



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 MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST – YEAR C

22ND June 2025

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

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

First Reading

Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High,
creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing
over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

(R.) You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master:
‘Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ **(R.)**
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot
you. **(R.)**
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.
‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The Word of the Lord.

Sequence

Sing forth, O Zion

The sequence, Sing forth, O Zion, may be said or sung in full, or using the shorter form indicated by the asterisked verses.

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing
The praises of thy Shepherd-King,
In hymns and canticles divine;
Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song
Worthy his praises to prolong,
So far surpassing powers like thine.

Today no theme of common praise
Forms the sweet burden of thy lays –

The living, life-dispensing
food –

That food which at the sacred
board
Unto the brethren twelve our
Lord



His parting legacy bestowed.

Then be the anthem clear and strong,
Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song,
The very music of the breast:
For now shines forth the day sublime
That brings remembrance of the time
When Jesus first his table blessed.

Within our new King's banquet-hall
They meet to keep the festival
That closed the ancient paschal rite:
The old is by the new replaced;
The substance hath the shadow chased;
And rising day dispels the night.

Christ willed what he himself had done
Should be renewed while time should run,
In memory of his parting hour:
Thus, tutored in his school divine,
We consecrate the bread and wine;
And lo – a Host of saving power.

This faith to Christian men is given –
Bread is made flesh by words from heaven:
Into his blood the wine is turned:
What though it baffles nature's powers
Of sense and sight? This faith of ours
Proves more than nature e'er discerned.

Concealed beneath the two-fold sign,
Meet symbols of the gifts divine,
There lie the mysteries adored:
The living body is our food;
Our drink the ever-precious blood;
In each, one undivided Lord.

Not he that eateth it divides
The sacred food, which whole abides
Unbroken still, nor knows decay;
Be one, or be a thousand fed,
They eat alike that living bread
Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.

The good, the guilty share therein,
With sure increase of grace or sin,
The ghostly life, or ghostly death:
Death to the guilty; to the good
Immortal life. See how one food
Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.

We break the Sacrament; but bold
And firm thy faith shall keep its hold;
Deem not the whole doth more enfold
Than in the fractured part resides:
Deem not that Christ doth broken lie;
'Tis but the sign that meets the eye;
The hidden deep reality
In all its fullness still abides.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the
Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Creed is said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Fr Victor's Reflection

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) this Sunday. Christ, after the Ascension, remains with us in the bread and wine transformed into His Body and Blood during the celebration of the Mass. This Solemnity focuses our attention and hearts on the greatest gift to the Church: The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Together with the celebration of the other feasts after Easter Sunday, such as Ascension, Pentecost and Holy Trinity, the celebration of Corpus Christi is a moment of grace given to us today that propels us into this season of Ordinary Time.

If we look at the calendar, the Church has been preparing our hearts to enter into this celebration of Corpus Christi. We needed Jesus to establish the Eucharist (Holy Thursday), to suffer, die and rise (Triduum), to return to the Father (Ascension), and to send the Church an outpouring of understanding for Her mission through the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). As a result,

we can ponder and enter into the life of the Holy Trinity (Solemnity of Holy Trinity). All these feasts prepare the Church for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and for our journey into Ordinary Time. The Holy Eucharist is the strength for our journey in the ordinary. The Body and Blood of Jesus assists us in following the will of God as we receive God Himself. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi can be celebrated with hope that Jesus is with us in this Holy Sacrament, and the Church is calling us to continued growth in Ordinary Time.

How can we use Ordinary Time to grow in our faith? What graces from Lent and Easter can help propel us into Ordinary Time?

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and Stay Blessed!

Mass Reminder

	Saturday 21/6	Sunday 22/6
Muswellbrook	M. Carter T.Threadgate	M. Medhurst
Aberdeen		K. Roach

Tax Time is Coming – Last Chance!

If you are Planned Giver and require a tax receipt for 2024/2025, could you please send an email to the office **before Friday 27th June** so we can be sure you receive a receipt as soon as possible. Thank you.

St Thomas Cuppa after Mass

Next Sunday, 29th June, everyone is welcome stay after Mass for a cuppa. Organisers this month are Marianne and Cathy.



St Thomas Ladies Craft Circle

Friday 27th June 2025
10am - 12 noon
Aberdeen Rose Garden Hall

Knit, Crochet, craft of any kind, we see this as an opportunity to create a community in our parish.

Our goal is to make items for the homeless.

For more information contact
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Diocese News

NAIDOC Week Prayer Service 6 July – 1:30pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral will host the NAIDOC Week Prayer Service celebrating the theme “The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy”. This is the 50th year of NAIDOC Week and will feature the burial of a time capsule, a symbolic gesture preserving this legacy for generations to come. For more information and to register visit - [2025 NAIDOC Week Prayer Service - Catholic Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle](#)

NAIDOC Week Festival Monday 7 July – 9am

Be a part of this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations, which coincides with its 50th anniversary. Hosted by Awabakal Ltd, and sponsored by the Catholic Diocese Maitland-Newcastle, the event starts at Civic Park, with a flag raising ceremony at 9am before a united procession to Foreshore Park where the festival is held.

Sister Gaye Lennon will be back in our Parish on the weekend of 27/28 June.

Sr Gaye wants to explore further comments made at her recent visits to the Parish Churches:

“Prayer group – what I heard people say was that they wanted to explore how to pray, not just saying prayers.

I could offer a prayer session and give resources for the group to use over the following month/weeks. Then return and offer another way of praying. I know I pray in different ways depending on what is happening in my life!”

Sr has many ideas but would love to hear from motivated Parishioners who are willing to share their Visions as well for a Prayer Group. The Pastoral Council is supporting Sr Gaye and members of the Parish in this Prayer Exploration and invites you to come and share your thoughts **on Saturday 28th June 10am in the Convent!**

Human Library

Friday 27 June 2025 – 10am –
Diocesan Resource Centre

We invite you to join us for our June 2025 Human Library. Our Human Book – Fr Darryl Mackie, will be discussing Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC Week and his own personal journey of discovery. Registration essential Human Library - A Personal Experience of Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, or phone 0409033449.

Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 23 June	Tuesday 24 June	Wednesday 25 June	Thursday 26 June	Friday 27 June	Saturday 28 June	Sunday 29 June
	Nativity of John the Baptist			Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		Sts Peter & Paul Apostles
			11.30am Adoration and Benediction		5.30pm Novena Mass St James Muswellbrook	10.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook
	5.00pm Novena Mass St Thomas Aberdeen	5.00pm Novena Mass St Thomas Aberdeen	5.00pm Novena Mass St Thomas Aberdeen	5.00pm Novena Mass St Thomas Aberdeen		8.00am Novena Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 29 th June 2025							
5th Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Counters	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	Jasmine	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy			R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	M. Brown	C. Wykes	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	M. Shanahan	M. Kelly	C. Kelly		K & B Mason	Stella Liam Cyrus	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, Rollen Borres and Veronica Chisolm

Recently Deceased: Nayomi, Fr Maria Francis

Anniversary: Celia Topping, John Lonergan

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

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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."