



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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time– YEAR C

23 October 2022

First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge

who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,

nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be

accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,

until it arrives he is inconsolable

nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,

acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow,

nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good

fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did



not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Standing in the Humus of Life

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

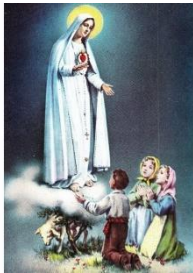
The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

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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.



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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 PILGRIM INFORMATION SESSION



We will be holding two online information sessions for all those who are interested in either attending our Diocesan pilgrimage or would simply like to learn more.

Please note, both of these sessions will be the same. You only need to attend one.

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2022
6.00PM - 7.00PM

THURSDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2022
4.00PM - 5.00PM

To register for one of these sessions, please go to www.mn.catholic.org.au or scan the QR code.



Our commitment

The Diocese is committed to making sure:

- 1** My community is a safe place where I feel respected and heard
- 2** There are people around me who know how to keep me safe
- 3** The grown-ups in my community check to make sure it is a safe place
- 4** Everyone follows the rules*

* NSW Child Safe Standards and the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards



officeofsafeguarding.org.au

THANK YOU FR VELERIAN

The Parish of St James extends their gratitude to Fr Velerian for celebrating weekend Masses while Fr Victor was away. Our thanks also goes to Fr Anthony Caloma Parish Priest of Medowie and Fr John Tobin (retired priest) who came to celebrate Masses in Fr Velerian's absence.



SPIRITUAL RETREAT NEW DATE!!!

St James Spiritual Retreat will be going ahead this year! Please put the new date in your calendar: **Saturday 17 December 2022**. More details to come.

KAIROS 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL HSC STUDENTS

Please keep all HSC students who are preparing for their final exams over the coming weeks in your prayers. May God continue to guide, give strength, and wisdom to every student during this final part of their school journey.

FINAL WEEKEND FOR CALENDAR, ADVENT, AND DAILY MASS BOOK ORDERS

This weekend is your final opportunity to place your order. Stock is selling fast so I will be placing the Parish order this week. Prices are approximate:

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

Incarnate Advent Reflections **\$5.00**

Daily Mass Book 2023 **\$24.00**

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND POSTPONED

The Catholic Mission Appeal will be held in our Parish next weekend – **29th and 30th October**.

This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the community and Church in Ethiopia as they look to establish a goat rearing centre to provide nutritious milk for families in most need. In addition, the Centre will provide opportunities for agricultural training and employment.

Envelopes will be made available in the Churches this weekend. You are welcome to take them home and bring them back with your donation next weekend.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DIOCESAN REFLECTION DAY ON OUR SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS

You are invited to attend the Diocesan Reflection Day on our Spiritual Foundations marking the anniversary of Bishop Bill's death. To be held on Saturday 12 November, 9.30 am for a 10.00 am start and finish at 3.00 pm. There are various locations to choose from including, Victor Peters Suite-Newcastle West, San Clemente High School - Mayfield, St Pauls High School - Booragul, Catherine McAuley College - Medowie, **St Joseph's High School – Aberdeen** and St Clare's High School – Taree.

The six hubs will allow people to gather together in a close by location and enjoy fellowship with each other. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea and lunch with those attending.

The reflection purpose will be:

- To gather and reconnect with our diocesan people
- To pray, reflect and engage with one another
- To reflect with our diocesan foundational principles
- To renew our sense of community after months of restrictions

Registration is open now by this link:

<https://dioreflectionday.eventbrite.com.au/>

They will close on Monday 7 November.

WAITING WITH PURPOSE

Waiting with Purpose is a resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams – to reflect mystagogically on the Advent gospels. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now and to be changed by it. Mystagogical Reflection deepens our capacity to live from Christ.

To access the resource, go to:

www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/

For those wanting to connect via Zoom during Advent we will be hosting Waiting with Purpose Advent Reflection each Monday at 10am. To register go to:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waiting-with-purpose-advent-2022-tickets-443044436837

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

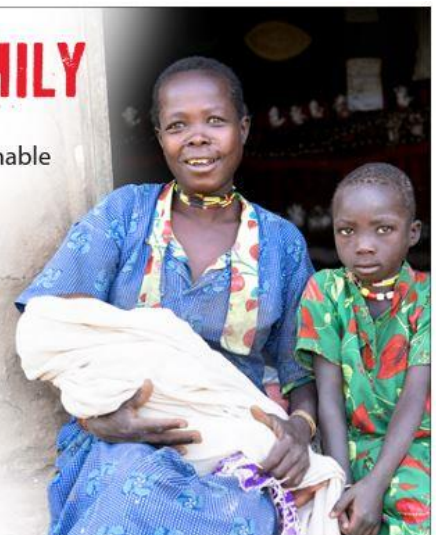
Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



Weekly Mass Diary

Monday 24 October	Tuesday 25 October	Wednesday 26 October	Thursday 27 October	Friday 28 October	Saturday 29 October	Sunday 30 October
				<i>Sts Simon and Jude, apostles</i>		31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 30th October 2022

5th Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	C. Panis Can you fill this position?	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy	Mary-Ellen and David Leedham		R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	M. Brown	M. Harris	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	B. Powell K. Holland	M. Kelly	C. Kelly	Can you fill this position?			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, 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: Barrie Blayden and Marie Clifford

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."