

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 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

27th October 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading

[Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 125. R. v.3](#)

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: "What marvels
the Lord worked for them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Hebrews 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

[See 2 Timothy 1:10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 10:46-52](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say,



'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jumped up Bartimaeus

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. *He* knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. *We* believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

Parish Updates

Dr Dan White's Talk – Tea Gardens

Dr. Dan White's talk, that was in last weeks bulletin has been rescheduled due to the funeral of a parishioner. The new date is ****Tuesday, October 29th****, with arrival at 9:30 AM for a 10 AM start.

Mass Locations

Unfortunately, we still are unable to use St James Church.

Weekday Masses, including Saturday morning will be held in the Convent Chapel. Saturday evening Vigil and Sunday morning Mass will continue to be held at St James Primary School Hall.

Calendars and Mass Book Orders

The Columban Art Calendars and Daily Mass Books for 2025 have arrived.

Those who placed orders will now find them in the Church box. Please place money in the bag and tick to say you have paid.

We have few spare calendars and Mass books if anyone else would like one please contact the office.

St Thomas Cuppa Roster

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



Rosary Picnic

This Sunday, 27th October, there will be a Rosary Picnic held after Mass at St James School Hall.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Sacristan Needed

We need volunteers to take on the role of a Sacristan. If this sounds like something that you might like to do, please speak to Fr Victor.

Mass Readers Reminder

Please make sure you are attending Mass when it is your turn to read so our Masses can run smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation.

	Saturday 26/10	Sunday 27/10
Muswellbrook	M. Flanagan M. Carter	M. Medhurst B. Powell
Aberdeen		S. Milton

Diocese Updates

CatholicCare Christmas Hampers

CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning have started collected donations for their 2024 Christmas Hamper Drive. The team is hoping to spread Christmas cheer by gifting hampers to people who access their Community Kitchens and often go without over the festive period. If you would like to contribute, please drop off any of the following items to one of the listed locations below.

- Christmas puddings/cake & custard - Chocolates, lollies or candy canes
- Sweet or savoury biscuits, Chips or popcorn
- Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar

CatholicCare office – 50 Crebert Street, Mayfield
CatholicCare office – 32-34 Pulteney Street, Taree | Coles Taree | Coles Stockland Forster

Christian Meditation

You're invited to join the WCCM Meditation Community for their next event on Saturday 30 November. It starts at 9.30am at the Diocesan Resource Centre. Morning tea is provided. Donations of \$10 are appreciated. Contact Anne for more info by emailing annecuskelly@hotmail.com or phoning 0407 436 808.

Formation Films at the Diocesan Resource Centre

On Saturday 2 November, everyone is welcome to join us as we watch, "The Miracle Club" at the Diocesan Resource Centre for our next Formation Films event. The movie follows the story of three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates), and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) of Ballygar, outside Dublin, who win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes, that place of miracles that draws millions of visitors each year. Register now!

<https://forms.office.com/r/1jyjLH5GsB>

Job opportunity at the Bishop's Office

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is seeking a dedicated, faith-driven individual to join the Bishop's Office as the Bishop's Office Executive Assistant Support. This permanent, full-time unique role provides invaluable assistance to the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, ensuring the Bishop's pastoral and administrative responsibilities are met with efficiency, professionalism, and discretion.

[https:// To apply: www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions)

We encourage anyone across the Diocese who is interested and meets the criteria to apply. For further information, please contact Christopher Voigt – christopher.voigt@mn.catholic.org.au



CCR NSW INVITES YOU TO A

Christmas

Thanksgiving end of Year Mass & Lunch Celebration

COME AND JOIN US TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE THIS YEAR IN OUR PRAYER GROUPS, COMMUNITIES AND EVENTS IN NSW.

THANKSGIVING MASS

CELEBRATED BY FR BRIAN STEELE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP - PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2024

TIME: 10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH AND PARISH HALL
825 FOREST RD, PEAKHURST

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL

EMAIL: EMAIL@CCRNSW.ORG.AU OR TRY BOOKING

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Mass Diary

MONDAY 28 October	TUESDAY 29 October	WEDNESDAY 30 October	THURSDAY 31 October	FRIDAY 1 November	SATURDAY 2 November	SUNDAY 3 November
Sts Simon & Jude, apostles				ALL SAINTS	All Souls' Day	31st Sunday Ordinary Time
		9.00am Mass Convent Chapel	11.30am Adoration & Benediction 12.05pm Mass Convent Chapel	5.30pm 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			9.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen	9.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen	8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 3rd November

1st Sunday of Month	Readers	Cantors	Musician	Gifts	Counters	Altar Server	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	Jasminda	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy	White Ladies		Ryan	C. Hayes
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: Sister Louise Marie McDonell, Norman Lloyd Troy and Ray Gutierrez

Anniversary: Phyllis Chard and Jack Smith

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.”