



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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time– YEAR C

13 November 2022

First Reading **Mal 3:19-20**

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9**

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading **2 Thes 3:7-12**

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

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in

idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation **Lk 21:28**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 21:5-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that



none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

REFLECTION by Fr Victor

As The Liturgical year draws to its close, the Church, through the readings, reflects on the end time. The Gospel this weekend from Luke brings us back to thinking about the end of the world. This passage of Luke's Gospel does not tell us anything about when the end will come. The real teaching is not about the end of the world, but about how to live in this world here and now. Even if it looks like everything is about to end, the most important aspect is for us to remain faithful to God and to God's word. So, the gospel tells us: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Perseverance in the faith, perseverance in love, perseverance in service to others. My sisters and brothers, the end does not matter! What matters is to remain faithful to Jesus and His Church through all our difficulties.




"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
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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Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

Responding to a disclosure:

- ▶ Accept what the child or vulnerable adult is saying
- ▶ Avoid expressing judgement, doubt or shock
- ▶ Don't quiz them for details and let them talk at their own pace
- ▶ Validate their decision to tell
- ▶ Tell them you must tell someone who can help
- ▶ Record immediately anything you were told, anything you observed
- ▶ Include the date, time and your signature on the record.

For further information

www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

In an emergency call 000 (triple zero)

Reporting abuse of a child:

- ▶ Dept. of Communities and Justice 24hr Helpline (formerly FaCS) **132 111**
- ▶ Complete the Mandatory Reporters Guide (MRG) www.reporter.childstory.nsw.gov.au/s/mrg
- ▶ For non-imminent harm make an e-report
- ▶ Report to your priest, principal or manager (if appropriate)

Reporting abuse of a vulnerable adult:

- ▶ Police Assistance Line (24hrs) **131 444** (non-emergency)
- ▶ Victim of domestic violence **1800 737 732** (24hrs)
- ▶ NSW Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline **1800 628 221** (8.30am-5pm Mon-Fri)

Always report to Office of Safeguarding

P 4979 1390

Echildprotection@mn.catholic.org.au

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.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Will be meeting this **Sunday 13th November**.

Time: 2pm

Venue: The Old Convent

Come along, you will be most welcome.



KEEGAN/WOODS FAMILY GROUP

Our Christmas gathering will be at the **Everest Restaurant RSL Club on Monday 21 November. Meet at 12 noon for**

12.30pm serve. Let's celebrate and give thanks for the blessings of 2022. Cost of \$25 will cover a two-course meal with Christmas trimmings – bread roll, baked dinner, dessert (alternate serves of lamb and pork and two desserts). Buy drinks and coffee. **NB: Bookings and \$25 to Marg D or Robyn by Monday 14 November.**



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.

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

We would like to thank you again for your generosity to the recent Catholic Mission Appeal, whether it be through a one-off gift or your commitment as a monthly Mission Partner.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where the Church and community are working together to help support those in most need, like Neela* and her family, by addressing critical issues such as malnutrition.

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 lend your support once again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or scan the QR code below today. *Name altered to protect identity



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

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

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.

BECOME AN SRE VOLUNTEER

Did you know that some 50% of Catholic children are in state schools? Have you ever thought of spreading the good news of the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ with children? Have you ever thought about becoming a Special Religious Educator?

This could be an opportunity for you to meet new people, discover new friendships and build quality relationships whilst mastering skills and confidence in Catechetics. You can make a difference in the schools within your parish! For people of faith, knowing you are participating in Christ's call to share the Good News to all is a great source of joy and meaning.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact the Pastoral Ministries team on 4979 1200.

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

THE HEALING POWER OF ART

Held 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 14 November	Tuesday 15 November	Wednesday 16 November	Thursday 17 November	Friday 18 November	Saturday 19 November	Sunday 20 November
			<i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>			Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE
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	10.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook
	5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen				5.30pm St James' and St Joseph's combined Youth Mass	8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Ministers Roster Sunday 20th November 2022

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, 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 and Barbara 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:

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."