



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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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR C

20th April 2025

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals by appointment. (Instruction sessions required before Baptisms & Weddings)

Entrance Antiphon

Luke 24:34; cf. Rv 1:6

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

To him be glory and power

for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

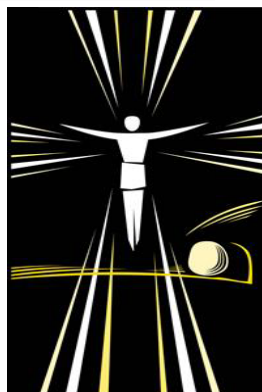
First Reading **Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Sequence

The sequence is said or sung.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely
ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the
way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you
into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation **1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel **John 20:1-9**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
John

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise
from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and
still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the
tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved
away from the tomb and came running to Simon
Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved.
'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she
said 'and we don't know where they have put
him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to
the tomb. They ran together, but the other
disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the
tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths
lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon
Peter who was following now came up, went right
into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground,
and also the cloth that had been over his head;
this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in
a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had
reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and
he believed. Till this moment they had failed to
understand the teaching of scripture, that he
must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon **1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the
unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Fr Victor's Reflection

Happy Easter!

Having travelled with Jesus through Lent and
stood by him as he endured his passion, we now
stand at the empty tomb and share in the power,
glory, joy and new life of his resurrection. We are
Easter People and Alleluia is our song!
Our ways are not God's ways and God's
thoughts are not our thoughts! Where we saw
failure and evil triumph, God saw the faithfulness
of Jesus and the values of the Kingdom reign
supreme. Through the Life, Death and
Resurrection of Jesus, God has shown and
offered us a new way of living and confronting
evil. We don't have to respond to violence with
more violence; we don't have to answer hatred
with more anger; there is another way: The Way
of the Cross that leads to Resurrection. This is
the way of the Gospel and the Kingdom of God.
When we look at the television or read the
newspapers, we can be forgiven for thinking that
it is all bad news and that there is suffering
everywhere. But we can change this; that's what
the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus shows
and teaches us; there is another way. In a world
where there is darkness caused by violence and
anger; we are called to be people of Light. Where
there is often hopelessness and despair, we are
challenged to be people of hope and faith. Where
there is hatred and discrimination, we are asked
to be people of love and compassion. Where
some people seem to get stuck on Good Friday
and the cross, we are called to be people of
Easter and the Resurrection. Having shared in
the suffering of Jesus, we now share in his New
and Everlasting Life. If we bear in our body the
death of Jesus, it is with hope that the life of
Jesus too will also be seen in our body. (2 Cor
4:10)

This Easter Season, which lasts until Pentecost
Sunday, we are called not only to experience the
Good News of the Resurrection, but we are also
called to be people of the Good News in our
ordinary lives.

**WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE AND ALLELUIA IS
OUR SONG! Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay
Joyful and Stay Blessed!**

Parish Updates

Keegan/Wood Family Group



***28th April:** (*Please note change from 3rd
Monday to 4th Monday because of Easter)

Lunch **12 noon** at **Hunter Belle Restaurant 75**
Aberdeen St. Ph 6541 5066. Please give names
to Margaret (6543 1238) by **Sat 26 April.**

Office Closure

Reminder the office is CLOSED Friday 18th and Friday 25th April due to the public holidays.

Mother's Day Register

The Mother's Day Register sheets are now available in both churches. Please PRINT CLEARLY when adding names to the list. The names will be all put together for Mother's Day.

Mass Reminder

	Saturday Easter Vigil 19/4 – 7pm	Easter Sunday 20/4
Muswellbrook	C. Hayes J. Dallah R. Ross P. Griffin	M. Brown J. Thatcher
Aberdeen		K. Mason

Support Needed for Kairos

Kairos needs your support! Especially during the week of 19th May to 23rd May. Biscuits, Letters, Prayer, Donations or even a visit on Friday afternoon, 23 May.

Please speak to Stephen Thatcher 0437 673 378. Thank you.

Holy Land Collection 2025

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 18th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2024 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.5 million (\$1.4 million [2023], \$1.4 million [2022] and \$1,126,098 [2021]). The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges, financial and spiritual, and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.



Make an IMPACT- Volunteer Abroad!

Use your knowledge to build self-reliance for those with little opportunity.

Join Palms [online](#) for a special session showcasing how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, from those who've done it before. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Register - palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 22 May 2025 **Time:** 6 pm – 7 pm **02 9560 5333** palms@palms.org.au

Easter Blessing of Parish Homes

In many parts of the world, it is a tradition for a Priest to take Holy Water that is blessed during the Easter Vigil and bless people's homes.

If you would like Fr Victor to come and bless your home, please contact Fr Victor or the office to arrange a suitable time.

The blessing ceremony takes around 10 minutes.



Caritas
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Easter Sunday
20th April 2025

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

It's not too late to donate.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 21 April	Tuesday 22 April	Wednesday 23 April	Thursday 24 April	Friday 25 April	Saturday 26 April	Sunday 27 April
				ANZAC Day		2nd Sunday of Easter
		9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook	11.30am Adoration and Benediction 12.05pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	5.30pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook 5.30pm 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 27th April 2025							
4th Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Counters	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	R. Ross M. Carter	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy			R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	K. Roach	K. Mason	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am 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, Sebastiammal, Kym Mason, Anne Hugo James McGrath, David Curran, Beate Shanahan, Rochelle Ashman, Sr. Anne Daley, Glenda Fe Jimenez, Yolly Catoy, Chris Cantrall and K.P. Paul.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Allan Hamilton

Baptism:

Reconciliation: 5pm Saturdays in Muswellbrook, 7.30am Sundays in Aberdeen or by request.

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.

"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."