

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 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

29TH September 2024

Entrance Antiphon

[Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42](#)

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy.

First Reading

[Numbers 11:25-29](#)

A reading from the book of Numbers

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees
that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9](#)

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)

4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading

[James 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

[See John 17:17](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your
hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just



because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Homilette Mk 9 38 43 45 47 48 Jealousy of others' goodness; Cut off temptations to sin and obstacles to Grace. Fr. Jim Reilly (Armidale)

Generally, we remember one of our school teachers who was especially good. If we think of the finest teacher we ever had—one with the remarkable ability to make us want to learn, to get our complete attention, to make us want to do better—then we understand that a good teacher tells us a lot about who a prophet is. A prophet isn't simply someone who foretells the future: He is *God's* mouthpiece. There is often suffering in his life, and sometimes that takes the form of rejection. The prophet, like the good teacher, knows that he is called to be an *instrument* only. In this way, each of us is called to be a prophet and teacher.

Today we see another side of Christ the teacher. We know He is gentle and loving, and the Good Shepherd. But like the perfect teacher He is, He can be firm, sombre, and at times demanding. Heaven is our goal, and it would be terrible for eternity not to attain it. Christ is the best teacher and prophet of all, and He knows that at times we need a jolt in order to get our minds back on track, like today. Be prepared to give up anything for the Kingdom. He is not telling us literally to cut off our hands and feet but to cut out the things which give scandal to others and hinder them on their way to God.

The Pope, our main teacher on earth says: “Some are inclined to move from the attitude of seeing sin everywhere to not recognizing it anywhere; from too much emphasis on hell, they pass to preaching a love of God that excludes any [just] punishment for sin; from too much severity in correcting bad consciences to a [false] respect for conscience which leaves out the duty to tell the truth” and have a conscience informed first and last by God and

acting in true freedom, from that entirely good and virtuous God-place.

Christ does not want us to do things out of emotional fear, but there is a healthy Fear of the Lord (a gift of the Holy Spirit) through *understanding* His Revealed Truth. We are free to choose right or wrong, but we are also answerable to God for the consequences of our conscientious choices. Self-interest or God's interest, hell or heaven?

Parish Updates

Parish Office Hours

Please see the table below for parish office hours over the next 2 weeks.

Day	Date	Hours
Tuesday	2 nd October	9am – 3pm
Wednesday	3 rd October	9am – 3pm
Friday	4 th October	8am – 11am
Tuesday	8 th October	CLOSED
Wednesday	9 th October	9am – 3pm
Thursday	10 th October	9am – 3pm
Friday	11 th October	9am – 3pm

St James Church Service Details

St James Church remains CLOSED.

All Vigil and Sunday Communion Services will be held at St James Primary School in the School Hall until further notice.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Arrangements while Fr Victor is on Holidays

Fr Victor is on leave until 15th October.

There will be NO weekday Masses during this time.

We thank Deacon Viane Perez and Fr Graham Fullick for stepping in to help while Fr Victor is away.

Details for St Thomas Church Aberdeen

Fr Graham will offer a Mass at 7.30am on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

Details for St James Church Muswellbrook

Reverend Deacon Viane will offer a Communion Service at St James Primary School Hall on Saturday evening at 5.30pm and Sunday morning at 10am.

Details for Emergencies

For any emergencies, please contact Fr Graham on 6545 1550 or 0477 720 270.



Parish Rosary Picnic

SAVE THE DATE

27.10.24

11AM

Diocese Updates

Scone Parish Secretary Needed

Scone Parish is seeking a Parish Secretary, 14 hours per week. Hours are flexible and can be worked across Tuesday to Friday.

To apply, find the vacancy advertised on the Diocese website under Careers, Diocese positions vacant: www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions

We encourage anyone across the Diocese who is interested in the role to apply. Please contact Fr Graham Fullick for any further information about the role on (02) 6545 9911 or 0477 720 270.

