



# 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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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YrB**

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

### Entrance Antiphon

Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and  
ever.

### First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*His sovereignty is eternal.*

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages  
became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire be destroyed.

### The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-

2. 5. R.v.1

(R.) The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty  
enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with  
might,  
he has girded himself with  
power. (R.)

2. The world you made firm, not to  
be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of  
old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)



3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

### Second Reading

Revelation 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made  
us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born  
from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the  
earth. He loves us and has washed away our  
sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings,  
priests to serve his God and Father; to him,  
then, be glory and power for ever and ever.  
Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds;  
everyone will see him, even those who pierced  
him, and all the races of the earth will mourn  
over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am  
the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God,  
who is, who was, and who is to come, the  
Almighty.

### The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David  
our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John

*You say that I am a king.*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked.  
Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own  
accord, or have others spoken to you about  
me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your

own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

### **The Gospel of the Lord.**

### **Communion Antiphon                      Psalm 28:10-11**

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### **Fr Victor's Reflection**

This Sunday is the solemnity of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the liturgical year B. The church calls us on this Sunday to reflect on the kingship of our saviour Jesus Christ. In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus reaffirms that he is a King. He answered the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate; 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' Jesus stood his ground in affirming that his kingdom is of a different kind.

The kingdom of God is a kingdom of love, justice and peace. Jesus demonstrated this by his wilful self-sacrifice on the cross of calvary. It is a kingdom of peace hence there was no violence of revenge. It is a kingdom of love and peace because he forgave those who wrongfully accused him and forced Pilate to condemn him to death on the cross. This is the kingdom that we are born into through our baptism. Jesus bore witness to the truth and reality of this kingdom of God by his life and ministry. He reassures us that those on the side of truth will listen to his voice.

Pope Francis says, "The kingship of Jesus is completely different than that of the world: He did not come to dominate but to serve. He did not come amid signs of power, but with the power of signs. He is not like other kings, but he is King for the others".

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the king, let us truly accept that Christ is our King and follow his Values so that we will be able to bring difference in the world.

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

### **Parish Updates**

#### **Thank you - St James Primary School**

Fr. Victor and the St James Parish would like to sincerely thank St James Primary School for being so accommodating over the last few months while we have been unable to use St James Church.

The Parish is very grateful to all the school community for allowing us to use your hall so weekend Masses could continue.

#### **St Thomas Mass**

On Tuesday evening, Mass was held at Aberdeen Cemetery to pray for all the souls of those who are buried there. May their souls rest in peace. Thanks to all the parishioners who attended the Mass and prayed for the souls.



## **Parish Christmas Dinner**

**Where - Aberdeen Sport & Rec Club**

**When - Wednesday, 18th December**

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.





## 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.

	<b>Saturday 23/11</b>	<b>Sunday 24/11</b>
<b>Muswellbrook</b>	M. Flanagan M. Carter	M. Medhurst B. Powell
<b>Aberdeen</b>		S. Milton



## Diocese Updates

### Newcastle Catholic Charismatic Thanksgiving Mass 2024

Everyone is invited to give thanksgiving to the Lord for all that 2024 has brought during a Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 13 December at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Michael has kindly accepted our invitation and will be joining our other priests while presiding over the Mass. We will also be gathering for Praise and Worship at 6:30pm before the Mass and all are welcome to part of this part of the celebration.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please contact Mary-Anne on 0402 918 375 or Wayne on 0466 631 394 for more information.

### Together in Spirit for Palestine & Lebanon

You're invited to join the community for an afternoon of reflective prayer and poetry for Palestine and Lebanon. It's on Saturday 30 November, from 4pm to 6pm at Nobbys Beach Reserve, Newcastle. Please bring a picnic blanket, prayer rug or camp chair. For more information call 0432 640 482 or email [diana\\_ra01@hotmail.com](mailto:diana_ra01@hotmail.com)

## Useful Links

Here are some useful links and resources that may be new to you. Feel free to share with parish contacts or publish in parish bulletins (as appropriate):

- [Liturgy page](#) – regularly updated
- [Faith formation page](#) – regularly updated
- [Subscribe to DioUpdate eNewsletter](#)
- [Aurora Magazine articles online](#)
- [DoMN Library](#)
- [MNnews.today](#) – Diocesan News Service

# 12 tips for your mental wellbeing this festive season.

<b>Give kindness over gifts.</b>	<b>Reconnect with family and friends.</b>	<b>Start a new tradition.</b>	<b>Stay active.</b>
<b>Giving feels good.</b>	<b>Celebrate virtually.</b>	<b>Plan for the future.</b>	<b>Make time for you.</b>
<b>Try something new.</b>	<b>Focus on what you can control.</b>	<b>Spend time in nature.</b>	<b>Make Act Belong Commit your motto for 2022.</b>

### PLACES TO CALL IF YOU NEED HELP

<b>LIFELINE</b> 13 11 14	<b>BEYOND BLUE</b> 1300 22 4636
<b>1800 RESPECT</b> 1800 737 732	<b>HEADSPACE</b> 1800 650 890
<b>MINDSPOT</b> 1800 61 44 34	<b>KIDS HELPLINE</b> 1800 55 1800
<b>NATIONAL DEBT HELPLINE</b> 1800 007 007	<b>NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE</b> 1800 020 080

## Mass Diary

MONDAY 25 November	TUESDAY 26 November	WEDNESDAY 27 November	THURSDAY 28 November	FRIDAY 29 November	SATURDAY 30 November	SUNDAY 1 December
						1st Sunday of Advent
		9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	<b>NO MASS</b>	9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook  5.30pm <b>Vigil Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	10.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook
	5.00pm <b>Mass</b> St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00am <b>Mass</b> St Thomas Aberdeen

## Minister Roster Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

1 <sup>st</sup> 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		K & B Mason	Stella Liam Cyrus	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

### 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:** Pauline Baker

**Anniversary:** Colin Carter

**Baptism:** Tully Graeme Wicks

**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:

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The Parish bulletin can be accessed on our website: [muswellbrookcatholicparish.org.au](http://muswellbrookcatholicparish.org.au).

or on our Facebook page: **Catholic Parish of St James Muswellbrook**

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### SAFEGUARDING THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Please visit our 'Safeguarding' page to access a range of safeguarding resources:  
[muswellbrookcatholicparish.org.au](http://muswellbrookcatholicparish.org.au)

Have a complaint or wish to provide feedback? Visit: [officeofsafeguarding.org.au/feedback/](http://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.”**