



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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time— YEAR C

9 October 2022

First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. *(R.)*
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. *(R.)*
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up

God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

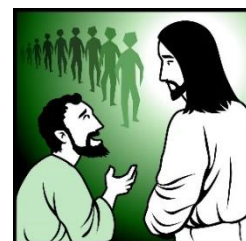
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Leprosy, AIDS and Salvation

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you *salvation*.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

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"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



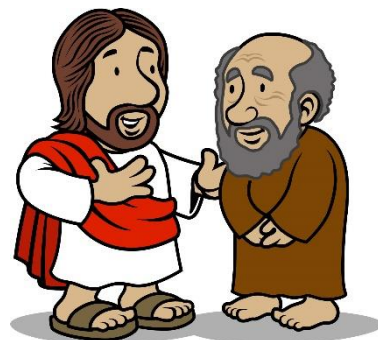
Fr. Roni George VC
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NOVEMBER 12TH (SATURDAY) 2022
SPIRITUAL RETREAT
at St James Catholic Church,
65 Brook Street,
Muswellbrook
9.30am to 3.00pm

Please Contact: Monica Brown: jeffmonica.brown@bigpond.com, Tel: 0409 913 453
or Colleen Kelly: kellymbrook@westnet.com.au, Tel: 0402 242 273
Morning Tea will be provided
Please bring a plate to share for Lunch

There is no charge for the retreat but a donation on the day to help pay the costs of transport for the team from Sydney on the day would be appreciated.

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When are some of the times when
you can ask Jesus for help?

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.

KEEGAN/WOOD FAMILY GROUP

Lunch at the **Commercial Hotel Aberdeen** 63 Macqueen Street. (Ph 6543 7196) **17 October**. Meet at Railway at **11.30am** to share transport. Lunch specials \$15 – or purchase from the menu. Names to Shirley, Robyn, Margaret by **Thursday 13 October**.



KAİROS VISIT TO ST HELIERS

A Kairos Team will be visiting St Heliers Correctional Centre on 7-11 November. Your support would be appreciated. There is a notice on the Bulletin Board at the back of the church outlining the ways you can help. "Remember those in prison, as you were in prison with them". (Heb 13:3) Contact Stephen Thatcher for details.

VACUUM CLEANER NEEDED

Would you happen to have an old vacuum lying around that you no longer use?? If you do, it would be most appreciated if you would consider donating it to the Parish to use in the Convent.

FR VICTOR ON LEAVE

While Fr Victor is away **there will be no Masses celebrated Monday – Friday**.

Mass times over the weekend have been changed slightly. **Please refer to the Mass Diary overleaf.**

For matters of urgency please call the Parish Office or Fr Velerian on 0408 451 244.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR, INCARNATE ADVENT DAILY REFLECTIONS, AND DAILY MASS BOOK

If you would like to purchase any of these resources, please place your name and order on the forms that are in the Church foyers.

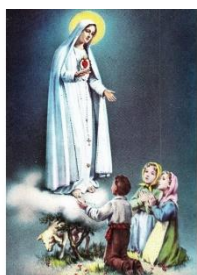
Prices are approximate.

Columban Calendar 2023 **\$6.70 - \$8.18**

Incarnate Advent Reflections **\$5.00**

Daily Mass Book 2023 **\$24.00**

Rosary and Picnic



At The Old Convent,
St James Catholic Church, Muswellbrook
11am October 23, 2022

Please come and help us celebrate
the month of the Holy Rosary
Bring a picnic lunch. Cuppa will be provided.



WORLD YOUTH DAY LAUNCH EVENT

Are you a young person interested in travelling across the globe?

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is inviting any young person who is over 18 years old to join us on a 3-week pilgrimage to the Holy Land and then Lisbon for World Youth Day.

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelisation for the youth world. This pilgrimage will take place in July/August 2023. For now, we are taking expressions of interest until we have specific information on dates, times, and prices. We have limited space so signing up is essential. Please express your interest on the diocesan website at www.mn.catholic.org.au

The official WYD launch will be hosted on Sunday 9 October at 4pm at the Murray Room (841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West). To register your attendance, please visit the [WYD page on the Diocesan website](#). If you have any questions regarding this pilgrimage, please email Ryan Gato, Diocesan World Youth Day Coordinator at: ryan.gato@mn.catholic.edu.au

EVANGELISE – A NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLICS

The National Centre for Evangelisation is getting ready to host an online evangelisation conference from Thursday 20 to Saturday 22 October. There will be a wide range of keynote presentations from well-known Catholic speakers from around Australia, on a variety of topics related to evangelisation and formation. You can find more information about the conference at

www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au

Individual registration costs \$25 or a community can purchase five registrations for \$100.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: BR. DAMIEN PRICE RETREAT

The Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People is hosting a weekend retreat next month with Br Damien Price – a Christian Brother of the Oceania Province who has worked in youth ministry for years. On Saturday 29 October anyone who is interested in exploring ministry with young people is invited to attend *Encounter the Heart of the Shepherd* from 9.30am to 5pm. The next day, Br Damien will host *The Smell of the Sheep* where he will reflect on vision and strategy. For more info or to register, visit: <https://dcmyp.eventbrite.com.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".

Registrations are still open and further information is now available: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

| Weekly Mass Diary | | | | | | |
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| Monday 10 October | Tuesday 11 October | Wednesday 12 October | Thursday 13 October | Friday 14 October | Saturday 15 October | Sunday 16 October |
| | | | | | <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i> | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9.00am Private, Personal Prayer and Adoration St James Muswellbrook | NO MASS | | | | 6.00pm Mass St James Muswellbrook | 10.30am Mass St James Muswellbrook |
| | | | | | | 7.30am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen |

| Ministers Roster Sunday 16th October 2022 | | | | | | | |
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| 3rd Sunday of the Month | Readers | Cantors | Musicians | Gifts | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers | Sacristan |
| 5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook | S. Bernard J. Jacobs | 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 | C. O'Brien Can you fill this position? | M. Kelly | C. Kelly | 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, Marie Clifford, Pauline Coleman, David Curran, Pat Hogan, Abbie Sweeper, Kym Mason, Mollie Hofman, Melanie Hoch, Kim Goodwin, Anne Hugo, John Presland, Kay Goodwin, Margaret Blake, Rodrigo Canete, Fay Biddle, and Helen Tumbers.

Anniversary:

Recently Deceased: Norma Rowan and Peter Gleeson

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."