTORAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE

Pastoral Ministries is seeking to employ people in the following roles to engage with and to serve the wider diocesan community in growing mutually supportive relationships for the sake of community and mission.

Closing date for applications is 28 July 2022.

- Officer Identity and Community
<https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/304>
- Officer Worship and Prayer
<https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/305>
- Pastoral Ministries Youth Minister
<https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/300>
- Administration Assistant – Community and Mission
<https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/187>

Calvary Retirement Community Cessnock is seeking a suitable person for the following role:

Pastoral Care Worker

<https://careers.calvarycare.org.au/jobs/pastoral-care-worker-cessnock-nsw-australia>

USEFUL LINKS

- [Liturgy page](#) – regularly updated
- [Faith formation page](#) – regularly updated
- [MNnews.today](#) – Diocesan News Service
- [Synod website](#) – Information about the Diocesan Synod
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Weekly Mass Diary

Monday 18 July	Tuesday 19 July	Wednesday 20 July	Thursday 21 July	Friday 22 July	Saturday 23 July	Sunday 24 July
				<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>		17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<i>Novena to St James</i>	<i>Novena to St James</i>	<i>Novena to St James</i>	<i>Novena to St James</i>	<i>Novena to St James</i>	<i>Novena to St James</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	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook 5.30pm Confirmation and First Holy Communion 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 24th July 2022

4th Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	M. Flanagan T. Furlong	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy	Can you fill this position?		R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	S. Milton	C. Wykes	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	A. Jacob Can you fill this position?	Can you fill this position?	Can you fill this position?	Can you fill this position?			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, Marie Clifford, Pauline Coleman, David Curran, Pat Hogan, Abbie Sweeper, Norma Rowan, Kym Mason, Mollie Hofman, Melanie Hoch, Kim Goodwin, Anne Hugo, John Presland, Kay Goodwin, Margaret Blake, Rodrigo Canete, Fay Biddle, and David Dallah.

Anniversary: Michael Lambley

Recently Deceased: Margaret Smith and Shirley Partridge

Baptisms: Leon O'Brien and Carter Power

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.

"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."