



# 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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

22 January 2023

### First Reading

Is 8:23 – 9:3

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;

on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase,

they rejoice in your presence

as men rejoice at harvest time,

as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,

the bar across his shoulders,

the rod of his oppressor,

these you break as on the day of Midian.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink? *(R.)*

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,

to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. *(R.)*

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! *(R.)*

### Second Reading

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and

instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mt 4:12-23

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and

his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

### **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, Margaret Blake, Rodrigo Canete, Fay Biddle, Helen Tumbers, Hilda Carey, Lucrecia Casia, Anne Rawson, Enrique Tuazon, Victoria Diputado, Vinitia Fernando, and Maree Bible.

**Recently Deceased:** Cardinal George Pell

### **Anniversary:**

**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.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Please visit our 'Safeguarding' page to access a range of safeguarding resources:

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### **AUSTRALIA DAY MASS**

Parishioners are encouraged to come along to Mass on Australia Day to pray for our nation.

### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

#### **The Voice of Jesus**

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and *called* them, the Gospel says, at *once* they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God. Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' \* Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have *their* souls contoured along the same lines. The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community. We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

\*John O'Donohue, *Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*, Bantam Press, 246.

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### **Weekly Mass Diary**

<b>Monday 23 January</b>	<b>Tuesday 24 January</b>	<b>Wednesday 25 January</b>	<b>Thursday 26 January</b>	<b>Friday 27 January</b>	<b>Saturday 28 January</b>	<b>Sunday 29 January</b>
		<i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	<i>Australia Day</i>			<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<u>9.00am</u> <b>Private, Personal Prayer and Adoration</b> St James Muswellbrook		<u>9.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	<u>11.30am</u> <b>Adoration and Benediction</b>  <u>12.05pm</u> <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	<u>9.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	<u>9.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook  <u>5.30pm</u> <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	<u>10.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook
	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> St Thomas Aberdeen					<u>8.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook

### **Minister Roster Sunday 29th January 2023**

<b>5th Sunday of the Month</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Cantors</b>	<b>Musicians</b>	<b>Gifts</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>
<b>5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook</b>	C. Panis Can you fill this position?	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy	Mary-Ellen and David Leedham		R. Panis	C. Hayes
<b>8am Saturday Aberdeen</b>	M. Brown	M. Harris	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
<b>10am Sunday Muswellbrook</b>	B. Powell K. Holland	M. Kelly	C. Kelly	Can you fill this position?			K. Goodwin
<b>Counters</b>	Jane and Stephen Thatcher						

