

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

19th January 2025

Entrance Antiphon

[Psalm 65:4](#)

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

[Isaiah 62:1-5](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so
will your God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand
of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3](#)

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the
nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day,

tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 12:4-11](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

*One and the same spirit distributes different
gifts as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same
Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done,
but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts
of different ways in different people, it is the
same God who is working in all of them. The
particular way in which the Spirit is given to each
person is for a good purpose. One may have the
gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the
Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching
instruction given him by the same Spirit; and
another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit;
another again the gift of healing, through this
one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another,
prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits;
another the gift of tongues and another the
ability to interpret them.
All these are the work
of one and the same
Spirit, who distributes
different gifts to
different people just as
he chooses.

The Word of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation [See 2 Thessalonians 2:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[John 2:1-11](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John

*The first of the signs given by Jesus was at
Cana in Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

[Cf Psalm 22:5](#)

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches
my thirst.

Fr Victor's Reflection

On the 2nd Sunday in ordinary time, year C, the Gospel centres on the first miracle of Jesus Christ. This miracle was a product of Christ's generosity. Although it was not yet time for Christ to commence his public ministry, he generously accepted to help out with his gift of miracle. Through this, Christ taught us exactly how we should use our gifts for the good and growth of God's people.

Also, another important lesson we should learn from the gospel is the role the Blessed Virgin

Mary played in this miracle. She had the gift of prayer or intercession. She knew that her son would not refuse her anything good. So, she immediately interceded on behalf of her people. The only price that Mary demanded from servants was their obedience to the commands of Christ. She knew that her gift of intercession and position as the Mother of Christ was a gift from God. It is for the edification of her people. Therefore, by using her gift of intercession very well, she participated effectively in the ministry of Christ. In the second reading of this Sunday, Paul reminds us that out of love for his church and us, God has generously lavished each one of us with gifts of the Holy Spirit. In other words God did not stop at sending us his only son, but he also anointed us with the same spirit with which he anointed Christ. One crucial point that Paul makes here is that the gifts we have received come from the same Holy Spirit.

However, we must bear in mind that we received these gifts for a purpose. They are given to us to help us participate in Christ's mission. They are for the edification and growth of the church of Christ. God gave them generously to us. So, we must also use them generously in serving the church.

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

Parish Updates

Helpers Needed for St James Masses

On the noticeboard in St James church, you will find the colour coordinated 2025 calendar and liturgical roster.

We would like to fill all the yellow squares. If you are happy to help at weekend Masses each week or even once a month, could you please print your name in the box you wish to fill.

If you have any question, 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 18/1	Sunday 19/1
Muswellbrook	S. Bernard J. Jacobs	C. Lumaban T. Furlong
Aberdeen		K. Mason

Join the Choir for Easter

I am looking for people to join the Choir for Easter.

We have five ladies and two gentlemen in the Choir on a Sunday however most of the ladies work weekend afternoon shifts which means they are usually available for 10am Mass on Sunday Mornings but during Easter we sing at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper (evening), Good Friday – Passion of the Christ 3pm, Easter Vigil Holy Saturday evening starting at around 7.30pm. Even if you can only come along to one of the Easter Services you would be most welcome. No experience but able to carry a voice??

Musicians needed: Hopefully we have some new Musicians in town or some who have been hiding their light under a bushel! We could really use a couple more people on the Music Roster at St. James. Hoping to find piano/organ/guitar players any or all the above willing to go on the roster once or twice a month.

Please call Colleen Kelly on 0402 242 273.

Change of Office Hours for Next Week

The parish office will be open Tuesday 21/1 to Thursday 23/1, CLOSED FRIDAY 24/1. The bulletin will be sent out on Thursday afternoon so please email any notices to the office no later than 2pm Wednesday 22/1/25. Thank you.



2 MARCH

Diocesan Launch

Pilgrimage • Mass • Festival

Foreshore Park to
Sacred Heart Cathedral

6 APRIL

The Way of the Cross

8 AUGUST

aMeN Camino Experience

**25 SEPTEMBER –
11 OCTOBER**

International Pilgrimage

Journey of St Paul & Rome

**29 SEPTEMBER –
3 OCTOBER**

NATSICC Assembly

Hunter Valley

**30 NOVEMBER –
2 DECEMBER**

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Melbourne

Keep watch for these events and more over the Jubilee Year 2025.

Mass Diary

MONDAY 20 January	TUESDAY 21 January	WEDNESDAY 22 January	THURSDAY 23 January	FRIDAY 24 January	SATURDAY 25 January	SUNDAY 26 January
					Conversion of St Paul	3 rd Sunday Ordinary Time Australia Day
		9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook	11.30am Adoration & Benediction 12.05pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook 5.30pm Vigil Mass St James Muswellbrook	10.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook
	5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 26th January

4th Sunday of Month	Readers	Cantors	Musician	Gifts	Counters	Altar Server	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	M.Flanagan M. Carter	Volunteer Needed	Sr. Dorothy			Ryan	Volunteer Needed
8.00am Sunday Aberdeen	Kristy R	K. Mason	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10.00am Sunday Muswellbrook	M Medhurst B. Powell	M. Kelly	C. Kelly		J & S 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, Sebastiammal, Kym Mason, Anne Hugo James McGrath, David Curran, Beate Shanahan, Rochelle Ashman and Benito Bicol.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Bishop

Anniversary: Ron Hopkins and Max Hopkins

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**

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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

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.”