



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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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time– YEAR C

21 August 2022

First Reading **Is 66:18-21**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15**

(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Heb 12:5-7, 11-13**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 13:22-30**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



REFLECTION by Fr Victor

This Sunday we celebrate the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus is asked an important question: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" In one form or another, this question has been asked by people of every generation. It is interesting, that Jesus does not answer this question. Instead, Jesus invites us to enter the narrow door. The doorway to eternal life is not easy to enter, but it is not impossible to enter it. Jesus makes it possible for all to enter. The only thing that matters is that it is narrow, we must exert some effort to enter it, we must make some necessary sacrifices to get through it. But for many of us today, sacrifice, suffering, pain, etc., are words that we must discard or to avoid. Many of us want to make things easy and light. We don't want to make sacrifices. But being a Christian is to love the Cross and all the consequences that it may bring us. The 2nd Reading reminds us that we must endure trials as "discipline" because God disciplines those whom He loves, He wants us to live upright and holy lives. The narrow door is for us, the lessons of love, the assurance of bountiful life, eternal life. Let us, therefore, enter it full of confidence, love, and hope.

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and Stay Blessed!

Write or draw someone who considers themselves more important than others. Then fill in the missing letters.

Th_se w_o a__ now
m_st i_po__nt _ill b_
the _e_st _m__rt_nt.

Write or draw someone who is not considered an important person. Then fill in the missing letters.

The o_es wh_ are _ow
le__t im__rt_nt wi__
be th_ mo_t i_po_tan_.



VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an absolute and abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. As a volunteer working in a Diocesan Parish, you should be aware of your obligations and responsibilities. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Becoming a volunteer

To be able to volunteer within a Diocesan Parish you are required to read the Volunteer Induction Handbook and complete all necessary checks, inductions, and safeguarding training relevant to your role. This may mean you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check and give the Diocese permission to conduct a National Police Check on your behalf. All paperwork and checks are to be completed and verified before you can commence in your volunteer role. Safeguarding training must occur within 6 months of your commencement as a volunteer. **All existing Volunteers are also required to meet these requirements.**

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a Volunteer Induction Handbook and make arrangements for an ID check.

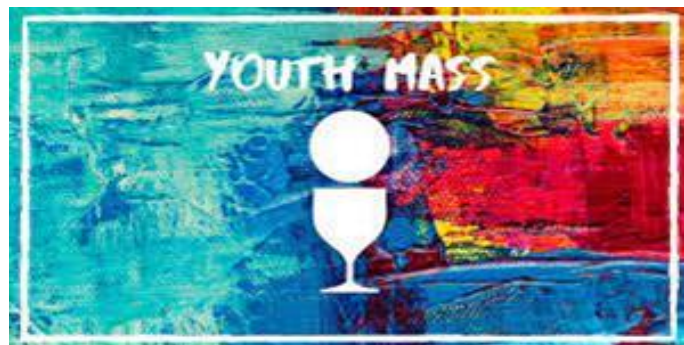
The Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

Under this legislation people who undertake a role in child-related work in a paid or volunteer capacity in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are required by law to have a Working with Children Check Clearance. This 'Clearance' can be obtained from applying online at check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. Volunteers receive a Clearance for free, and it lasts up to 5 years.

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.



**WHEN: Next Saturday, 27th August
5.30pm Vigil Mass**

WHERE: St James Church

**WHO: St Joseph's High School
Students and Staff**

We are very excited to welcome Students
and Teachers from St. Joseph's High School
to our Vigil Mass.

The Students will be taking active roles
within the Mass

A Pizza Supper in the Convent after the
Mass for all HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS &
Teachers from 6.30 to 8.30pm

KEEGAN/WOOD FAMILY GROUP – NEXT OUTING

Monday 22 August 2022 – Hunter Belle Cheese Restaurant
75 Aberdeen Street, Muswellbrook

Ph: 6541 5066

Please RSVP to: Robyn – 6542 542, 6Shirley - 6543 1485,
Margaret – 6543 1238

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest." Mt 11:28*

Eucharistic Adoration will held on the 1st Saturday of the
month in St James Church after the Vigil Mass until 9pm.
This will begin Saturday 3rd September. Please come and
join us to spend time with the Lord.

