



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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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

6th July 2025

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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

[Isaiah 66:10-14](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1](#)

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your
deeds! (R.)

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

[Galatians 6:14-18](#)

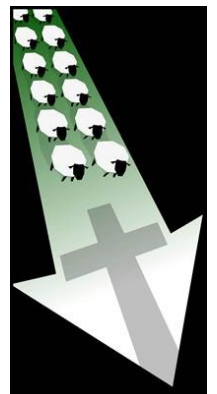
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Galatians

*The marks I carry on my body are those of
Jesus Christ.*

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of
our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world
is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not
matter if a person is circumcised or not; what
matters is for him to become an altogether new
creature. Peace and mercy to
all who follow this rule, who
form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from
anybody after this; the marks
on my body are those of Jesus.
The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with your spirit, my
brothers. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Psalms 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Fr Victor's Reflection

In the gospel this Sunday, as Jesus sends out his disciples, he prepares them for the possibility of a cold response to their message. Either they will be welcomed and able to

minister fruitfully, or they will be rejected, and their ministry will not be accepted. Jesus is not asking them to do anything he has not already done or experienced himself.

Not everyone who heard him accepted his message and often he was rejected and run out of town! This is not surprising as his message was and still is very challenging. The message Jesus speaks is one of mercy, love of strangers and even enemies, forgiveness, and concern for the poor and neglected.

Jesus called each of these disciples personally and then sent them out in his name. He trusted them with the responsibility of carrying in his mission and ministry. Today, Jesus calls each of us by our name and entrusts us with the same responsibility. Today, each of us is asked by Jesus to not only hear and believe in him, but we are also called to share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

As Pope Francis reminded us in the Joy of the Gospel, Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Jesus Christ: we no longer say that we are 'disciples' or 'missionaries', but always missionary disciples.'

The mission and vocation to hear and share the good news of the gospel belongs to all of us, not just some of us. The responsibility of promoting and building the Kingdom belongs to all the baptised. We should not be discouraged if and when people do not listen to us. The quality of our lives is the greatest example we can offer others. Jesus has called each of us by our name, he has filled each of us with his Spirit and sends us out in his name; we are not alone.

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe and Stay Blessed!

Parish Notices

Office Closure

The parish office will be CLOSED from 12 noon on Friday 11th July until 9am Tuesday 22nd July. Please send in any anniversaries or notices for the bulletin early to be sure they will be printed.



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Mass Readers Reminder

	Saturday 5/7	Sunday 6/7
Muswellbrook	R. Ross	J. Grenfell
Aberdeen		T. Hobbs

NAIDOC Week Community 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. For more information and to register visit - 2025 NAIDOC Week Community Festival - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

NATSICC Assembly – Hunter Valley 29 September – 3 October

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is incredibly proud to host the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council Assembly. Themed 'Pilgrims of Hope' it will welcome hundreds of delegates and bishops from across Australia alongside a keynote presentation from Stan Grant. This will be a powerful moment in our diocesan journey towards reconciliation – not to be missed.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week runs from 6th until 13th July 2025. On Sunday 6th July, also known as National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday, we will celebrate NAIDOC Week.

In 2025, we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week, celebrating our cultures and teaching about our people's histories and cultures. Each year, we select a theme to further develop greater understanding of our issues, in line with our Elders' initial concepts for NAIDOC Week. The theme for 2025, 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy,' focuses on our youth – future leaders in Culture, and all the social and political parameters we need their ongoing help with as we continue to fight for justice and equity in Australia. We want to highlight the amazing role our youth play in our futures. They are our strength, they provide our vision through their ongoing work with Elders in their own communities and they are responsible for future legacies.

-Co-Chair National NAIDOC Committee Aunty (Prof) Lynette Riley AO
(Wiradjuri and Gamilaroi)



Book Group

Thursday 10 July 2025

10am – 11:30am

Let's share our passion for reading and discussing books over a cuppa!



Muswellbrook Convent
65 Brook Street



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Pray as you Go!

Last Saturday morning 10 Parishioners gathered with Sr Gaye at the Old Convent to explore different ways to pray, not just say prayers.

Sister presented three different Prayer apps and after discussion and inspired by Sister's enthusiasm for the **Pray as you Go App** the group decided to adopt the free Prayer App - which is free to download at prayasyougo.org (suitable for computers, phone or ipad use.)

The Group has scheduled two meetings a month

1 - 3rd Sunday of the month after the 10am Mass (byo lunch) (20 July)

2 - 1st Thursday of the Month after the 12pm Mass (byo lunch) (7 Aug)

Hopefully most interested people will be able to come along at least to one session per month.

Between now and then we will be aiming to open the App regularly (if not daily), click on the calendar for the right date and sit in quiet meditation, reflection and prayer based on the reading for the day.

We look forward to other Parishioners joining us in spirit on the daily journey and meeting together again on Sunday 20th July at the Convent after the 10am Mass.



Mass Diary						
MONDAY 7 July	TUESDAY 8 July	WEDNESDAY 9 July	THURSDAY 10 July	FRIDAY 11 July	SATURDAY 12 July	SUNDAY 13 July
						15 th Sunday Ordinary Time
		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 13 th July							
2nd Sunday of Month	Readers	Cantors	Musician	Gifts	Counters	Altar Server	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	S. Bernard	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy			Ryan	C. Hayes
8.00am Sunday Aberdeen	J. Dallah	T. Hobbs	K. Mason				M. Hamilton
10.00am Sunday Muswellbrook	G. Griffin M. Shanahan	M. Kelly	C. Kelly		J & S Thatcher	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: Betty Budden

Anniversary: Kay Goodwin, Ullahannan, Johnny George

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 (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."