



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 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

23rd June 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

First Reading **Job 38:1. 8-11**

A reading from the book of Job

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1 (R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.

These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)

2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

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

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 4:35-41**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you



not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Fr. Victor's Reflection

The gospel on the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, is a demonstration of Jesus' power over nature! Jesus calms the stormy sea as he sailed across with his apostles. The disciples woke Jesus with an accusation, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Like the apostles, we also wonder why God allows bad things to happen to God's people. It is somehow disturbing to see a good person suffer. We ask: God, do you not care?

Often this question is met without response from God. The reason is that in our desperation, we don't recognise the response of God in every situation or circumstance. God is not indifferent to our sufferings. His silence does not mean he is asleep. Rather his presence is enough courage for us. His presence is the blind spot that we don't recognise each time we face challenges. This is what we do not see in the sufferings of good people around us. The presence of Jesus in our lives is a firm foundation against any form of crisis. Our problems will not weigh us down because of the foundation is God's presence. His wisdom is there for us to discover a way out of the crisis. Our attitude to crisis will

change when we remember that we are founded in God's presence through our baptism.

Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith displayed by the apostles. They failed to see the blind spot that was his presence. He used this encounter to teach them that faith is anchored on God's inevitable presence. When we realise his presence, our perception changes. Mindful of his presence we realise, like St Paul in the second reading, not to judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. In the flesh we shield ourselves from the blind spot and focus on the crisis. In his presence we find the courage and wisdom to contain any kind of crisis.

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

Parish Updates

Parish Marian Devotion

As the statue of Our Lady continues to visit parishioners' homes you would like to put the call out to others who would like to be a host.

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 0409913453.

Check the bulletin each week for details of upcoming Devotions.

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.

St Thomas Cuppa after Mass.

Next Sunday, 30/6/24 everyone is welcome to stay after Mass and enjoy a nice hot cuppa.

This month's organisers are Marianne and Cathy.



SING TO THE LORD

A four-night training session provided free by the Diocese. 'Sing to the Lord' provides training and formation for anyone who:

1. Would like to have a go at cantoring and singing in the liturgy.
2. It is for those already engaged in these ministries, offering an opportunity for renewal and development.
3. It is for those who would love a place to sing and would like to have a go at cantoring or to be part of a liturgical choir.

We currently have three members of the Parish signed up who will be travelling to Singleton for four Tuesdays in July – 9, 16, 23, 30 from 5pm at St Patricks Singleton.

With four Sunday Masses in the Parish churches every week we really would benefit from more people volunteering to be on the roster. We warmly welcome and encourage anyone interested in coming along with us.

Please call Colleen Kelly on 0402 242 273 for further information or to commit to travelling to Singleton with us.

Novena – Feast of St Thomas

Novena leading up to the feast of St Thomas Mass will be held at 5pm each weeknight in St Thomas Church ABERDEEN, excluding Saturday 29th June when the Novena Mass will be held at St James Church Muswellbrook at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

Please note there will be no morning or midday Masses in Muswellbrook during the Novena to St Thomas.



Dinner after Mass

Following the 5pm Mass at St. Thomas Church on Wednesday 3rd July there will be a dinner at the Commercial Hotel in Aberdeen. All are welcome.

| Weekly Mass Diary | | | | | | |
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| Monday 24 June | Tuesday 25 June | Wednesday 26 June | Thursday 27 June | Friday 28 June | Saturday 29 June | Sunday 30 June |
| The Nativity of St John the Baptist | | | | St Irenaeus | St Peter & St Paul | 13th Sunday Ordinary Time |
| | | | 11.30am Adoration and Benediction | 10.00am Mass St James Primary School | 5.30pm Mass St James Muswellbrook | 10.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook |
| 5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen | 5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen | 5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen | 5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen | 5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen | | 8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen |

| Minister Roster Sunday 30th June 2024 | | | | | | | |
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| 5th Sunday of the Month | Readers | Cantors | Musicians | Gifts | Counters | Altar Servers | Sacristan |
| 5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook | C. Panis | C. Hayes | Sr. Dorothy | | | R. Panis | C. Hayes |
| 8am Sunday Aberdeen | M. Brown | C. Wykes | C. Bowen | | | | M. Hamilton |
| 10am Sunday Muswellbrook | T. Furlong B. Powell | M. Kelly | C. Kelly | | 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, 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: Ron Brown, Rose Hayne

Anniversary: Timothy Gordon Toohey

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."



WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Together, we can create a world where empathy knows no borders and where every person, regardless of where they come from, is welcomed.

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World Refugee Day

Each year on the 20th of June, the world celebrates World Refugee Day, the international day to honour people who have been forced to flee.

Together, we can champion their right to seek safety, build support for their economic and social inclusion, and advocate for solutions to their plight. (UNHCR Australia)

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.

Diocese Notices

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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NAIDOC Week Ecumenical Prayer Service

Coinciding with National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, all are welcome to attend this year's NAIDOC Week 2024 Ecumenical Prayer Service.

The theme this year is "Keep the Fire Burning. Blak, Loud and Proud!"

Celebrate and honour the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations people:

Venue: Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, Church Street, Newcastle

Time: 1:45pm for 2pm Date: Sunday 7 July 2024



A Reflection Day with Fr Kevin Dance CP – Tuesday 9 July 2024

All are invited to a day of reflection and Mass in Jesus, the Good Shepherd Parish, at Belmont Church Hall – 40 Ernest Street Belmont. On-site parking is available.

Arrive from 8.30am to sign in and enjoy a cuppa. Starts at 9am and finishes at 4.30pm.

Cost is by donation. Enquiries and registrations to Jan on 0438 252 657

or email elmparish@mn.catholic.org.au RSVP 2/7/2024. BYO lunch. Morning tea provided.