



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 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

14th July 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall
behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of
your glory.

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel,
said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;
get back to the land of Judah;
earn your bread there, do your
prophesying there. We want no
more prophesying in Bethel; this
is the royal sanctuary, the
national temple.' 'I was no
prophet, neither did I belong to
any of the brotherhoods of
prophets.' Amos replied
to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd,
and looked after sycamores: but
it was the Lord who took me from
herding the flock, and the Lord
who said, "Go, prophesy to my
people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy
and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God
has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who
fear him
and his glory will dwell in our
land. **(R.)**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have
met;
justice and peace have
embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the
earth
and justice look down from
heaven. **(R.)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his
steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of St
Paul to the Ephesians

**Before the world was made, he
chose us in Christ.**

Blessed be God the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the
spiritual blessings of heaven in
Christ.

Before the world was made, he
chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to
live through love in his presence,
determined that we should
become his adopted sons,
through Jesus Christ
for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his
grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved
in whom, through his blood, we
gain our freedom, the
forgiveness of our sins.
Such is the richness of the grace
which he has showered on us
in all wisdom and insight.
He has let us know the mystery
of his purpose,

the hidden plan he so kindly
made in Christ from the
beginning
to act upon when the times had
run their course to the end:
that he would bring everything
together under Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens and
everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were
claimed as God's own,
chosen from the beginning,
under the predetermined plan of
the one who guides all things
as he decides by his own will;
chosen to be,
for his greater glory,
the people who would put their
hopes in Christ before he came.
Now you too, in him,
have heard the message of the
truth and the good news of your
salvation,
and have believed it:
and you have been stamped with
the seal of the Holy Spirit of the
Promise,
the pledge of our inheritance
which brings freedom for those
whom God has taken for his own,
to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts
that we might see how great is
the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in
your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Fr. Victor's Reflection

It often happens that when we tell another person something that has happened to us, we are not believed. We share an experience in good faith, hoping to be listened to and believed, but the opposite happens. This can upset and even anger us. In the gospel this Sunday, as Jesus sends out his disciples, he prepares them for the possibility of such a response to their message. Either they will be welcomed and able to minister fruitfully, or they will be rejected, and their ministry will not be accepted. Jesus is not asking them to do anything he has not already done or experienced himself.

Not everyone who heard him accepted his message and often he was rejected and run out of town! This is not surprising as his message was and still is very challenging. The message Jesus speaks is one of mercy, love of strangers and even enemies, forgiveness, and concern for the poor and neglected.

Jesus called each of these disciples personally and then sent them out in his name. He trusted them with the responsibility of carrying in his mission and ministry. Today, Jesus calls each of us by our name and entrusts us with the same responsibility. Today, each of us is asked by Jesus to not only to hear and believe in him, but we are also called to share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

As Pope Francis reminds us in the Joy of the Gospel, every Christian is a missionary disciple to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Jesus Christ: "we no longer say that we are 'disciples' or 'missionaries', but always missionary disciples." The mission and vocation to hear and share the good news of the gospel belongs to all of us, not just some of us. The responsibility of promoting and building the Kingdom belongs to all the baptised. We should not be discouraged if and when people do not listen to us. The quality of our lives is the greatest example we can offer others. Jesus has called each of us by our name, he has filled each of us with his Spirit and sends us out in his name; we are not alone.

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

Parish Updates

Parish Office Hours

The Parish office is now **closed and will reopen on Tuesday 23rd July at 9am.**
Sorry for any inconvenience.

Parish Marian Devotion

The Statue of Our Lady will be hosted in Martin Shanahan's home, Unit 1/78 Aberdeen St Muswellbrook, on Tuesday 16th July at 10.30am. Please let Martin know if you will be attending, Ph: 0409 811 576
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.

St James Novena

Novena leading up to the Feast of St James will be held at 5.30pm each evening in St James Church starting.

Please note there will be no

Tuesday evening Mass in Aberdeen on the 6th or 23rd July. Please join us in Muswellbrook on these days.

Keegan/Wood Family Group

The Keegan/Wood Family Group will be having a planning meeting and lunch on Monday 15th July at 12noon, located at Everest Restaurant (Muswellbrook RSL Club). Lunch specials starting from \$12.00. Please **R.S.V.P. by Friday 12th July** to Margaret 6543 1238 or Robyn 6542 5426.

