



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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PENTECOST – YEAR B

19th May 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Wisdom 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it

happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die,

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)



3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

Galatians 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Sequence

The sequence may be said or sung.

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which
endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength
renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your
love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[John 15:26-27; 16:12-15](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

*The Spirit of truth will guide you
into all the truth.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the
Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from
the Father,
he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me
from the outset.

I still have many things to say to
you
but they would be too much for
you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete
truth,
since he will not be speaking as
from himself
but will say only what he has
learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to
come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

[Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11](#)

They were all filled with the Holy
Spirit and spoke of the marvels of
God, alleluia.

Fr. Victor's Reflection

This Sunday is Pentecost
Sunday! We celebrate the
outpouring of the Holy Spirit on
the apostles gathered at the
upper room in Jerusalem. This
event marked the very beginning
of the church. What is significant
is how the first Pentecost
experience brought together all
peoples of the world thereby
signifying the unifying work of the
Holy Spirit through the church.
According to the first reading,
devout men living in Jerusalem
from every nation under heaven
assembled, and each one
bewildered to hear the apostles
speaking his own language.
Unlike the tower of Babel when
the world dispersed due to
language barriers, the Pentecost
experience assembled humanity
without the barrier of language.
The Holy Spirit speaks the
language of love which is able to
unite people.

The unifying work of the Holy
Spirit is still alive in the church

today through this language of
love. Through the sacraments,
the church continues to reconcile
the world. In the sacraments of
baptism and penance, the Holy
Spirit guides the church through
the path of unity. At the table of
the Eucharist, we gather as sons
and daughters of God to share
one cup and one bread. The
sacramental language of the
Eucharist is understood by all
irrespective of geographical
location.

Individually the Holy Spirit has its
influence on us. The second
reading enumerates the signs
that accompany those under the
influence of the Holy Spirit. The
signs are the fruits of the Holy
Spirit. They include love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, trustfulness,
gentleness, and self-control.
These fruits unite the people of
God and help to renew the face
of the earth.

**Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay
Joyful and Stay Blessed!**

Parish News

Mother Mary is Longing to Visit Your Homes.

Our first Home Rosary with the
statue of Our Lady was held this
week at the Brown's home.
Next week will be hosted by Kay
and Brian Mason in their home at
114 Graeme Street Aberdeen. All
are welcome to attend on Friday
24th at 5:30pm. Could you
please contact Kay on 0422 854
003 if you will be attending so
she has an idea of numbers.

If you would like to have the
statue of Our Lady in your home,
please contact either Tracey at
the Parish Office or Monica
Brown on 0409 913 453.



Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 20 May	Tuesday 21 May	Wednesday 22 May	Thursday 23 May	Friday 24 May	Saturday 25 May	Sunday 26 May
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church				OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS		The Most Holy TRINITY
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

Minister Roster Sunday 26th May 2024							
4th Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Counters	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	M. Flanagan M. Carter	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy			R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	S. Milton	K. Mason	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	B. Powell	M. Kelly	C. Kelly		Jane & Stephen Thatcher		K. Goodwin

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: Judy Chlebowicz, Mick Chisolm, David Curran, Pat Hogan, Abbie Sweeper, Kym Mason, Melanie Hoch, Kim Goodwin, Anne Hugo, Helen Tumbers, Anne Rawson, Vinitia Fernando, Kirsty Munn, Kellie Shaw, Michael Dolahenty, Jenny Paul, Danielle Camilleri, Sebastiammal, James McGrath, April Hyde and Anita Hobbs.

Recently Deceased: Albert Hurd

Anniversary: Noleen Swift

Baptism: Korban Love

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/

Muswellbrook Parish Promoter of Safeguarding: Jane Jacobs.

"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."

Parish Updates

Keegan/Wood Family Group

Next Event.

Where – Odeum Restaurant at Muswellbrook Workers Club.

When – Monday 20th May 2024 at 12 noon.

A two course seniors lunch menu is now offered for \$14 if you are a member.

R.S.V.P. – Margaret 6543 1238 or Robyn 6542 5426 before Friday 17th May please.



Parish Library News

Below is a list of the Devine Mercy books that are currently available to borrow from the Parish Library. The library is open Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am.

- ✚ Revelations of Divine Mercy
- ✚ The Struggles of Saint Faustina with the enemy of Mercy
- ✚ The Warning: Testimonies and prophecies of the illumination of conscience
- ✚ Cenacle formation manual (Manuals I) Eucharistic apostles of The Divine Mercy
- ✚ Cenacle formation manual (Manuals II & III) Eucharistic apostles of The Divine Mercy
- ✚ The Life of Faustina Kowalska
- ✚ Divine Mercy in my soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska
- ✚ Now is the time for Mercy?
- ✚ Mercy my mission: Life of Sister Faustina H. Kowalska, S.M.D.M
- ✚ Tell My Priests
- ✚ Divine Mercy prayer book: I trust in our mercy.
- ✚ Jesus, I trust in You! Selected prayers of Saint Faustina 5th Edition
- ✚ Novena of Saint Faustina in the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Andrew Chinn Visit at St James Primary School

All parishioners are invited to St James Primary School on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 for a performance by Andrew Chinn. It will be starting at 1.55pm. Please see poster in the church for more details.

Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program has now started for 2024. All classes are held on Wednesdays during the school term, 4pm-5pm in St James Church. (No lessons in school holidays).

Stepping Stones

The sickness and death of a Christian is a significant event in the life of a parish community. It is for this reason the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle offers Stepping Stones – a process of initial formation, discernment, and ongoing support for those ministering with the dying and bereaved in parishes.

There is a meeting being held in Singleton in the coming weeks (date to be confirmed). Fr Victor will be attending this meeting, and others are welcome to go along with him. Please let the office know if you are interested so we can let you know the date of the meeting ASAP.

Diocese Notices

Expressions of Interest for 2024/2025 Christian Formation Course are now open.

Are you wanting to know more about Christianity and develop a deeper understanding of the Catholic Church? The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a learning experience that allows participants to explore the foundational elements of the Catholic Faith Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and liturgy.

- The Course runs across twelve (12) months and comprises eight (8) units.
- All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation

By engaging in the course, it is hoped participants will:

- become more confident in understanding the Catholic faith.
- grow in their capacity to reflect on their life's journey.
- realise that Christian faith is nurtured in community.
- be affirmed in their gifts for participating in the life of the faith community.
- grow in awareness of what it means to be a responsive member of the faith community.

Commencing on Tuesday 23 July, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. To find out more, go to www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/christian-formation-course/