



# 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 TRINITY – YEAR C

15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

### Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

### First Reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

*Wisdom was born before the earth was made.*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works.  
From everlasting I was firmly set,  
from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,  
there were no springs to gush with water.  
Before the mountains were settled,  
before the hills, I came to birth;  
before he made the earth, the countryside,  
or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,  
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,  
when he thickened the clouds above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,  
when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore –  
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,

I was by his side, a master craftsman,  
delighting him day after day,  
ever at play in his presence,  
at play everywhere in his world,  
delighting to be with the sons of men.

### The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

(R.) O Lord, our God,  
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him? (R.)
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet. (R.)
3. All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters. (R.)

### Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been



poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation**                      [See Apocalypse 1:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**    [John 16:12-15](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.*

Jesus said to his disciples:  
‘I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon**                      [Galatians 4:6](#)

Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

**Fr Victor’s Reflection**

The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that 1+1+1 = 1 and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus, who is God, taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it, and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.  
The Holy Trinity plays an important role in our Christian life. All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All the Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, our marriages are blessed, and our

Bishops, priests and deacons are ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. And we bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the Name of the Holy Trinity.  
There is a perfect love and harmony in the Holy Trinity. The love shared by the three persons of the Holy Trinity radiates the love of God in the life of the church. The Father created, the Son redeemed, and the Spirit sanctifies. One God in three persons. From the first reading we learn that the persons of the Trinity are always united at each moment in human salvation history. They were together during the creation of the world; during the salvific ministry of Jesus Christ and now that we live under the advocacy of the Holy Spirit.  
The future of the church lies in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The unity of the Trinity will continue to manifest in the church. The works of creation and salvation of humanity will be preserved by the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.  
**Alleluia! Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and Stay Blessed!**  
**Mass Reminder**

	<b>Saturday 14/6</b>	<b>Sunday 15/6</b>
<b>Muswellbrook</b>	S. Bernard J. Jacobs	C. Lumaban
<b>Aberdeen</b>		K. Mason

**Tax Time is Fast Approaching!**  
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.  
**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.  
**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.  
**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, stitch or join us for a friendly gathering, Our goal is to make items for the homeless.  
We see this as an opportunity to foster community in our parish.  
Sr Gaye Lennon will join us on the day. We look forward to hearing her story.  
For further details Joy Dallah 0447 746 634 or Trish Hobbs 0429 075 700

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> June 10am in the Convent!**

**June 15th**



**WORLD ELDER ABUSE  
AWARENESS DAY**

### **Join the aMeN caMiNo in 2025!**

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Mission and  
Evangelisation are offering two unique local  
aMeN caMiNo pilgrimage experiences. One over  
2 days and the other over 5 days.

To learn more, attend our physical Walk & Talk  
Information Session on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. To  
register: <https://forms.office.com/r/XFXfcBJ927>

Find out more about aMeN caMiNo via our  
website: aMeNcaMiNo – Catholic Diocese of  
Maitland- Newcastle.

### **Praise & Worship**

Supported by Mackillop Parish Charlestown and  
the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle you are  
invited to experience an encounter of Praise and  
Worship – an opportunity to express our Catholic  
faith through music, led by local worship leaders.  
All are welcome to attend. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 3-  
5pm St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead.

### **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is a vital  
global event dedicated to raising awareness  
about the mistreatment and neglect faced by  
older people. This day encourages  
communities, organizations, and individuals to  
recognize the signs of elder abuse and take  
action to protect the dignity and rights of  
seniors everywhere.

### **What is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day ?**

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is an  
international observance aimed at spotlighting  
the issue of elder abuse, which includes  
physical, emotional, financial, and sexual harm,  
as well as neglect. The day serves to educate  
the public, promote understanding, and inspire  
efforts to support and safeguard older adults.  
Organizations worldwide use this opportunity to

provide resources, host events, and advocate  
for better protection for elders.

### **Why is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Important?**

Elder abuse is a widespread but often hidden  
problem that affects millions of older individuals  
globally. Many cases go unreported due to fear,  
shame, or lack of awareness.

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** shines a  
light on these issues, encouraging open  
conversations and empowering people to  
recognize and prevent abuse. By spreading  
awareness, we can help ensure that every  
older person lives with dignity, respect, and  
safety.

### **History of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was first  
established by the International Network for the  
Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World  
Health Organization in 2006. Since then, it has  
grown into a global movement, recognized by  
the United Nations and marked by countless  
initiatives worldwide. The day continues to  
foster collaboration among governments,  
organizations, and individuals to create safer  
communities for elderly people.

### **Facts About World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

- It is estimated that one in six older adults  
experiences some form of abuse each  
year worldwide.
- Elder abuse can occur in private homes,  
care facilities, and community settings.
- Social isolation and cognitive decline are  
major risk factors for elder abuse.
- Raising awareness and education are  
proven strategies for reducing the  
incidence of elder abuse.

(Information from Awareness Days Ltd Company Number  
11118824)

Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 16 June	Tuesday 17 June	Wednesday 18 June	Thursday 19 June	Friday 20 June	Saturday 21 June	Sunday 22 June
						Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
	5.00pm <b>Regional School Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Muswellbrook	11.30am <b>Adoration &amp; 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
	<b>NO MASS at ST. THOMAS</b>					8.00am <b>Mass</b> St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025							
4th Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Counters	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	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	M. Kelly	C. Kelly		J. Grenfell	Stella Liam	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:** Larry Keegan, Estelle Molyneux

**Anniversary:**

**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."**