



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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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR B

26th May 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of
God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful
love.

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

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of
Deuteronomy

*The Lord himself is God in
heaven above and on earth
below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put
this question to the ages that are
past, that went before you, from
the time God created man on
earth: Was there ever a word so
majestic, from one end of heaven
to the other? Was anything ever
heard? Did ever a people hear
the voice of the living God
speaking from the heart of the
fire, as you heard it, and remain
alive? Has any god ventured to
take to himself one nation from
the midst of another by ordeals,
signs, wonders, war with mighty
hand and outstretched arm, by
fearsome terrors – all this that
the Lord your God did for you
before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore,
and take it to heart: The Lord is
God indeed, in heaven above as
on earth beneath, he and no
other. Keep his laws and
commandments as I give them to
you today so that you and your

children may prosper and live
long in the land that the Lord
your God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.

- The word of the Lord is
faithful
and all his works to be
trusted.
The Lord loves justice and
right
and fills the earth with his
love. (R.)
- With his word the heavens
were made,
by the breath of his mouth
all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to
be.
He commanded; they
sprang into being. (R.)
- The Lord looks on those
who revere him,
on those who hope in his
love,
to rescue their souls from
death,
to keep them alive in
famine. (R.)
- Our soul is waiting for the
Lord.
The Lord is our help and
our shield.
May your love be upon us,
O Lord,
as we place all our hope in
you. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St
Paul to the Romans

*You have received the Spirit that
makes you God's own children,
and in that Spirit we call God:
Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is
a son of God. The spirit you
received is not the spirit of slaves
bringing fear into your lives
again; it is the spirit of sons, and
it makes us cry out, 'Abba,
Father!' The Spirit himself and
our spirit bear united witness that
we are children of God. And if we
are children we are heirs as well:
heirs of God and coheirs with
Christ, sharing his sufferings so
as to share his glory.

The Word of the lord.

Gospel Acclamation

See Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and
who is to come.
Alleluia!



Gospel [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Galatians 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Fr. Victor's Reflection

The Season of Easter ended last Sunday when we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. This Sunday, we celebrate the solemnity of the most Holy Trinity. We believe in the three persons of the Godhead – Father, Son, and Spirit. This celebration is about the person of God. It is the mystery of God in himself. God is one but three persons. All three act as one and equal in dignity. The Father created; the Son redeemed while the Spirit sanctified. In today's gospel, Matthew the evangelist reminded us that we were baptised into the life of the Trinity. Jesus commanded his apostles, 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...'

Through our baptism we were immersed into the love of the Trinity.

We should not be discouraged or confused as to how to pray to the

Trinity. Since they act as one though three, Jesus Christ the son is the revelation of God. As such, praying to Jesus is the same as praying to the Trinity. This is why Jesus said in today's gospel that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him. He is emphasising the unity of the blessed Trinity. There is no misunderstanding of the personality of God. The father sent the son into the world to redeem the world, the spirit proceeds from the father and the son in order to sanctify the world. The explanation of the persons of the Godhead does not remove the mystery, rather the mystery is continuously revealing itself each time we reflect on it.

The church invites us on this Sunday to reflect on this knowledge of God as three in one. Since we participate in the life of God through our baptism, we are called to live it out in our everyday life. We are called to imitate the unity of the Trinity. The imitation of the trinitarian love will help us overcome every form of indifference posing as obstacles to love in our lives.

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

Parish Updates

Parish Marian Devotion

The next rosary is being held **today, Friday 24th May** at 5.30pm, in the home of Kay and Brian Mason, 114 Graeme Street Aberdeen. Please call Kay on 0422 854 003 if you will be attending so she has an idea of numbers. If you would like to have our statue of Our Lady in your home, please contact either Tracey at the Parish Office or Monica Brown on 0409913453.

Stepping Stones Singleton

Stepping Stones is a program about supporting people during bereavement. There will be a meeting in Singleton on Tuesday 28th May from 10.30am. Please contact Fr. Victor if you would like to attend.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be open from 8am until 11am on Tuesday 28th May. Other days remain as usual.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Thank you!
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteers Week

This week has been National Volunteers Week. A huge shout out to all those in our parish who volunteer their time to help at Mass, are a part of our committees, help in the church with varied ministries, with our Sacramental formation programs or keep our grounds looking fantastic. You all help make our parish amazing!

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the office. We can never have too many volunteers and as they say, "many hands make light work".



National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is from 27th May to 3rd June. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore ways each of us can contribute to Australia achieving reconciliation. This year's theme, "NOW MORE THAN EVER", reminds us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will, and MUST, continue.

"Let us start a new chapter in the future of Australia, where we walk as equals. Where reconciliation is not just a word and a day in the calendar, but where we reconcile the trauma and atrocities of the past and celebrate our shared future and knowledge." Written by William Tilmouth, Arrernte Elder and Founding Chair of Children's Ground.

Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 27 May	Tuesday 28 May	Wednesday 29 May	Thursday 30 May	Friday 31 May	Saturday 1 June	Sunday 2 June
				The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		The Most Holy BODY & BLOOD of CHRIST
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 10.30am Mass St James Primary School	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 2nd June 2024							
1st Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Counters	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook		C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy	White Ladies		R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	T. Hobbs	J. Lonergan	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	M. Kempis		K. Mason		Kay & Brian Mason		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 Robert Teggins.

Recently Deceased: Albert Hurd, Anita Hobbs, Roderick Lindsay, Carmen Coppini.

Anniversary: Milly Hobbs, Pamela Keegan, Arokia Mary.

Baptism:

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

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

St Thomas Cuppa after Mass

This Sunday, 26th May, there will be a cuppa after Mass. All parishioners are welcome to join us. Marg and Carol are rostered as the organisers this month.

Keegan/Wood Family Group

The social group met on Monday 20th May at Odeum Restaurant inside Muswellbrook Workers Club and had a lovely lunch while enjoying each other's company.

If you would like to join in on these fun events, please contact Margaret on 6543 1238 or Robyn on 6542 5426.



Diocese Notices

Can you help CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning make a difference?

A single mum, three couples from Afghanistan, a university student, and dozens of school students – these are just a few of the people CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning has supported in the last couple of months.

As a not-for-profit organisation, we can't do this work without the generosity of our community. Can you help us to support more?

Donate to our 2024 Make a Difference appeal now: www.mycause.com.au/page/345965/make-a-difference

Diocesan Resource Centre events

Venue: Diocesan Resource Centre, Corner of Tudor & Parry Streets, Newcastle West.

1 June at 11am, the Formation film will be Peace by Chocolate. Lunch, coffee & tea provided. Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/SvvXE86e1v>

7 June at 10:15am, Children's story time will feature Wombat Stew.

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/FeJ4gyXBu4>

7 June at 1:00pm, Formation Friday's theme is The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/P7siS03nLz>

