



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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29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B – MISSION SUNDAY

20th October 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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

Hebrews 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the

pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Homilette Mk 10 35 45 Jesus' ambition to give His life for us, the suffering Servant.

In his Encyclical "Charity in Truth" *Caritas in Veritate* Pope Benedict XVI wrote on continuing hunger in the world. He said that to feed the hungry is an ethical imperative for the Church, what in the Catechism and in the Church's social teaching is a "preferential option for the poor". Pope Benedict put it as a requirement for safeguarding the peace and stability of the planet—our true human flourishing in God. The earth has so much food that e.g. 15 per centum of ours is not used or thrown out, in parts of EU Europe, subsidised production is ploughed back into the fields unsold, but paid for in a taxation system.

James and John were not concerned about physical hunger. Their hunger was for selfish greed and power and status. They had no idea what the Christ was about...yet. They would eventually come to realise that they were to serve and not be served. Today, once again, we too are offered an opportunity to serve the poor through this Mission Sunday appeal, set down by the Holy Father across the Catholic world of Christendom. "Catholic Mission" is the Australian Pontifical Mission Society.

We do not have to look far to see in the world selfishness, arrogance and greed. They are what caused the world's financial collapse in 2008. They are why in Zimbabwe where there is a \$100 trillion note in a nation that was the bread basket of Africa, the ATMs now only dispense \$US. The Lord does not go round tearing out a person's heart and saying "shame you", "quit you", "don't bother, it's all corrupt", but offers hope to us and all in the world. The one New World Order we need is that God's kingdom comes on earth as in heaven. We can do that in human corporal acts of mercy direct in our Catholic institutions. The Church is charity and love Herself. We are her hands and hearts. Jesus says, pointing to His Sacred Heart "Behold this heart that has loved so much", and He makes us worthy to share that love which increases when it is offered to others. How our humanity is increased. How our subsidiarity and solidarity with our brothers and sisters is increased. How we can look with the gaze of Christ and receive it back in our neighbour, for as much as we do it to the least of Christ's children we do it, or not, to Him!

Any sacrifices we make are always united to Christ's sacrifice in the Mass. The Lord offers us what could be called the "backwards law": the more you give away, the more you gain; the more you descend, the more you ascend; you get ahead by going to the rear, and you rise in rank by being a servant. In God's kingdom, invisible to earth, but righteous on earth, and eternally rewarded in Heaven, the lowly and humble come out ahead. The greatest "daily bread" we receive from God is to look to Eternal Eucharist.

Fr. Graham Fullick

Parish Updates



Keegan/Wood Family Group Outing

21 October 2024: Train trip to Newcastle Interchange leaving **Muswellbrook at 10.09am**, arriving in **Newcastle at 11.46am**. **Please ensure you have your OPAL card organised, activated and cashed up**. Pensioners' **Excursion Fare \$2.50** covers all public transport. The train departs **Newcastle at 4.29 pm**, arriving in Muswellbrook at **6.05pm**. Perhaps you have a 'rellie' or friend in Newcastle who'd like to meet up with you. We'll travel by Light Rail to **Great Northern Hotel** for lunch. (Phone 4077 3910). **Lunch specials \$16 or select from menu \$25+**. (Confirm details of times of trains nearer the date of the excursion.) **R.S.V.P. to Robyn – 6542 5426 or Margaret – 6543 1238 for Restaurant booking by Friday 18 October.**

Alternate Mass Locations for St James Church

We will continue to use the Convent Chapel for weekday and Saturday morning Masses. Saturday evening Vigil and Sunday morning Masses will continue in St James Primary School Hall.

Updating Parishioner Details

We are going through and checking we have all our parishioners' details correct in our system. We would appreciate it if you could fill out the details form and return it via email or put it in the Church box. There are pens in the box if you would like to complete the form before leaving.

Pray for HSC Students

Please keep all HSC students in your prayers over the coming weeks as they sit their final exams. May God guide them and give them strength and wisdom during this final stage of their High School journey.



St Thomas Cuppa Roster

Please join us for a cuppa after Mass at St Thomas Church on Sunday 27th October. Rostered volunteers are Marianne and Cathy.

Diocese Updates

Passing of Sister Louise McDonell

It is with sadness we share the news that Sister Louise Marie McDonell died peacefully on Friday 11th October 2024. Her funeral will be held at the Lochinvar Chapel on Thursday 24th October at 11.00am.

Address: 898 New England Highway
Lochinvar.

Enter through school gates to carpark then follow the path up to the Chapel.
Rest in peace, Louise

ANCIENT WORDS PART 3 - DR DAN WHITE

Would you like to discover the 'secrets' hidden in the story of the 'Prodigal Son'?

Have you ever wondered how Zacchaeus' family reacted to the news of his 'encounter' with Jesus?

Why did Jesus speak to the 'Woman at the Well'?


These and other fascinating insights from the Jewish culture of 1st Century Palestine and its impact on our understanding of the Sacred Scriptures will be revealed by Dr Dan White.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dan White Date: 30 October 2024

Time: 10:30am – 12:00 noon (please arrive at 10:15am) Cost: Please bring a plate to share!

Location: St. Stephen's Parish Hall (cnr of Maxwell & Witt Street)

RSVP: Please email by 25th October 2024 myallcoast.parish@mn.catholic.org.au




In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.


This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

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October is Cyber Security Awareness Month



Make your passwords long, hard to guess, and different for each account



Cyber Security Awareness Month

Check that automatic updates are on and install updates as soon as possible



Cyber Security Awareness Month

Mass Diary

MONDAY 21 October	TUESDAY 22 October	WEDNESDAY 23 October	THURSDAY 24 October	FRIDAY 25 October	SATURDAY 26 October	SUNDAY 27 October
						30th Sunday Ordinary Time
		9.00am Mass Convent Chapel	11.30am Adoration & Benediction 12.05pm Mass St James Convent Chapel	9.00am Mass Convent Chaple	9.00am Mass Convent Chapel 5.30pm Vigil Mass St James Primary School Hall	10.00am Mass St James Primary School Hall Muswellbrook
	5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 27th October

4th Sunday of Month	Readers	Cantors	Musician	Gifts	Counters	Altar Server	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	M.Flanagan M. Carter	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy			Ryan	C. Hayes
8.00am Sunday Aberdeen	S. Milton	K. Mason	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10.00am Sunday Muswellbrook	M.Medhurst B. Powell	M. Kelly	C. Kelly		Jane & Stephen Thatcher	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, Benito Bicol and Ray Gutierrez.

Recently Deceased: Sister Louise Marie McDonell

Anniversary:

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

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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.”