SETTLEMENT SERVICES INTERNATIONAL SEARCHES FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES

Over the coming month, more than 60 people from
refugee backgrounds are arriving in Newcastle, and
Settlement Services International (SSI) are struggling to
secure enough on-arrival accommodation to house them.
The regional housing crisis that is affecting our whole
community is having a significant impact on their ability to
welcome people into our community. At this stage it looks
like they may need to redirect families to Sydney. Can you
help?

SSI is looking for houses or units that can fit families of
two to seven people, or some single bedroom units. Some
of these rental properties will be "head leased" by SSI
Group and used as on-arrival accommodation. Others may
be rented directly to families from refugee backgrounds
already here, and free up some of our existing on-arrival
accommodation. Unfortunately, generous offers of a room
in someone's home can't be used for on-arrival
accommodation for these families. Email Helen Larkin
hlarkin@ssi.org.au if you can help.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Australia's Catholic Bishops have used their annual Social
Justice Statement to condemn the scourge of domestic
and family violence, saying relationships must be "marked
by respect and freedom rather than coercion and control."
For more information or to read the full statement, visit
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

TRANSFORMATION RETREAT

Join Fr Chris Eaton from Missionaries of God's Love,
Canberra on Saturday 27 August for a transformation
retreat. It will run from 9am until 5pm at St Joseph's
Parish Hall in Rockdale NSW. It includes mass and morning
tea and lunch will be provided. Bookings are essential, go
to <https://trybooking.com/CASKV>. Contact Helen on 0422
455 114 or Ida on 0424 267 500 for further information.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

The Young Christian Students is an international
Movement, present in over 80 countries, that empowers
secondary school students to take action based on what
they believe, in their student reality. YCS gives students
the chance to be agents of change themselves. When
students take ownership and responsibility it allows them
to develop the skills needed to lead.

The Diocese is holding a training day for anyone who
would like to get involved in the YCS movement on Friday
26 August. To register your interest, please email
formed@mn.catholic.org.au



DOES THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE HAVE A FUTURE?

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is
hosting an online public lecture on 10 October with Prof
Julie Hanson Rubio (from the Jesuit School of Theology,
Santa Clara University, USA) on the topic *"Does the
Sacrament of Marriage have a future"*.

To register: [https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-
academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-
events-and-resources](https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources)

CAN YOU HELP CATHOLICCARE MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS AUGUST?

Catholic Care Social Services Hunter-Manning is the official
charitable agency of the Diocese of
Maitland-Newcastle. Our Community Kitchens and Food
Programs serve thousands of meals across the region each
month and help people who have nowhere else to turn.
However, these important services receive no government
funding, so we're calling on the Catholic and broader
community to help. As the pandemic continues and the
cost-of-living rises, Catholic Care expect to be welcoming
even more people through our doors.

Can you help us make a difference?

Help us feed more people in our Community Kitchens.
Help us build more kitchens and infrastructure to support
more people in the future. Please give a gift this August.
Every dollar counts. Your generosity will go directly to our
local Food Programs, ensuring no one is turned away and
that everyone is welcomed with a hot meal and a smile.

Donate today: Send your cheque to PO Box 775 Newcastle
2300 or give a gift online,
www.catholiccare.org.au/makeadifference

Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 22 August	Tuesday 23 August	Wednesday 24 August	Thursday 25 August	Friday 26 August	Saturday 27 August	Sunday 28 August
<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		<i>St Bartholomew</i>			<i>St Monica</i>	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Social Justice Sunday</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	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook 5.30pm Youth 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 28th August 2022							
4th Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	St Joseph's High School	St Joseph's High School	St Joseph's High School	St Joseph's High School		R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	S. Milton	K. Mason	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	Mary-Ellen and David Leedham						

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, David Dallah, and Carlo Cerneaz.

Anniversary:

Recently Deceased: William Dent

Baptisms: Jake Collins

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."