



# 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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## PENTECOST – YEAR C

8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

### Entrance Antiphon

Wisdom 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

### First Reading

[Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

### The Word of the Lord.



### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30](#)

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

### Second Reading

[Romans 8:8-17](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

### **The Word of the Lord.**

#### **Sequence**

*The sequence may be said or sung.*

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

#### **Gospel**

[John 14:15-16. 23-26](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*  
Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

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

#### **Communion Antiphon**

*Acts of the Apostles 2:4, 11*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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

This Sunday marks the end of the Easter Season, but it ends with the life-giving outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole world, the church and on each of us personally. Before his Ascension, Jesus promised his followers that he would send them a Helper, an Advocate, namely the Holy Spirit to encourage and strengthen them. This is not something that just happened in the past a long time ago. This dramatic and powerful outpouring of Christ's new life is happening today, here and now. Today, you and I are personally filled with and anointed with the life-giving and encouraging Holy Spirit. After more than two thousand years we perhaps look back at the first followers of Jesus as being great leaders. Initially they weren't! They were not strong, confident, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. Peter denied him and the rest of them deserted him when he needed them the most. After his death, they all doubted and hid themselves away out of fear because the Jewish and Roman authorities were looking for them. They had lost all heart and hope.

Through the Holy Spirit they are given new hope, a new heart and new purpose. Their fear is silenced and replaced with courage and conviction. They leave the room in which they were hiding and go into the streets to proclaim the good news about Jesus. They become new people with a new message. At this very moment the missionary church is born.

We are no different from the first followers of Jesus; we too have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. When we were baptised and celebrated our Confirmation, we too were anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit. God says to you and me today and every day; 'You are my servant, whom I strengthen, in whom I am well pleased, I have filled you with my Spirit.' God continues to call and fill us with the same Spirit that the first followers of Jesus experienced.

We are sent out just as they were. Today we are called to be open to the Holy Spirit; today we too are called to be transformed so that we can live and share our faith with courage and conviction. Today it is our privilege and responsibility to proclaim the good news about Jesus. There is nothing mild, gentle or polite about the Holy Spirit or Pentecost; it is a wild and radical experience that both encourages and challenges us. St. Oscar Romero who was murdered while bishop of El Salvador in 1980 said, 'The Spirit makes all things new, we are the ones who grow old and want to keep everything to our aged way of doing things; the Spirit is never old, the Spirit is always young.' (17 Dec. 1978) Today, may each of us be open to experiencing the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. May we be renewed and refreshed with the power of the risen Lord so that in the words of Pope Francis 'we may go out again and again without hesitation, without fear to proclaim the joy of the good news which is for all people.'

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

### **Mass Reminder**

	<b>Saturday 7/6</b>	<b>Sunday 8/6</b>
<b>Muswellbrook</b>	S. Bernard	G. Griffin
<b>Aberdeen</b>		J. Dallah

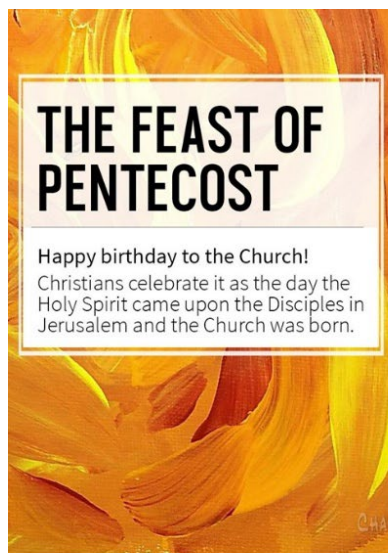
### **Readers Needed for St James Church**

We are looking for more volunteers to add to our readers roster for Mass at St James Church.

If this is something you could help with, please contact the office or speak to Fr Victor.

### **Tax Time is Coming**

If you are Planned Giver and require a tax receipt for 2024/2025, could you please send an email to the office so we can be sure you receive a receipt as soon as possible. Thank you.



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## **Next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June the Feast of Pentecost The Birthday of the Church**

We look forward to sharing a Tea/coffee/ or cordial and Morning Tea in the Convent after 10am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

We look forward to seeing you, new Parishioners particularly encouraged to come along and meet your fellow Parish family

**Happy Birthday to the Catholic Church, next Sunday.**

### **Book Club – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Book club will be meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 10am until 11.30am in the Convent Library.

Everyone is welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat about their favourite books.

### **Keegan/Wood Family Group**

Next outing for the group will be to Odeum Restaurant at Muswellbrook Workers Club on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June meeting at 12noon.

RSVP by 14<sup>th</sup> June to Margaret – 6543 1238.

### **NEW!! St Thomas's Ladies Craft Circle**

The inaugural meeting of St Thomas's Ladies Craft Circle will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 10 till 12 noon at Aberdeen Rose Garden Hall.

Knit, crochet or other craft our goal is to make items for the homeless.

You are most welcome to join us for Fellowship.

Sr Gaye Lennon will be with us, we look forward to hearing her story.

For further details Joy Dallah 0447 746 634 or Trish Hobbs 0429 075 700.

### **Diocese Updates**

#### **Praise & Worship**

**Sunday 22 June, 3-5pm – Trinity College Adamstown, Factory Theatre**

Supported by MacKillop Parish Charlestown and the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle you are invited to experience an encounter of Praise and Worship - a beautiful opportunity to express our Catholic faith through music, led by local worship leaders. Whether this is something new and unfamiliar to you, or already a rich part of your prayer, this event is for you. We extend the welcome to all people from around the Diocese to come and see, and to worship together with us! For more information and to register – [Praise & Worship Evening - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#) (see poster in Church).



Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 9 June	Tuesday 10 June	Wednesday 11 June	Thursday 12 June	Friday 13 June	Saturday 14 June	Sunday 15 June
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother						The Most Holy Trinity
		9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	11.30am <b>Adoration and Benediction</b>  12.05pm <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook  5.30pm <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	10.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook
	11.00am <b>Funeral Mass Larry Keegan</b> St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00am <b>Mass</b> St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 15 June 2025							
3rd Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Counters	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	S. Bernard J. Jacobs	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy			R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	K. Mason	M. Edwards	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	C. Lumaban T. Furlong	M. Kelly	C. Kelly		T & J Bristow		J. Grenfell

#### **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, Kym Mason, Anne Hugo James McGrath, David Curran, Beate Shanahan, Rochelle Ashman, Sr. Anne Daley, Glenda Fe Jimenez, Chris Cantrall, K.P. Paul, Yolly Catoy, Sheril Theodore Brewty, Jan Toohey, Charles Sadgrove and Rollen Borres

**Recently Deceased:** Victoria Flory Mewburn, Una Powell, Larry Keegan

**Anniversary:** Victor William Oakes

**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](mailto:muswellbrookparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

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**

Please email [muswellbrookparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto: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](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.

**"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."**