Volunteers

Would you like to volunteer within our parish? There are many things are volunteers help with, such as committees, counting, reading etc. Please email the office if you would like more information about becoming a volunteer.



 **Have you thought?**
Sent in pairs

It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.

Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 15 July	Tuesday 16 July	Wednesday 17 July	Thursday 18 July	Friday 19 July	Saturday 20 July	Sunday 21 July
St. Bonaventure						16th Sunday Ordinary Time
9.00am Private, Personal Prayer, and Adoration St James Muswellbrook	5.30pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	11.30am Funeral Mass Kay Goodwin St James Muswellbrook 5.30pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	5.30pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	5.30pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook 5.30pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	10.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook 8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 21st July 2024							
3rd Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Counters	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	S. Bernard M. Carter	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		C. O'Brien

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, Pat Hogan, Helen Tumbers, Anne Rawson, Michael Dolahenty, Jenny Paul, Sebastiammal, Kym Mason, Anne Hugo, James McGrath, April Hyde, David Curran, Beate Shanahan and Rochelle Ashman.

Recently Deceased: Patricia Easter and Kay Goodwin

Anniversary: Michael Lambley

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' webpage 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.”

Vale Kay Goodwin

This week our Parish has been deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our Wonderful Kay Goodwin. Kay for me has always been an amazing and shining light and example for each and every one of us. I just want to share the many ways that over the 41+ years I have known her I have seen Kay serve God and all of us.

Michael and I moved to Muswellbrook in April 1981. My earliest memory of Kay was after Mass one Sunday morning, we were sitting in the front pew (our favourite seat where our four littlies aged from 6 months to 6 years could be kept interested watching the Mass in front of them). I probably looked a little dishevelled and exhausted. Kay came over and told us we had a wonderful little family. I immediately recovered, strengthened by her comments and support!

Then there was the day when I was not feeling very good about myself and my prayer life. I hadn't even reached the foot of the front stairs of the Church when Kay came racing down the stairs to ask me to do something in the Mass that morning – I don't remember what it was, but I will always remember feeling that she was the earthly embodiment of Jesus that day forgiving me and coming outside to me to welcome me in.

WHAT DID KAY DO? - It would be easier to ask What didn't Kay do??

The list of things Kay did is long but would have to include, not in any particular order:

- Member of the Liturgy Team for more than 20 years
- Member of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Sacristan
- Member of the Bereavement Team
- Sacramental Training after Mass on Sundays – preparing Children to receive Confirmation and First Communion as it was done quite a few years ago.
- Catechist
- Until very recently Kay ran the Baptismal Information sessions for new parents
- Ran the RCIA Team (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
- Member of the Caring Group – preparing meals for people needing support.
- Assisting with the Annual Debutant Catholic Ball
- Member of the Mothers Club at St James Primary School
- Member of the P&F at St. Josephs High School. Etc Etc Etc



There are many other things I am sure that she did quietly in the background that we will never know.

Kay told me once that if she hadn't met and married Perce she would have liked to become a nun. However, that was not immediately in God's plan, but no one could deny that she filled two strong vocations in her life – Marriage and Service to God. Kay was strong in her love and service to our Heavenly Father, Jesus, and Mary his mother.

Kay showed her love of God by loving all of us in the Parish.

She was always humble, patient, tireless in giving of her time.

I don't recall ever seeing Kay cross with anyone!

My goodness the Lord must have had difficulty convincing her it was time to come home!

Kay was a living, breathing Angel of the Lord, working here on this earth to help us on our way.

God bless you Kay. You will be greatly missed.

Where will we find enough people to fill your very busy shoes!

I am sure there were many waiting at the Pearly gates to welcome you home on Saturday Night. Amen!

Written by Colleen Kelly

Diocese Notices

aMeN caMiNo Community Walk

We invite you to sample the aMeN caMiNo experience through this Community Walk.

When: Saturday 17th August 2024. Time: 8am-11am

Where: Walk begins at Merewether.

Register your Interest here: <https://forms.office.com/r/w3tX1w69t3>

Did you know.....

If you are unwell or are stuck at home for any reason did you know you can always live stream a Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream.