



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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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time– YEAR C

6 November 2022

First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**

2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.

I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your
glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must



marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’ Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.’

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Billy Elliott and the Resurrection

Billy Elliott was a boy brought up in a strife-torn mining town in the north of England. He discovered a passion for dancing. At an interview at the Royal Ballet School which was going badly, he was asked: ‘What do you feel when you’re dancing?’ ‘I’ve got fire in my body.’ And he got the scholarship because the panel realised that when Billy danced, he became ‘fully alive’: bodymindspirit fully integrated. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing.

That is what our Resurrection is all about. Our whole personality will be dancing with the radiance of Divine Fire coursing through our bodymindspirit. The Sadducees’ small-minded sarcasm could not grasp that we will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.

We could take a moment to pray that, by the grace of God, our bodies will dance, enflamed by Divine Love.

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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.

“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
DRC, SOMERSBY

DECEMBER 17TH (SATURDAY) 2022
SPIRITUAL RETREAT
at St James Catholic Church,
65 Brook Street,
Muswellbrook
9.30am to 3.00pm

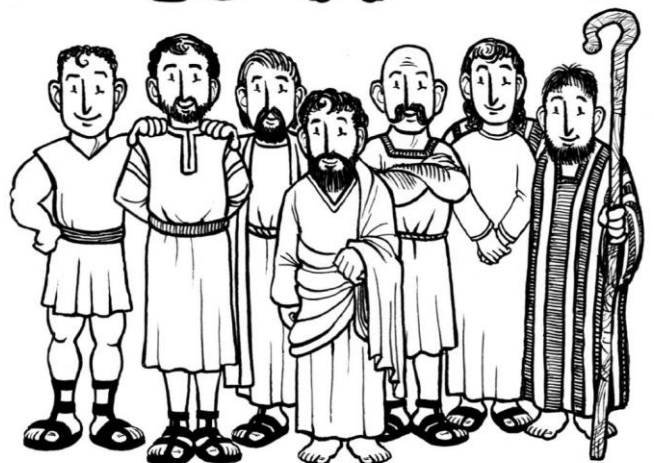
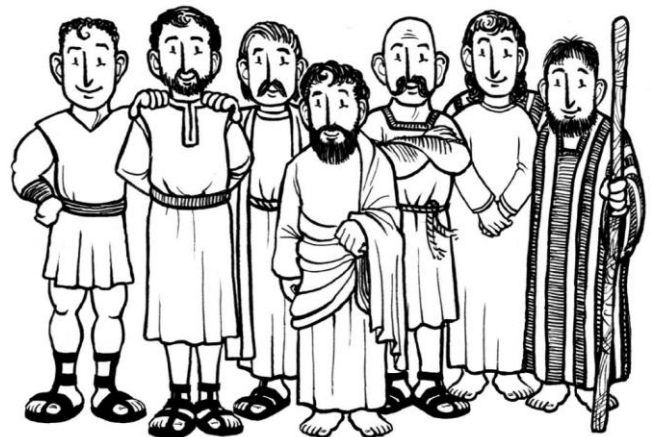
Please Contact: Monica Brown: jeffmonica.brown@bigpond.com, Tel: 0409 913 453
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Morning Tea will be provided
Please bring a plate to share for Lunch

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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Spot the difference

Can you find the seven differences between these two pictures of seven brothers?



MASSES CANCELLED SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Masses will not be celebrated on Saturday 12 November due to the Diocesan Reflection Day.

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DECEASED

Remembering those who have gone before us...

If you would like your loved ones remembered during Masses in November, please place their name on the 'Prayer for the Deceased' list or on the November Mass Envelopes located in the Church foyers.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Please see Fr Victor if you would like the grave of your loved ones blessed during the month of November.

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION THANKS YOU

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia. Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia or scan the QR code below today.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in St James Church after the Vigil Mass on Saturday until 9pm. Please come and join us to spend time with the Lord.

BISHOP'S AWARD 2022

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Bishop's Award! The award aims to recognise the good works of students and young people across our Diocese who were actively involved in their parish communities. Applications close on 2 December 2022.

Find out more: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/youth/bishops-award

Diocesan Reflection Day on our Spiritual Foundations

Saturday 12 November 2022

You are welcome to join us for the Diocesan Reflection Day on our Spiritual Foundations marking the anniversary of Bishop Bill Wright's death.

Reflection Purpose:

- 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

Time: 9.30 am for a 10.00 am start. Finish at 3.00pm

Catering: Please bring a plate for morning tea and a fellowship lunch to share.

Registration:

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

Registration closes on Monday 7 November

Location: Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West

DUE TO LOW REGISTRATION NUMBERS, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE REFLECTION DAY WILL BE HELD IN ONE LOCATION - NEWCASTLE

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES; MAKE A DIFFERENCE OVERSEAS.



Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

THE HEALING POWER OF ART

Opening on Thursday 3 November at Wallsend Library (30 Bunn Street), the Healing Power of Art is an exhibition of words, textiles, drawings, and photography from workshops attended by people impacted by institutional child sexual abuse. These works explore the hopeful and creative capacity of the arts in providing a compassionate space for self-expression and healing. The exhibition is open until 4 December.

Weekly Mass Diary

Monday 7 November	Tuesday 8 November	Wednesday 9 November	Thursday 10 November	Friday 11 November	Saturday 12 November	Sunday 13 November
		<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	<i>St Leo the Great</i>	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>	<i>St Josaphat</i>	33rd 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	NO MASSES DUE TO DIOCESAN REFLECTION DAY	10.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook
	5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Ministers Roster Sunday 13th November 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 Can you fill this position?	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, 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, Helen Tumbers, Hilda Carey, and Lucrecia Casia

Recently Deceased: Neville Heron, Esther Odoh (mother of Fr James Odoh), and Barbara Eathel Palmer

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.

BULLETIN

Please contact the Parish Office on 6543 1167 if you have any notices for the bulletin, or alternatively email:

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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."