



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 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

17th November 2024

Entrance Antiphon

[Jeremiah 29:11,12,14](#)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

[Daniel 12:1-3](#)

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

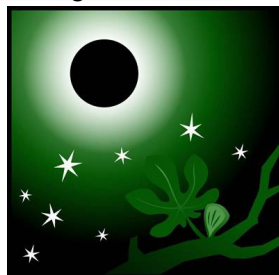
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1](#)

(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)



Second Reading

[Hebrews 10:11-14, 18](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

[Luke 21:36](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 13:24-32](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates.

I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven

and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Fr Victor's Reflection

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world.

The first reading presents a vision of hope in the midst of tribulation. Daniel foretells the ultimate deliverance and resurrection, highlighting the rewards for those who are righteous. This vision assures us that, despite current hardships, ultimate victory of eternal glory awaits the righteous.

The Gospel of Mark presents the dramatic return of the Son of Man, accompanied by cosmic disturbances and the gathering of the elect from all corners of the earth. Jesus emphasises the certainty of these events, affirming that his words will never pass away, while also highlighting the unknown timing of these occurrences. This invites us to remain vigilant and be prepared, living in constant readiness for the fulfilment of God's promises and the ultimate establishment of his kingdom. It serves both as a warning and reassurance and also as a message of hope, urging steadfast faith and readiness for the end times.

Let us pray to the Lord, to help us to live in constant readiness, and be vigilant and faithful, as we anticipate the glorious return of the Son of man and to Strengthen our hearts with peace and fill us with hope as we await the fulfilment of God's kingdom.

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

Parish Updates

Mass Location Reminder – St James

Weekday and Saturday morning Masses will continue in the Convent Chapel.

Saturday evening Vigil and Sunday morning Masses will now be in St James church.

**** Please do not park your car or congregate directly outside the church.**

Convent Library News

Mary O'Connor (Diocesan Librarian), visited last week to give Jane Thatcher access to the Diocesan Library catalogue. Mary has created a Muswellbrook Branch, and all Convent library resources will be located in this branch.



To access the Diocesan Library catalogue, go to the website – library.mn.catholic.org.au

To access these digital records, you will need to register online to become a member if you need any help registering, please speak to Jane Thatcher.

Keegan/Wood Family Group Christmas Lunch

When - 18 November 2024

Where - Old Court House 32 Palace St Denman.

Time - Meet at 12 noon for 12.30pm lunch.

Arrange transport if required. Let's celebrate and give thanks for the blessings of 2024. Cost of \$35 will cover a three-course meal with Christmas trimmings. BYO alcoholic drinks if required ~ punch will be provided.)

NB: Bookings and \$35 (numbers limited to 30) to Marg D or Robyn by Thursday 14 November.

Divine Mercy Group Meeting

There will be a Divine Mercy group meeting this Sunday 17th November at 2:30pm. The meeting will be held at Jeff & Monica Browns house (Perth St Aberdeen). Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Thursday 21st November

After Mass on Thursday, you are welcome to join Fr. Victor for lunch at the Muswellbrook R.S.L. Club to celebrate this special event.

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 16/11	Sunday 17/11
Muswellbrook	S. Bernard J. Jacobs	C. Lumaban T. Furlong
Aberdeen		K. Mason

Parish Christmas Dinner

Where - Aberdeen Sport & Rec Club

When - Wednesday, 18th December

Time - 6.30pm

Limited bus transport available from St James Church.

Bookings required when purchasing ticket.

Tickets - \$25 pp Cash only please.

Tickets will be available after weekend Masses on 30/11, 1/12, 7/12 and 8/12.

Tickets MUST be pre purchased before 10th December.



Diocese Updates

Formation Film – December

You are invited to the Diocesan Resource Centre for the December Formation Film event – *The Man Who Invented Christmas*.

In 1843 London, author Charles Dickens finds himself in financial trouble and desperate for a hit. Dickens relies on real-life inspiration and vivid imagination to bring Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and others to life in A Christmas Carol. Featuring acclaimed actors; Christopher Plummer, Miriam Margolyes, and Simon Callow.

When: 7 December 2024

Where: Diocesan Resource Centre – 12 Tudor Street, Newcastle West

Time: 11am

Christmas Inspired Lunch Provided

Bookings via: <https://forms.office.com/r/HqdyiVSN8H> or call 02 4923 0682

Mercy Sisters Ecology Fellowship Program

This program is for emerging leaders in Integral Ecology awareness and animation who desire to be part of the ongoing enhancement and development of reflective action for Gospel justice in response to the cries of Earth. There are 5 components of the Program committed emerging leaders will engage and complete to better enable them and their communities to respond to ecological challenges.

Applications for the fully funded 2025-2026 Mercy Sisters Ecology Fellowship Program close on Monday 18 November. Find out more about the program and how to apply:

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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.

Christmas Cards

Fundraiser
By Kenyan Art Students

The Christmas scenes created by MPC art students beautifully display Kenya's rich heritage, culture, and breathtaking landscapes.



\$15


Each set includes ten individual cards with envelopes and costs \$15. The card features a simple, yet heartfelt Christmas verse.

All proceeds go to the Mukuru Promotion Centre

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May you have the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope and the Peace of God's love this Christmas and for the New Year.

May our hearts prepare Him room, our lives reflect His presence, and our homes radiate His Love, Joy and Peace.

May our love be deepened and our Joy increased as we enter the stable of the Christ Child. May we feel a true sense of Love and Peace this Christmas and into the New Year.

Mass Diary						
MONDAY 18 November	TUESDAY 19 November	WEDNESDAY 20 November	THURSDAY 21 November	FRIDAY 22 November	SATURDAY 23 November	SUNDAY 24 November
			Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary	St Cecilia, Patron Saint of Musicians		33rd Sunday Ordinary Time
		9.00am Mass St James Convent Muswellbrook	11.30am Adoration & Benediction 12.05pm Mass St James Convent Muswellbrook	9.30am Mass St James Church Muswellbrook (Yr 10 SJCC attending)	9.00am NO MASS 5.30pm Vigil Mass St James Muswellbrook	10.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook
	5.00pm Mass Aberdeen Cemetery					8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 24th November							
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 and Benito Bicol.

Recently Deceased: Rocky Cavallaro, Geoffery Allan Toohey

Anniversary:

Baptism: Lachlan Tanner, Bodhi Tanner

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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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.”