



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 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

9th June 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 26:1-2

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

First Reading [Genesis 3:9-15](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust

every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 129. R. v.7](#)

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. *(R.)*
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. *(R.)*
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. *(R.)*
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *(R.)*



Second Reading

[2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1](#)

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

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:31. 32

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth

I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting

in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 17:3

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

Fr. Victor's Reflection

On the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the reality of blaming each other in times of crisis is brought before us in the readings. When there is a crisis, people do not really know how to go about it. Especially when the fundamental aspect of the society is threatened by the crisis. If the crisis threatens the unity of the society, then it opens up avenues for blame. Unfortunately, blaming does not solve any problem. Blaming reveals incompetence!

In the first reading, Adam and Eve have eaten of the forbidden fruit and the consequences are beginning to show their ugly faces. Not knowing what to do, they begin to blame one another. Adam in the heat of the tension referred to Eve as 'this woman.' The incompetence of Adam reveals itself in the blame. Of course it does not solve the problem, it shifts attention to another.

In the Gospel, the healing mission of Jesus Christ in casting out demons is challenged by the scribes who had come down from Jerusalem. They accused him of using the prince of demons in casting out demons. In his response, Jesus Christ made us understand the fact that: "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him."



Jesus Christ understands the inability of the Jewish religious leaders to deliver people from demonic attacks. He wants them to look up to him as the Son of God sent to deliver humanity. He will not respond to their blames with counter blames, rather he will go ahead to deliver the people tormented by demons.

We will be revealing our incompetence by blaming each other. Standing by each other in moments of crisis is the only solution. This is what Jesus Christ meant when he said that; '...if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. We need to be united in moments of crisis. Our unity will destroy any kind of external interference.

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

Parish Updates

Parish Marian Devotion

The Statue of Our Lady will be at Shirley Lambley's home on Tuesday 11th June. Rosary will be prayed at Shirley's home, 8 Shiraz St Muswellbrook at 3pm. Shirley's phone number is 6541 0723.

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.



Tax Time is Fast Approaching!

If you are a regular planned giver and require a tax receipt, could you please email or call the office **before** the **30th June** to be sure one is prepared for you. Tax receipts **will not** be issued after this time.

Keegan/Wood Family Group

The Keegan/Wood Family Group will be going to Muswellbrook Chinese Restaurant for lunch on Monday 17th June at 12noon.

R.S.V.P. MUST be in by Friday 14th June to Margaret 6543 1238 or Robyn 6542 5426.

Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 10 June	Tuesday 11 June	Wednesday 12 June	Thursday 13 June	Friday 14 June	Saturday 15 June	Sunday 16 June
			St. Anthony of Padua			11th Sunday 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	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook 5.30pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	10.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook
	No Mass					8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 16th June 2024							
3rd Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Counters	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	S. Bernard J. Jacobs	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy			R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	K. Mason	M. Edwards	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	C. O'Brien T. Furlong	M. Kelly	C. Kelly		Therese & Joel Bristow		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, and April Hyde. **The prayers for the sick list will be cleared from 1st July. If you wish for a name to remain on the list, please contact the Parish Office.**

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Pauline Ann Coleman, Gordon Smith, Victor William Oakes.

Baptism: Alma David

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

Fr. Darryl Mackie Visit

A representative from the Marriage Tribunal will be visiting the Parish of Muswellbrook on Wednesday 3rd July and will be available to talk to anyone who has questions concerning the annulment process, or who would like to chat about their situation.

All enquiries are **confidential**. If you would like to make an appointment or need any further information, please phone the Rose at the Tribunal directly on 4979 1370 or by email to tribunal@mn.catholic.org.au by 5pm (Friday 28th June). Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested.

JOIN OUR TEAM! EXCITING TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

We are seeking a dedicated and passionate Middle/Senior School Teacher (English, Maths, PDHPE, HSIE) and a Junior School Teacher.

Subsidised accommodation available for the right candidate.



Contact (02) 6543 1114 Visit pacificbrook.nsw.edu.au/about/employment

SJCC proudly present "POPSTARS the 90's Musical"

A dedicated team from St Joseph's Catholic College at Aberdeen have been working hard since late last year to bring you this amazing musical and it is almost show time.

This is the first musical the school has been able to produce since prior to COVID and the team of staff and students could not be more excited.

If you would like to go along and show your support, it might be a good idea to book your tickets early as this highly anticipated event is sure to sell out fast!

Tickets go on sale Monday 3rd June at 9am through Trybooking.com or you can use the direct link via QR Code on the poster.

Show times – Friday 5th July 7pm, Saturday 6th July 2pm or 7pm.

For all enquiries, please contact the school on 6543 7444.

POPSTARS

THE 90'S MUSICAL

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

SHOW TIMES:

FRIDAY 5TH JULY AT 7:00PM

SATURDAY 6TH JULY AT 2:00PM

AND 7:00PM



\$25 PER TICKET

\$90 FOR FAMILY OF 4

SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

SJCC - MOYLAN HALL

IT'S BOY BAND VS GIRL BAND

Diocese Notices

Cantor Training and Formation Opportunity

Anne Millard will facilitate this training, to be undertaken at St Patrick's Singleton for those wishing to participate from the Singleton / Muswellbrook area.

The dates are:

St Patrick's, Singleton - Tuesday 5.00pm (9, 16, 23, 30 July 2024).

The group will attend Mass at 5.00pm and then stay for formation afterwards. Finishing at 7.30.

There are only a few places left.

On the first Tuesday the group will attend Mass but in the subsequent weeks they will lead in the singing of the Psalm.

For more details, please contact Fiona Duque on 4944 0701 or email fiona.duque1@mn.catholic.org.au.

Come along and learn about Special Religious Education

The Teachers of Special Religious Education in our Diocese undertake a vital evangelising role, educating children and young people and forming them in the Catholic faith. Fortunately, there are amazing, generous people who play an important role in contributing to the formation of children.

Unfortunately, there are not enough teachers to meet the demands of all the classes needed. Many children are missing out.

Pastoral Ministries, in conjunction with Hunter SRE are offering a free training and encouragement session for anyone who might be interested in learning about SRE. Please consider joining us. If you have any questions feel free to contact us.

Saturday 29th June, 9.30am – 12noon. More details can be found on the poster in the church.



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