2024 Rosary Rally – The Public Rosary

Join us as we pray for our nation. The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (13 October 1917) at Fatima. It is a great opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer. In 2023, there were 180 groups registered to pray the Rosary throughout Australia. Everyone is invited. <https://fatima.org.au/public-rosary/>

When 11:30AM start on Saturday 12 October 2024 Where: Ken Lambkin Reserve Pacific Highway Belmont South Enquiries: Joan 0476 636 750 BYO picnic afterwards. (BBQ facility available)

Wisdom of the Heart: Contemplative Workshop Series 2024

This series is designed to energise and strengthen your spiritual journey and will suit both beginners and experienced practitioners of meditation and other disciplines. Workshops are held in a comfortable and peaceful local environment with access to parklands.

Saturdays 12 & 19 October, 9 & 16 November from 2pm – 5.30pm

Mercy Centre, 20 Union Street, Tighes Hill (Newcastle).

All four workshops in this series: \$250 Waged or \$200 Concession.

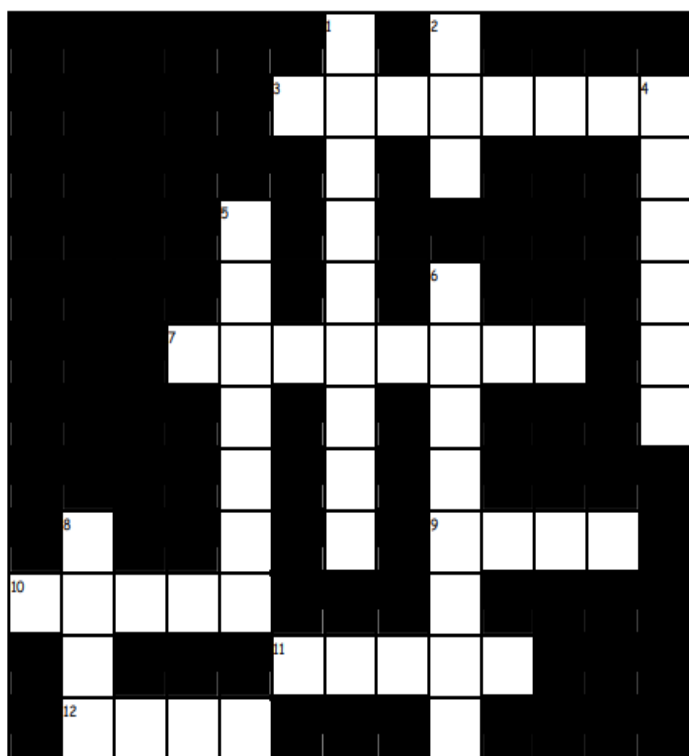
Individual workshops: \$75 Waged or \$50 Concession.

Workshop Series – wisdomspiritualityservices.com.au

CROSSWORD

Go out and proclaim God's name

Nm 11:25-29
Ps 66:1-3ab, 4-5, 16 & 20. R. v.1
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-41



Across

- 3: Jesus was happy for people to perform these in his name
- 7: people who told others about the future
- 9: people who have a lot of money are _____
- 10: the Lord came in a cloud and spoke to this man
- 11: you will be rewarded if you give someone a cup of this in Jesus' name
- 12: the word you are known by

Down

- 1: these people were friends and followers of Jesus
- 2: you do this when you are hungry
- 4: those given the _____ were able to become prophets
- 5: people who work
- 6: you will be r_____ if you do good works in Jesus' name
- 8: this man asked Jesus about the miracle worker

Mass Diary

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30 September	1 October	2 October	3 October	4 October	5 October	6 October
St Jerome, priest, doctor	St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin. doctor	The Holy Guardian Angels		St Francis of Assisi		27 th Sunday Ordinary Time
NO MASS						10.00am Communion Service St James Primary School Hall Muswellbrook
						7.30am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 6th October

1st Sunday of Month	Readers	Cantors	Musician	Gifts	Counters	Altar Server	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook							
8.00am Sunday Aberdeen	T. Hobbs	J. Lonergan	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10.00am Sunday Muswellbrook	R. Ross J. Grenfell		K. Mason		Kay & Brian Mason	Stella Liam Cyrus	Volunteer Needed

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, David Curran, Beate Shanahan, Rochelle Ashman and Benito Bicol.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Edna Kelly, Harold Carey, Anne Lonergan and Grahame Bray

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 (Contact via the Parish Office).



“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.”